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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Designation of a Class of Employees for Addition to the Special Exposure Cohort

**AGENCY:** National Institute for  
Occupational Safety and Health  
(NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control  
and Prevention, Department of Health  
and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** HHS gives notice of a  
decision to designate a class of  
employees from the Pantex Plant in  
Amarillo, Texas, as an addition to the  
Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under  
the Energy Employees Occupational  
Illness Compensation Program Act of  
2000.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stuart L. Hinnefeld, Director, Division  
of Compensation Analysis and Support,  
NIOSH, 1090 Tusculum Avenue,  
MS C-46, Cincinnati, OH 45226-1938,  
Telephone 1-877-222-7570.  
Information requests can also be  
submitted by email to [DCAS@CDC.GOV](mailto:DCAS@CDC.GOV).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7384q(b). 42 U.S.C.  
7384l(14)(C).

On January 4, 2017, as provided for  
under 42 U.S.C. 7384l(14)(C), the  
Secretary of HHS designated the  
following class of employees as an  
addition to the SEC:

All employees of the Department of  
Energy, its predecessor agencies, and their  
contractors and subcontractors who worked  
at the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas,  
during the period from January 1, 1951,  
through December 31, 1957, for a number of  
work days aggregating at least 250 work days,  
occurring either solely under this  
employment or in combination with work  
days within the parameters established for  
one or more other classes of employees in the  
Special Exposure Cohort.

This designation will become  
effective on February 3, 2017, unless  
Congress provides otherwise prior to the  
effective date. After this effective date,  
HHS will publish a notice in the  
**Federal Register** reporting the addition  
of this class to the SEC or the result of  
any provision by Congress regarding the

decision by HHS to add the class to the  
SEC.

#### Frank Hearl

Chief of Staff, National Institute for  
Occupational Safety and Health.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) Confidentiality Pledge Revision Notice

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and  
Prevention (CDC), Department of Health  
and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** General notice—notice of  
revision of confidentiality pledges  
under the Confidential Information  
Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act.

**SUMMARY:** Under 44 U.S.C. 3506(e) and  
44 U.S.C. 3501, CDC's National Center  
for Health Statistics (NCHS) is  
announcing revisions to the  
confidentiality pledge(s) it provides to  
its respondents under the Confidential  
Information Protection and Statistical  
Efficiency Act (44 U.S.C. 3501)  
(CIPSEA). These revisions are required  
by the passage and implementation of  
provisions of the Federal Cybersecurity  
Enhancement Act of 2015 (H.R. 2029,  
Division N, Title II, Subtitle B, Sec.  
223), which permit and require the  
Secretary of the Department of  
Homeland Security (DHS) to provide  
Federal civilian agencies' information  
technology systems with cybersecurity  
protection for their Internet traffic. More  
details on this announcement are  
presented in the **SUPPLEMENTARY  
INFORMATION** section below.

**DATES:** These revisions become effective  
January 19, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Questions about this notice  
should be addressed to the Information  
Collection Review Office, Centers for  
Disease Control and Prevention, 1600  
Clifton Road NE., MS-D74, Atlanta,  
Georgia 30329.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leroy A. Richardson by telephone at  
404-639-7570 (this is not a toll-free  
number); by email [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov), or by  
mail Information Collection Review  
Office, Centers for Disease Control and  
Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE., MS-  
D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329. Because of  
delays in the receipt of regular mail  
related to security screening,  
respondents are encouraged to use  
electronic communications.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Federal  
statistics provide key information that  
the Nation uses to measure its  
performance and make informed  
choices about budgets, employment,  
health, investments, taxes, and a host of  
other significant topics. The  
overwhelming majority of Federal  
surveys are conducted on a voluntary  
basis. Respondents, ranging from  
businesses to households to institutions,  
may choose whether or not to provide  
the requested information. Many of the  
most valuable Federal statistics come  
from surveys that ask for highly  
sensitive information such as  
proprietary business data from  
companies or particularly personal  
information or practices from  
individuals. The CDC's National Center  
for Health Statistics (NCHS) protects all  
data collected under its authority under  
the confidentiality provisions of section  
308(d) of the Public Health Service Act  
(42 U.S.C. 242m). Strong and trusted  
confidentiality and exclusively  
statistical use pledges under the  
Confidential Information Protection and  
Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA) and  
similar statistical confidentiality  
pledges are effective and necessary in  
honoring the trust that businesses,  
individuals, and institutions, by their  
responses, place in statistical agencies.

Under CIPSEA and similar statistical  
confidentiality protection statutes, many  
Federal statistical agencies make  
statutory pledges that the information  
respondents provide will be seen only  
by statistical agency personnel or their  
sworn agents, and will be used only for  
statistical purposes. CIPSEA and similar  
statutes protect the confidentiality of  
information that agencies collect solely  
for statistical purposes and under a  
pledge of confidentiality. These acts  
protect such statistical information from  
administrative, law enforcement,  
taxation, regulatory, or any other non-  
statistical use and immunize the  
information submitted to statistical  
agencies from legal process. Moreover,  
many of these statutes carry criminal  
penalties of a Class E felony (fines up to  
\$250,000, or up to five years in prison,  
or both) for conviction of a knowing and  
willful unauthorized disclosure of  
covered information.

