

M. tuberculosis susceptibility testing. Participation in this program is one way laboratories can ensure high-quality laboratory testing, resulting in accurate and reliable testing results.

By providing an evaluation program to assess the ability of the laboratories to test for drug resistant M. tuberculosis strains, laboratories also have a self-assessment tool to aid in optimizing their skills in susceptibility testing. The information obtained from the laboratories on susceptibility practices and procedures is used to establish variables related to good performance,

assessing training needs, and aid with the development of practice standards. The data collected over the previous three-year period enabled CDC to correlate testing practices with performance and to use this information to design training modules targeted to participants encouraging the adaptation of advanced testing methods. Extension of data collection will allow CDC to evaluate the effectiveness of these training modules by continually monitoring laboratory performance.

Participants in this program include domestic clinical and public health

laboratories. Data collection from laboratory participants occurs twice per year. The data collected in this program will include the susceptibility test results of primary and secondary drugs, drug concentrations, and test methods performed by laboratories on a set of performance evaluation (PE) samples. The PE samples are sent to participants twice a year. Participants also report demographic data such as laboratory type and the number of tests performed annually.

There is no cost to respondents to participate other than their time.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Domestic Laboratory	Participant Biosafety Compliance Letter of Agreement ...	93	2	5/60	16
	MPEP <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> Results Worksheet ..	93	2	30/60	93
	Online Survey Instrument .....	93	2	15/60	47
Total .....	.....	93	6	.....	156

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**Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis Meeting (ACET)**

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), announces the following meeting of the aforementioned committee:

Times and Dates:

8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m., EST, December 15, 2015  
 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m., EST, December 16, 2015

Place: Corporate Square, Corporate Boulevard, Building 8, 1st Floor Conference Room, Atlanta, Georgia 30329, telephone (404) 639-8317.

This meeting is also accessible by Webinar: December 15, 2015

For Participants:

URL: <https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join/>  
 Conference number: PW1126536  
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For Participants:

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Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

Purpose: This Council advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and the Director, CDC, regarding the elimination of tuberculosis. Specifically, the Council makes recommendations regarding policies, strategies, objectives, and priorities; addresses the development and application of new technologies; and reviews the extent to which progress has been made toward eliminating tuberculosis.

Matters for Discussion: Agenda items include the following topics: (1) Overview of Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA); (2) Tuberculosis in Congregate Settings; (3) Updates from Workgroups; and (4) other tuberculosis-related issues.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign Federal Register Notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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**Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority**

Part C (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 FR 67772-76, dated October 14, 1980, and corrected at 45 FR 69296, October 20, 1980, as amended most recently at 80 FR 58479-58485, dated September 29, 2015) is amended to reflect the reorganization of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, and the Office of Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.