

agenda, is available on the PSO PPC Web site <http://www.cvent.com/events/2014-software-developers-meeting-ahrq-common-formats/event-summary-f7d00f4b5a6c402797bf8defbf7b8930.aspx>.

AHRQ requests that interested persons register with the PSO PPC as soon as possible; the meeting space will accommodate approximately 150 participants. If space is available, non-registered individuals will be able to register on-site beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the John M. Eisenberg Conference Center; please contact the PSO PPC by telephone at (866) 571-7712 and by email at [SUPPORT@PSOPPC.ORG](mailto:SUPPORT@PSOPPC.ORG) to inquire about space availability.

If sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation for a disability is needed, please contact the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Office of Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity Management on (301) 827-4840, no later than Friday, April 11, 2014.

More information about the Common Formats can be obtained through AHRQ's PSO Web site: <http://www.PSO.AHRQ.gov/index.html>.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry**

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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 (404) 639-7570 or send an email to [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov). Send written comments to CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-5806. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

#### **Proposed Project**

State Surveillance under the National Toxic Substance Incidents Program (NTSIP)—NEW—Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).

##### *Background and Brief Description*

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is sponsoring the National Toxic Substance Incidents Program (NTSIP) to gather information from many resources to protect people from harm caused by spills and leaks of toxic substances. The NTSIP information will be used to help prevent or reduce the harm caused by toxic substance incidents. The NTSIP is modeled partially after the Hazardous Substances Emergency Events Surveillance (HSEES) Program which ran from 1992 to 2012 [OMB number: 0923-0008; expiration date 01/31/2012], with additions suggested by stakeholders to have a more complete program. The NTSIP has three components: A national database, state surveillance, and the response team. This information collection request is focused on the state surveillance component.

The NTSIP is the only federal public health-based surveillance system to coordinate the collection, collation, analysis, and distribution of acute toxic substance incidents data to public health and safety practitioners. Because thousands of acute spills occur annually around the country, it is necessary to establish this surveillance system to describe the public health impacts on the population of the United States. The ATSDR is seeking a three-year approval for the ongoing collection of information for the state surveillance system.

The main objectives of this information collection are to:

1. Describe toxic substance releases and the public health consequences associated with such releases within the participating states,
2. Identify and prioritize vulnerabilities in industry, transportation, and communities as they relate to toxic substance releases, and
3. Identify, develop, and promote strategies that could prevent ongoing and future exposures and resultant health effects from toxic substance releases.

The NTSIP surveillance system will be incident-driven and all acute toxic

substance incidents occurring within participating states will be included.

A standardized set of data will be collected by the NTSIP coordinator for each incident. The NTSIP coordinator may be a federal employee assigned to the state health department or an employee of the state health department. State, but not federal, NTSIP coordinators will incur recordkeeping burden during two phases.

During the first phase, the NTSIP coordinators will rapidly collect and enter data from a variety of existing data sources. Examples of existing data sources include, but are not limited to, reports from the media, the National Response Center, the U.S. Department of Transportation Hazardous Materials Information Reporting System, and state environmental protection agencies. Approximately 65% of the information is expected to be obtained from existing data sources.

The second phase of the information collection will require the NTSIP coordinators to alert other entities of the incident when appropriate and to request additional information to complete the remaining unanswered data fields. Approximately 35% of the information is expected to be obtained from calling, emailing, or faxing additional types of respondents by the NTSIP coordinators.

These additional respondents will incur reporting burden and include, but are not limited to, the on-scene commander of the incident, emergency government services (e.g., state divisions of emergency management, local emergency planning committees, fire or Hazmat units, police, and emergency medical services), the responsible party (i.e., the "spiller"), other state and local government agencies, hospitals and local poison control centers.

The NTSIP coordinator will enter data directly into an ATSDR internet-based data system. NTSIP materials, including a public use data set, annual report, and published articles will be made available on the ATSDR NTSIP Web page at <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/ntsip/>.

There are no costs to respondents other than their time. The total estimated annual burden hours are 1,821.

## ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hrs.)
State NTSIP Coordinators .....	NTSIP State Data Collection Form .....	3	426	1
On-scene commanders .....	NTSIP State Data Collection Form .....	110	1	30/60
Emergency government services .....	NTSIP State Data Collection Form .....	810	1	30/60
Responsible party .....	NTSIP State Data Collection Form .....	15	1	30/60
Other state and local governments .....	NTSIP State Data Collection Form .....	60	1	30/60
Hospitals .....	NTSIP State Data Collection Form .....	10	1	30/60
Poison Control Centers .....	NTSIP State Data Collection Form .....	80	1	30/60

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****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. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call 404-639-7570 or send comments to LeRoy Richardson, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D74, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an email to [omb@cdc.gov](mailto: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 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 automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

**Proposed Project**

Health Hazard Evaluation and Technical Assistance—Requests and Emerging Problems (0920-0260, Expiration 11/30/2014)—Revision—National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

*Background and Brief Description*

In accordance with its mandates under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 and the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) responds to requests for health hazard evaluations (HHE) to identify chemical, biological or physical hazards in workplaces throughout the United States. Each year, NIOSH receives approximately 300 such requests. Most HHE requests come from the following types of companies: Service, manufacturing, health and social services, transportation, construction, agriculture, mining, skilled trade and construction.

A printed HHE request form is available in English and in Spanish. The form is also available on the Internet and differs from the printed version only in format and in the fact that it can be submitted directly from the Web site. The request form takes an estimated 12 minutes to complete. The form provides the mechanism for employees, employers, and other authorized representatives to supply the information required by the regulations governing the NIOSH HHE program (42 CFR 85.3-1). If employees are submitting the form, it must contain the signatures of three or more current employees. However, regulations allow a single signature if the requestor: Is one of three (3) or fewer employees in the process, operation, or job of concern; or is any officer of a labor union representing the employees for collective bargaining purposes. An individual management official may request an evaluation on behalf of the employer. The information provided is

used by NIOSH to determine whether there is reasonable cause to justify conducting an investigation and provides a mechanism to respond to the requestor.

NIOSH reviews the HHE request to determine if an on-site evaluation is needed. The primary purpose of an on-site evaluation is to help employers and employees identify and eliminate occupational health hazards. For 40% of the requests received NIOSH determines an on-site evaluation is needed.

In about 70% of on-site evaluations, employees are interviewed to help further define concerns. Interviews may take approximately 15 minutes per respondent. The interview questions are specific to each workplace and its suspected diseases and hazards. However, interviews are based on standard medical practices.

In approximately 30% of on-site evaluations (presently estimated to be 38 facilities), questionnaires are distributed to the employees (averaging about 100 employees per site). Questionnaires may require approximately 30 minutes to complete. The survey questions are specific to each workplace and its suspected diseases and hazards, however, items in the questionnaires are derived from standardized or widely used medical and epidemiologic data collection instruments.

About 70% of the on-site evaluations involve employee exposure monitoring in the workplace. Employees participating in on-site evaluations by wearing a sampler or monitoring device to measure personal workplace exposures are offered the opportunity to get a written notice of their exposure results. To indicate their preference and, if interested, provide mailing information, employees complete a contact information post card. The previous approved information collection request has been revised to include the post card, which may take 5 minutes or less to complete. The number of employees monitored for