As part of the Consolidated  
Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2016  
signed on December 17, 2015, the  
Congress included the Federal  
Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015  
(H.R. 2029, Division N, Title II, Subtitle  
B, Sec. 223). This Act, among other  
provisions, permits and requires the  
Secretary of the Department of  
Homeland Security (DHS) to provide  
Federal civilian agencies' information

technology systems with cybersecurity protection for their Internet traffic. The technology currently used to provide this protection against cyber malware is known as Einstein 3A; it electronically searches Internet traffic in and out of Federal civilian agencies in real time for malware signatures.

When such a signature is found, the Internet packets that contain the malware signature are shunted aside for further inspection by DHS personnel. Because it is possible that such packets entering or leaving a statistical agency's information technology system may contain a small portion of confidential statistical data, statistical agencies can no longer promise their respondents that their responses will be seen only by statistical agency personnel or their sworn agents. However, they can promise, in accordance with provisions of the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, that such monitoring can be used only to protect information and information systems from cybersecurity risks, thereby, in effect, providing stronger protection to the integrity of the respondents' submissions.

Consequently, with the passage of the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, the Federal statistical community has an opportunity to welcome the further protection of its confidential data offered by DHS' Einstein 3A cybersecurity protection program. The DHS cybersecurity program's objective is to protect Federal civilian information systems from malicious malware attacks. The Federal

statistical system's objective is to ensure that the DHS Secretary performs those essential duties in a manner that honors the Government's statutory promises to the public to protect their confidential data. Given that the Department of Homeland Security is not a Federal statistical agency, both DHS and the Federal statistical system have been successfully engaged in finding a way to balance both objectives and achieve these mutually reinforcing objectives.

However, many current CIPSEA and similar statistical confidentiality pledges promise that respondents' data will be seen only by statistical agency personnel or their sworn agents. Since it is possible that DHS personnel could see some portion of those confidential data in the course of examining the suspicious Internet packets identified by Einstein 3A sensors, statistical agencies need to revise their confidentiality pledges to reflect this process change.

Therefore, NCHS is providing this notice to alert the public to these confidentiality pledge revisions in an efficient and coordinated fashion. Below is a table listing NCHS's current Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) OMB Control numbers and information collection titles and their associated revised confidentiality pledge(s) for the Information Collections whose confidentiality pledges will change to reflect the statutory implementation of DHS' Einstein 3A monitoring for cybersecurity protection purposes.

The following NCHS statistical confidentiality pledge will now apply to the Information Collections whose

Paperwork Reduction Act Office of Management and Budget numbers and titles are listed below.

We take your privacy very seriously. All information that relates to or describes identifiable characteristics of individuals, a practice, or an establishment will be used only for statistical purposes. NCHS staff, contractors, and agents will not disclose or release responses in identifiable form without the consent of the individual or establishment in accordance with section 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242m) and the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA, Title 5 of Public Law 107-347). In accordance with CIPSEA, every NCHS employee, contractor, and agent has taken an oath and is subject to a jail term of up to five years, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both if he or she willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about you. In addition, NCHS complies with the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015. This law requires the federal government to protect federal computer networks by using computer security programs to identify cybersecurity risks like hacking, internet attacks, and other security weaknesses. If information sent through government networks triggers a cyber threat indicator, the information may be intercepted and reviewed for cyber threats by computer network experts working for, or on behalf of the government.

#### NCHS'S CURRENT OMB CONTROL NUMBERS

OMB control No.	Title of information collection
0920-0119 .....	National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey Supplement on Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (NAMCS CLAS).
0920-0212 .....	National Hospital Care Survey.
0920-0213 .....	NCHS: National Vital Statistics Report Forms.
0920-0214 .....	National Health Interview Survey.
0920-0215 .....	Application Form and Related Forms for the Operation of the National Death Index.
0920-0217 .....	NCHS Application for Vital Statistics Training Form.
0920-0222 .....	NCHS Questionnaire Design Research Laboratory.
0920-0234 .....	National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS).
0920-0278 .....	National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey.
0920-0314 .....	National Survey of Family Growth.
0920-0729 .....	Customer Surveys Generic Clearance for the National Center for Health Statistics.
0920-0943 .....	Data Collection for the Residential Care Community and Adult Day Services Center Components of the National Study of Long-term Care Providers.
0920-0950 .....	National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.
0920-1015 .....	The National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) National Electronic Health Record Survey (NEHRS).
0920-1030 .....	Developmental Studies to Improve the National Health Care Surveys.
0920-1063 .....	NAMCS Supplement of Primary Care Policies (NSPCP) for Managing Patients with High Blood Pressure, High Cholesterol, or Diabetes.

