

eliminating direct and substantial competition between Dow and Rohm & Haas, by increasing Dow's ability to exercise market power unilaterally in the relevant markets, and/or by increasing the likelihood of coordinated interaction in the markets for glacial acrylic acid, butyl acrylate, and ethyl acrylate. The Complaint further alleges that potential new entry or fringe expansion would not prevent the anticompetitive effects described in the Complaint.

III. Terms of the Proposed Order

Under the proposed Consent Agreement, Dow will divest to a single Commission-approved Acquirer a significant part of its acrylic monomer and polymer research and development and production assets including: its acrylic monomer production facility in Clear Lake, Texas; its acrylic polymer production assets located in St. Charles, Louisiana; its acrylic polymer production facility located in Alsip, Illinois; its acrylic polymer production facility located in Torrance, California; its acrylic monomer research and development group located in South Charleston, West Virginia; its acrylic latex polymer research and development group located in Cary, North Carolina, and other assets related to such businesses. The divestiture would also include the technology that is primarily related to these businesses, and further provides that Dow license to the Acquirer any intellectual property not primarily related to the divested business that Dow nonetheless uses in those businesses, and requires Dow to divest the business contracts of the divested businesses, and obtain the consents that are necessary to assign those contracts to the Acquirer. The divestiture to a single acquirer of both acrylic monomer and acrylic polymer research, development, manufacture and production assets best replicates the pre-acquisition market structure in which each of the significant acrylic monomer firms was forward-integrated into the supply of acrylic polymers.

In order to ensure the transition of the divested assets and the viability of the Acquirer, the Consent Agreement requires Dow to provide certain services. First, Dow is required to continue to provide certain input products to the Acquirer that Dow provided previously to the divested assets. Second, the Consent Agreement requires Dow to provide transition services for a short period of time to accomplish the transition of the divested assets to the Acquirer. Finally, the Consent Agreement requires that Dow continue to provide site services to

the Acquirer in connection with the acrylic polymer production assets located in St. Charles, Louisiana, where the Acquirer will operate a business unit that, although largely separate, is located on the grounds of a larger Dow facility.

The Consent Agreement remedies the competitive concerns in the markets for hollow sphere particles and acrylic latex polymer for traffic paint by requiring Dow to divest the intellectual property that is primarily related to these products and to license certain other intellectual property used for these products. In addition, Dow is required to supply hollow sphere particles and acrylic latex polymer for traffic paint to the Acquirer at its manufacturing cost, until such time as the Acquirer is able to develop its own manufacturing.

The Consent Agreement also requires Dow to institute procedures to ensure that it does not have access directly, or indirectly, to competitively sensitive non-public information obtained from the Divested Businesses and Facilities or to use any such competitively sensitive non-public information it already has in an anticompetitive manner.

The proposed Order gives the Commission the power to appoint an interim monitor to assure that Dow expeditiously complies with all of its obligations and performs all of its responsibilities as required by the Order. If Dow fails to sell the divested assets within the later of (1) 240 days after the Consent Agreement is accepted by the Commission for Public Comment and (2) 240 days after the Acquisition closes, the Order allows for the appointment of a Divestiture Trustee to divest the assets that are the subject of the proposed Order. In order to ensure that the Commission remains informed about the status of the proposed divestitures and the transfers of assets, the proposed Consent Agreement requires Dow to file reports with the Commission periodically until the divestitures and transfers are accomplished.

The purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the proposed Decision and Order. This analysis is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the Consent Agreement and the proposed Decision and Order.

By direction of the Commission.

