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**Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention**

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0054]

**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 continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled “Chronic Q fever in the United States: Enhanced Clinical Surveillance”. This enhanced medical surveillance for chronic Q fever will collect specific clinical data not otherwise collected during routine public health surveillance to allow for better characterization of the clinical presentation and risk factors of chronic Q fever in the United States.

DATES: CDC must receive written comments on or before August 28, 2023.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC–2023–0054 by either of the following methods:

• **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** www.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 H21–8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

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

Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal (www.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 H21–8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; Telephone: 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;
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

Chronic Q fever in the United States: Enhanced Clinical Surveillance (OMB Control No. 0920–1305, Exp. 9/30/2023)—Revision—National Center for Emerging Zoonotic and Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

Q fever is a worldwide zoonosis caused by *Coxiella burnetii* with acute and chronic disease presentations. Chronic Q fever can manifest months to years after the primary infection and is rare, occurring in <5% of persons with an acute infection. Chronic Q fever can take on several clinical forms, including endocarditis, chronic hepatitis, chronic vascular infections, osteomyelitis, and osteoarthritis.

In the United States, Q Fever cases are reported via the National Notifiable Disease Surveillance System (NNDSS, OMB Control No. 0920–0728); however, limited information is collected on the various clinical manifestations of chronic Q fever or patients pre-existing risk factors. Data on outcomes other than death or hospitalizations are not collected by the current surveillance. Because of this lack of data, the true burden and proportion of cases exhibiting endocarditis and other forms of chronic Q fever in the United States is unknown. We plan to establish an enhanced medical surveillance for chronic Q fever by working with consulting clinicians to gather additional and more specific clinical data not otherwise collected during the course of routine public health surveillance for chronic Q fever. This information will allow for better characterization of the clinical presentation and risk factors of chronic Q fever in the United States. The results will help characterize an under-recognized disease and provide valuable data to educate physicians on identifying and diagnosing these cases.

Recently, there has been an increased volume of clinical consultation requests. To reflect this, we are proposing an increase in the number of respondents to 50 each year. Additionally, the clinical course for these patients is often complex, and clinical relapse or prolonged infection has been reported. To capture these important clinical details, we propose increasing the number of total instruments to two, with a follow-up survey that will take five minutes each at six, 12, 18, and 24

months from the date of the initial consult. CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated 26 annual burden hours.

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

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Physician	Chronic Q Fever Enhanced Surveillance Report Form—Initial Consult.	50	1	20/60	17
Physician	Chronic Q Fever Enhanced Surveillance Report Form—Follow-Up.	50	2	5/60	9
Total					26

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork
Reduction Act Review

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has submitted the information collection request titled “Environmental Public Health Tracking Network (Tracking Network)” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. CDC previously published a “Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations” notice on December 20, 2022 to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. CDC received one comment related to the previous notice. This notice serves to allow an additional 30 days for public and affected agency comments.

CDC will accept all comments for this proposed information collection project. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

(a) 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;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) 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 submission of responses; and

(e) Assess information collection costs.

To request additional information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, call (404) 639–7570. Comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Direct written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice to the Attention: CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395–5806. Provide written comments within 30 days of notice publication.

Proposed Project

Environmental Public Health Tracking Network (Tracking Network) (OMB Control No. 0920–1175, Exp. 7/31/2023)—Revision—National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The CDC is submitting a three-year Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) Revision Information Collection Request (ICR) for “Environmental Public Health Tracking Network (Tracking Network)” (OMB Control No. 0920–1175, Expiration Date 7/31/2023). This ICR is sponsored by the Environmental Public Health Tracking Section (Tracking

Section), Division of Environmental Health Science and Practice (DEHSP), National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) at CDC.

In September 2000, the Pew Environmental Health Commission issued a report entitled America’s Environmental Health Gap: Why the Country Needs a Nationwide Health Tracking Network. The Commission documented a critical gap in “knowledge that hinders our national efforts to reduce or eliminate diseases that might be prevented by better managing environmental factors” due largely to the fact that existing environmental health systems were inadequate and fragmented. They described a lack of data for the leading causes of mortality and morbidity, a lack of data on exposure to hazards, a lack of environmental data with applicability to public health, and barriers to integrating and linking existing data. To address this critical gap, the Commission recommended a “Nationwide Health Tracking Network” for disease and exposures. In response to the report and this critical gap, Congress appropriated funds in the fiscal year 2002 budget for the CDC to establish the National Environmental Public Health Tracking Program (Tracking Program) and Network and has appropriated funds each year thereafter to continue this effort.

The Tracking Program includes State and Local Health Departments (SLHD) which collaborate to: (1) build and maintain the Tracking Network; (2) advance the practice and science of environmental public health tracking; (3) communicate information to guide environmental health policies and actions; (4) enhance tracking workforce and infrastructure; and (5) foster collaborations between health and environmental programs.

In spring of 2022, under Notice of Funding Opportunity CDC–RFA–EH22–2202, the CDC’s Tracking Program