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**AGENCY:** National Institute for  
Occupational Safety and Health  
(NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control  
and Prevention, Department of Health  
and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** HHS gives notice of a  
decision to designate a class of  
employees from Area IV of the Santa  
Susana Field Laboratory in Ventura  
County, California, as an addition to the  
Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the  
Energy Employees Occupational  
Illness Compensation Program Act of  
2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Stuart L. Hinnefeld, Director, Division  
of Compensation Analysis and Support,  
NIOSH, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, MS C-  
46, Cincinnati, OH 45226-1938,  
Telephone 1-877-222-7570.  
Information requests can also be  
submitted by email to [DCAS@CDC.GOV](mailto:DCAS@CDC.GOV).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7384q(b). 42 U.S.C.  
7384l(14)(C).

On January 6, 2017, as provided for  
under 42 U.S.C. 7384l(14)(C), the  
Secretary of HHS designated the  
following class of employees as an  
addition to the SEC:

All employees of the Department of  
Energy, its predecessor agencies, and their  
contractors and subcontractors who worked  
in any area at Area IV of the Santa Susana  
Field Laboratory in Ventura County,  
California, from January 1, 1965, through  
December 31, 1988, for a number of work  
days aggregating at least 250 work days,  
occurring either solely under this  
employment or in combination with work  
days within the parameters established for  
one or more other classes of employees  
included in the Special Exposure Cohort.

This designation will become  
effective on February 5, 2017, unless  
Congress provides otherwise prior to the  
effective date. After this effective date,  
HHS will publish a notice in the  
**Federal Register** reporting the addition  
of this class to the SEC or the result of

any provision by Congress regarding the  
decision by HHS to add the class to the  
SEC.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare &  
Medicaid Services, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Medicare &  
Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing  
an opportunity for the public to  
comment on CMS' intention to collect  
information from the public. Under the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995  
(PRA), federal agencies are required to  
publish notice in the **Federal Register**  
concerning each proposed collection of  
information, including each proposed  
extension or reinstatement of an existing  
collection of information, and to allow  
a second opportunity for public  
comment on the notice. Interested  
persons are invited to send comments  
regarding the burden estimate or any  
other aspect of this collection of  
information, including the necessity and  
utility of the proposed information  
collection for the proper performance of  
the agency's functions, the accuracy of  
the estimated burden, ways to enhance  
the quality, utility, and clarity of the  
information to be collected and the use  
of automated collection techniques or  
other forms of information technology to  
minimize the information collection  
burden.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection(s) of  
information must be received by the  
OMB desk officer by February 21, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** When commenting on the  
proposed information collections,  
please reference the document identifier  
or OMB control number. To be assured  
consideration, comments and  
recommendations must be received by  
the OMB desk officer via one of the  
following transmissions: OMB, Office of  
Information and Regulatory Affairs,  
Attention: CMS Desk Officer, Fax  
Number: (202) 395-5806 OR, Email:  
[OIRA\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov).

To obtain copies of a supporting  
statement and any related forms for the  
proposed collection(s) summarized in  
this notice, you may make your request  
using one of following:

1. Access CMS' Web site address at  
[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/  
PaperworkReductionActof1995](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995).
2. Email your request, including your  
address, phone number, OMB number,  
and CMS document identifier, to  
[Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov).
3. Call the Reports Clearance Office at  
(410) 786-1326.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-  
1326.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA)  
(44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies  
must obtain approval from the Office of  
Management and Budget (OMB) for each  
collection of information they conduct  
or sponsor. The term "collection of  
information" is defined in 44 U.S.C.  
3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and  
includes agency requests or  
requirements that members of the public  
submit reports, keep records, or provide  
information to a third party. Section  
3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C.  
3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies  
to publish a 30-day notice in the  
**Federal Register** concerning each  
proposed collection of information,  
including each proposed extension or  
reinstatement of an existing collection  
of information, before submitting the  
collection to OMB for approval. To  
comply with this requirement, CMS is  
publishing this notice that summarizes  
the following proposed collection(s) of  
information for public comment:

1. *Type of Information Collection  
Request:* Revision of a currently  
approved collection; *Title of  
Information Collection:* Bid Pricing Tool  
(BPT) for Medicare Advantage (MA)  
Plans and Prescription Drug Plans  
(PDP); *Use:* We require that Medicare  
Advantage organizations and  
Prescription Drug Plans complete the  
BPT as part of the annual bidding  
process. During this process,  
organizations prepare their proposed  
actuarial bid pricing for the upcoming  
contract year and submit them to us for  
review and approval. The purpose of the  
BPT is to collect the actuarial pricing  
information for each plan. The BPT  
calculates the plan's bid, enrollee  
premiums, and payment rates. We  
publish beneficiary premium  
information using a variety of formats  
([www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov), the Medicare & You  
handbook, Summary of Benefits  
marketing information) for the purpose  
of beneficiary education and