collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques of other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.


Type of Information Collection Request: This is a new information request for a three year approval of this new information collection, 0917–XXXX.

Form(s) and Form number(s): Incident Reporting Form, Form F07–02b.
Title of Proposal: Information Security Ticketing and Incident Reporting.
OMB Control Number: To be assigned.

Need and Use of Information Collection: The Indian Health Service (IHS) uses secure information technology (IT) to improve health care quality, enhance access to specialty care, reduce medical errors, and modernize administrative functions consistent with the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) enterprise initiatives.

IHS is responsible for maintaining an information security program that provides protection for information collected or maintained by or on behalf of the Agency, and protection for information systems used or operated by the Agency or by another organization on behalf of the Agency.

Members of Affected Public: IHS staff, including federal and non-federal employees (contractors, Tribal employees, etc.).

Status of the Proposed Information Collection: New request.
Type of Respondents: Individuals.
The table below provides: Types of data collection instruments, estimation to number of respondents, number of responses per respondent, annual number of responses, average burden hour per response, and total annual burden hours.

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*For ease of understanding, average burden hours are provided in actual minutes. There are no direct costs, to respondents to report.

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Assistant Surgeon General, U.S. Public Health Service, Acting Director, Indian Health Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Indian Health Service
Request for Public Comment: 30 Day Notice for Extension of the Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program (LRP)

AGENCY: Indian Health Service, HHS.
ACTION: Notice and request for comments. Request for extension of approval.
SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Indian Health Service (IHS) is submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for an extension of a previously approved collection of information titled, “IHS Loan Repayment Program (LRP)” (OMB Control Number 0917–0014), which expires July 31, 2018. This proposed information collection project was recently published in the Federal Register (82 FR 55107) on November 20, 2017, and allowed 60 days for public comment, as required by the PRA. The IHS received 20 anonymous comments regarding this collection but they did not pertain to the LRP notice. The purpose of this notice is to allow 30 days for public comment to be submitted directly to OMB.

A copy of the supporting statement is available at www.regulations.gov (see Docket ID IHS_FRDOC_0001).

DATES: March 16, 2018. Your comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having full effect if received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments and suggestions regarding the proposed information collection contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time to: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503; Attention: Desk Officer for IHS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information, please contact Evonne Bennett-Barnes by one of the following methods:
• Mail: Evonne Bennett-Barnes, Management Analyst/Information Collection Clearance Officer, Indian Health Service, 5600 Fisher Lane, Mail stop: 09E21B, Rockville, MD 20857.
• Phone: 301–443–4750.
• Email: Evonne.Bennett-Barnes@ihs.gov.
• Fax: 301–594–0899.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IHS is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the PRA of 1995. This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies as required by 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A) concerning the proposed collection of information to:
(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including through the use of appropriate automated collection techniques of other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Proposed Collection: Title: 0917–0014, “Indian Health Service Loan Repayment Program.”
Type of Information Collection Request: Three year extension of this information collection.
Form(s): The LRP application is available in an electronically fillable and fileable format.

Need and Use of Information Collection: The IHS LRP identifies health professionals with pre-existing financial obligations for education expenses that meet program criteria who are qualified and willing to serve at, often remote, IHS health care facilities. Under the program, eligible health professionals sign a contract through which the IHS agrees to repay part or all of their indebtedness in exchange for an initial two-year service commitment to practice full-time at an eligible Indian health program. The LRP is necessary to augment the critically low health professional staff at IHS health care facilities.

Any health professional wishing to have their health education loans repaid may apply to the IHS LRP. A two-year contract obligation is signed by both parties, and the individual agrees to work at an eligible Indian health program location and provide health services to American Indian and Alaska Native individuals.

The information collected via the online application from individuals is analyzed and a score is given to each applicant. This score will determine which applicants will be awarded each fiscal year. The administrative scoring system assigns a score to the geographic location according to vacancy rates for that fiscal year and also considers whether the location is in an isolated area. When an applicant accepts a position at a location, the applicant in turn “picks-up” the score of that location.

Status of the Proposed Information Collection: Renewal of a current collection.

Affected Public: Individuals and households.

Type of Respondents: Individuals.

Impact of Microenvironment on Lung Progenitor Cell Function. Date: March 14, 2018. Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Kristen Page, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Scientific Review/DERA, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 7185, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-827-7953, kristen.page@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Special Emphasis Panel; Review of NIGMS Maximizing Investigators’ Research Award for Early Stage Investigators (R35) Applications.

Dated: February 8, 2018.

Michelle Trout, Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Special Emphasis Panel; Review of NIGMS Maximizing Investigators’ Research Award for Early Stage Investigators (R35) Applications.

Dated: April 5–6, 2018.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.