Donald S. Clark

Secretary

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. Alternatively, to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instrument, call 404-639-5960 and send comments to Maryam I. Daneshvar, CDC Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., MS-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30333; comments may also be sent by e-mail to omb@cdc.gov.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have a practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of information technology. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

Prevalence Survey of Healthcare Acquired Infections (HAIs) in U.S. Acute Care Hospitals—New—National Center for Preparedness, Detection, and Control of Infectious Diseases (NCPDCID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

CDC is requesting OMB approval to conduct a survey to obtain national estimates of HAIs prevalence in the United States. Preventing HAIs is a CDC priority. An essential step in reducing the occurrence of HAIs is to accurately estimate the burden of these infections in U.S. hospitals and to describe the types of HAIs and their causative organisms. The scope and magnitude of HAIs in the U.S. were last directly estimated in the 1970s and 1980s by CDC's Study on the Efficacy of Nosocomial Infection Control (SENIC), in which comprehensive data were

collected from a sample of 338 hospitals; 5% of hospitalized patients acquired an infection not present at the time of admission. Because of the substantial resources necessary to conduct hospital-wide surveillance in an ongoing manner, CDC's current HAI surveillance system, the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN), focuses instead on device-associated and procedure-associated infections in a variety of patient locations, and does not receive data on all types of HAIs to make hospital-wide burden estimates. The purpose of this data collection is to assess the magnitude and types of HAIs occurring in all patient populations

within acute care hospitals in order to inform decisions by local and national policy makers and hospital infection control personnel regarding appropriate targets and strategies for HAI prevention. Such assessments can be obtained in periodic national prevalence studies, such as those that have been conducted in several European countries.

The proposed survey will be conducted in a representative sample of 500 U.S. acute care hospitals, and will require infection control personnel in each participating hospital to collect surveillance data on CDC-defined HAIs on a single day for a sample of eligible

patients in the participating hospitals. CDC will use the data provided to estimate the prevalence of HAIs across this representative sample of U.S. hospitals as well as the distribution of infection types and causative organisms. CDC will also use this data to promote its goal of preventing HAIs.

The proposed project supports CDC's Strategic Goal of "Healthy Healthcare Settings," specifically the objective to "Promote compliance with evidence-based guidelines for preventing, identifying, and managing disease in healthcare settings." There are no costs to respondents, other than their time to complete the survey.

ESTIMATE OF ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Infection Control Practitioners	500	74	15/60	9,250
Total	9,250

Dated: January 22, 2009.

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Acting Reports Clearance Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 639-5960 or send an e-mail to omb@cdc.gov. Send written comments to CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC or by fax to (202) 395-6974. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

NIOSH Customer Satisfaction Survey—Reinstatement—National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, (NIOSH) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, (CDC).

Background and brief description

The mission of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is to promote safety and health at work for all people through research and prevention. The Occupational Safety and Health Act, Public Law 91-596 (section 20[a][1]) authorizes the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to conduct research to advance the health and safety of workers. NIOSH conducted a baseline survey in 2003 to assess customer satisfaction with NIOSH communication products, services, and methods of dissemination [OMB #0920-0544 expired 03/31/2003]. The baseline survey established an initial benchmark for gauging the effectiveness of NIOSH's communication products, outreach services, and identified areas for improvement.

NIOSH is conducting a follow-up Customer Satisfaction Survey of occupational safety and health professionals. A mail survey is planned with an option that will allow respondents to complete the survey electronically. The current survey is a 5-year follow-up designed to enable NIOSH to determine the current level of customer satisfaction and identify changes that have occurred in the intervening years. The purpose of this survey is to evaluate the effectiveness of NIOSH's communication and dissemination program as a whole in serving the broad occupational safety

and health professional community by addressing five questions:

(1) To what extent are NIOSH communication products viewed as credible, useful sources of information on occupational safety and health issues?

(2) To what extent has NIOSH been successful in distributing its communication products to its primary and traditional audience?

(3) To what extent, and in what ways, have NIOSH communication products influenced workplace safety and health program policies and practices, or resolved other related issues?

(4) What improvements could be made in the nature of NIOSH communication products and/or their manner of delivery that could enhance their use and benefits?

(5) What is the reach and perceived importance of NIOSH outreach initiatives?

The survey will be directed to the community of occupational safety and health professionals, as this audience represents the primary and traditional customer base for NIOSH information materials. For this purpose four major occupational safety and health matters have indicated their willingness to partner with NIOSH on this follow-up survey, as they did on the baseline. These are the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), the American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM), the American Association of Occupational