

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;

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; and

5. Assess information collection costs.

### Proposed Project

ATSDR Exposure Investigations (EIs) (OMB Control No. 0923-0048, Exp. 04/30/2022)—Extension—Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).

### Background and Brief Description

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is requesting a three-year extension of this generic clearance to allow the agency to conduct exposure investigations (EIs), through methods developed by ATSDR. After a chemical release or suspected release

into the environment, EIs are usually requested by officials of a state health agency, county health department, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the general public, and/or ATSDR staff. EI results are used by public health professionals, environmental risk managers, and other decision makers to determine if current conditions warrant intervention strategies to minimize or eliminate human exposure.

All of ATSDR's targeted biological assessments (e.g., urine, blood) and some of the environmental investigations (e.g., air, water, soil, dust, or food sampling) involve participants to determine whether they are or have been exposed to unusual levels of pollutants at specific locations (e.g., where people live, spend leisure time, or anywhere they might come into contact with contaminants under investigation).

Questionnaires, appropriate to the specific contaminant, are generally needed in about half of the EIs (at most, approximately 12 per year) to assist in interpreting the biological or environmental sampling results. ATSDR collects contact information (e.g., name, address, phone number) to provide the

participant with their individual results. ATSDR also collects information on other possible confounding sources of chemical(s) exposure such as medicines taken, foods eaten, hobbies, jobs, etc. In addition, ATSDR asks questions on recreational or occupational activities that could increase a participant's exposure potential. The information collected represents an individual's exposure history.

The number of questions can vary depending on the number of chemicals being investigated, the route of exposure (e.g., breathing, eating, touching), and the number of other sources of the chemical(s) (e.g., products used, jobs). We use approximately 12–20 questions about the pertinent environmental exposures per investigation. A question bank is available for health assessors to use as a basis of questions to be asked during the EI, but EI-specific questions may be included as appropriate.

Typically, the number of participants in an individual EI ranges from 10 to 100. Participation is completely voluntary, and there are no costs to participants other than their time. Based on a maximum of 12 EIs per year and 100 participants each, the estimated annualized burden hours are 600.

### ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

| Type of respondent                     | Form name                         | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden per response (in hr.) | Total Burden (in hr.) |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Exposure Investigation Participants .. | Chemical Exposure Questions ..... | 1,200                 | 1                                  | 30/60                                | 600                   |
| Total .....                            | .....                             | .....                 | .....                              | .....                                | 600                   |

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### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Docket No. CDC-2021-0083; NIOSH 278]

#### Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BSC, NIOSH)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the CDC announces the following virtual meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BSC, NIOSH).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on October 5, 2021, from 10:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m., EDT.

Written comments are due by September 28, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** This is a virtual meeting. You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2021-0083; NIOSH-278 by mail. CDC does not accept comments by email.

• **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• **Mail:** Docket number CDC-2021-0083; NIOSH-278, c/o Sherri Diana, NIOSH Docket Office, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health,

1090 Tusculum Avenue, MS C-34, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the Agency name and Docket Number. Written public comments received by September 28, 2021 will be provided to the BSC prior to the meeting. Docket number CDC-2021-0083; NIOSH-278 will close September 28, 2021.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Emily J.K. Novicki, M.A., M.P.H., Executive Secretary, BSC, NIOSH, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road NE, MS V24-4, Atlanta, GA 30329-4027, Telephone (404) 498-2581, or email at [enovicki@cdc.gov](mailto:enovicki@cdc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Purpose:** The Secretary, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and by delegation the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, are authorized under Sections 301 and 308 of the Public Health Service Act to conduct directly

or by grants or contracts, research, experiments, and demonstrations relating to occupational safety and health and to mine health. The Board of Scientific Counselors provides guidance to the Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health on research and prevention programs. Specifically, the Board provides guidance on the Institute's research activities related to developing and evaluating hypotheses, systematically documenting findings and disseminating results. The Board evaluates the degree to which the activities of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health: (1) Conform to appropriate scientific standards, (2) address current, relevant needs, and (3) produce intended results.

**Matters To Be Considered:** The agenda for the meeting addresses progress on the NIOSH Evaluation Capacity Building Plan; mental health initiative for health workers; and National Firefighter Registry. An agenda is also posted on the NIOSH website (<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/bsc/>). Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate. Meeting Information: It is open to the public, limited only by web conference lines (500 web conference lines are available). Register at the NIOSH website <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/bsc/> or call (404-498-2581) no later than September 28, 2021. Time will be available for public comment.

### Public Participation

Comments received are part of the public record and are subject to public disclosure. Do not include any information in your comment or supporting materials that you consider confidential or inappropriate for public disclosure. If you include your name, contact information, or other information that identifies you in the body of your comments, that information will be on public display. CDC will review all submissions and may choose to redact, or withhold, submissions containing private or proprietary information such as Social Security numbers, medical information, inappropriate language, or duplicate/near duplicate examples of a mass-mail campaign. CDC will carefully consider all comments submitted into the docket. CDC does not accept comment by email.

**Oral Public Comment:** The public is welcome to participate during the public comment period, from 1:00 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., EDT, September 28, 2021. Please note that the public comment period ends at the time indicated above. Each commenter will be provided up to five minutes for comment. A limited number of time slots are available and

will be assigned on a first come-first served basis. Members of the public who wish to address the NIOSH BSC are requested to contact the Executive Secretary for scheduling purposes (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** above).

**Written Public Comment:** Written comments will also be accepted from those unable to attend the public session per the instructions provided in the address section above. Written comments received in advance of the meeting will be included in the official record of the meeting. Written comments received by September 28, 2021 will be provided to the BSC prior to the meeting.

The Director, Strategic Business Initiatives Unit, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 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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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day-21-21HD; Docket No. CDC-2021-0080]

### 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 One Health SARS-CoV-2 Animal Testing Form, which aims to improve the scientific community's understanding of the number of animals

state officials report are tested for SARS-CoV-2, including the associated epidemiological data and testing results.

**DATES:** CDC must receive written comments on or before October 12, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2021-0080 by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** *Regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- **Mail:** Jeffrey M. Zirger, 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 Jeffrey M. Zirger, 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](mailto: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,