DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Decision To Evaluate a Petition To Designate a Class of Employees From the De Soto Avenue Facility in Los Angeles County, California, To Be Included in 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.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NIOSH gives notice of a decision to evaluate a petition to designate a class of employees from the De Soto Avenue Facility in Los Angeles County, California, to be included in the Special Exposure Cohort 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, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, MS C–46, Cincinnati, OH 45226–1938, Telephone 877–222–7570. Information requests can also be submitted by email to DCAS@CDC.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 42 CFR 83.9–83.12.

Pursuant to 42 CFR 83.12, the initial proposed definition for the class being evaluated, subject to revision as warranted by the evaluation, is as follows:

Facility: De Soto Avenue Facility.
Location: Los Angeles County, California.
Job Titles and/or Job Duties: All employees of the Department of Energy, its predecessor agencies, and their contractors and subcontractors who worked at the De Soto Avenue Facility.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

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

ACTION: Notice with comment period.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other Federal agencies the opportunity to comment on a proposed and/or continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled The World Trade Center Health Program (WTCHP): Impact Assessment and Strategic Planning for Translational Research—Focus Group Protocol. This project includes a series of focus groups with different stakeholder groups to explore their perspectives on the decisions that each of them makes in the context of the WTCHP.

DATES: CDC must receive written comments on or before May 14, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC–2018–0021 by any of the following methods:
• Federal eRulemaking Portal: Regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
• Mail: Leroy A. Richardson, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS–D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. CDC will post, without change, all relevant comments to Regulations.gov.

Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal (regulations.gov) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, contact Leroy A. Richardson, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE MS–D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; phone: 404–639–7570; Email: omb@cdc.gov.

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. In addition, the PRA also requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each new proposed collection, each proposed extension of existing collection of information, and each reinstatement of previously approved information collection before submitting the collection to the OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, we are publishing this notice of a proposed data collection as described below.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments that will help:
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, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
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, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

5. Assess information collection costs.

Proposed Project

The World Trade Center Health Program: Impact Assessment and Strategic Planning for Translational Research (Focus Group Protocol)—New—National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010, Public Law 111–347 (hereafter referred to as “the Zadroga Act”), established the World Trade Center Health Program (WTCHP). Under subtitle C, the Zadroga Act requires the establishment of a research program on health conditions resulting
from the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Thus, the CDC seeks a one-year OMB approval to collect information using focus groups.

The WTCHP employs the Research-to-Care (RTC) model strategic framework employed to prioritize, conduct, and assess research that informs excellence in clinical care for the population of responders and survivors affected by the 9/11 attack in New York City. The RTC model assumes the collective involvement of WTCHP stakeholders, including members, researchers, clinicians, and program administrators. It accounts for a variety of inputs that can affect the progress and impact of WTCHP research. These inputs include people and organizations (e.g., program members, providers, clinical centers of excellence, extramural researchers, and program staff), resources (e.g., technology, data centers, the NYC 9/11 Health Registry) and regulatory rules, principally the Zadroga Act.

The program supports activities such as research prioritization, conduct of research, delivery of medical care, and iterative assessments of the translation of research to improvements in health care services and chronic disease management. These activities aim to produce tangible outputs such as research findings on WTC-related conditions, healthcare protocols, peer-reviewed publications, quality assessment reports, and member and provider education products. Finally, the model anticipates short-, intermediate-, and long-term measurement of outcomes and serves as a communication tool for program planning and evaluation.

In 2016, NIOSH contracted with the Research and Development (RAND) Corporation to evaluate the WTCHP RTC model including the research investments to date and the effectiveness with which the Program translates its research to different stakeholder groups. This work will ultimately provide guidance for the WTCHP on strategic directions, as well as produce generalizable knowledge about the translation of research into improved outcomes for individuals and populations exposed to disasters such as the 9/11 attacks. In the formative stage of our assessment, we propose to hold a series of focus groups with different stakeholder groups to explore their perspectives on translational research in the context of the WTCHP. The focus groups will each consist of a well-defined stakeholder group, and will last approximately two hours.

These focus groups are necessary to gather background information on the relationship between different stakeholders and the WTCHP that will inform the development of more detailed interview protocols to be used with stakeholders in the next phase of this evaluation. Specific topics to be addressed in the focus groups will include:

- Conceptualizations of research and “translational research.”
- Relevance of WTCHP research topics, potential gaps, and stakeholder priorities.
- Uses and usefulness of WTCHP research.
- Barriers to conduct and use of WTCHP research.
- Understanding of and perspectives on the relevance and usefulness of the Research-to-Care model.

The total estimated burden hours is 360. There are no costs to the respondent other than their time and local travel to the location of the focus group.

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**SUMMARY:** Under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act (NCVIA), CDC must develop vaccine information materials that all health care providers are required to give to patients/parents prior to administration of specific vaccines. On March 15, 2016, CDC published a notice in the Federal Register (81 FR 13794) seeking public comments on proposed updated vaccine information materials for polio vaccine and varicella vaccine. Following review of comments submitted and consultation as required under the law, CDC has finalized the materials for varicella vaccine. Copies of the final vaccine information materials for varicella vaccine are available to download from http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/index.html or http://www.regulations.gov (see Docket Number CDC–2016–0029).

**DATES:** Beginning no later than June 1, 2018, each health care provider who administers varicella vaccine to any child or adult in the United States shall provide copies of the relevant vaccine information materials referenced in this notice, dated February 12, 2018, in conformance with the February 23, 2018 CDC Instructions for the Use of Vaccine Information Statements prior to providing such vaccinations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne Johnson-DeLeon (msj1@cdc.gov), National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Mailstop A–19, 1600 Clifton Road NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99–660), as amended by section 708 of Public Law 103–183, added section 2126 to the Public Health