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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

Elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has published a document entitled “Schedules of Controlled Substance: Temporary Placement of 7-Hydroxymitragynine Above a Specified Threshold in Schedule I.” In that document, the DEA noted their intent to issue a temporary scheduling order (in the form of a temporary amendment) to add 7-hydroxymitragynine above a specified threshold, including its isomers, esters, ethers, salts, and salts of isomers, esters, and ethers whenever the existence of such isomers, esters, ethers, and salts is possible, to schedule I under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA). The DEA’s specified threshold for 7-hydroxymitragynine is as follows:

(A) *Any botanical material of the plant *Mitragyna speciosa*, also known as kratom, and contains more than 0.050 percentage of 7-hydroxymitragynine on a dry weight basis, or*

(B) *Any alternative article or material to that described in (A), that is:*

i. *Resulting from synthetic methods and containing 7-hydroxymitragynine present in amounts greater than 0.050 percentage weight/weight, weight/volume, or volume/volume or greater than 1.00 milligram of 7-hydroxymitragynine in the article, or*

ii. *Material derived from *Mitragyna speciosa* and further processed to manufacture alternative dosage forms such as extracts, concentrates, processed edibles, or pressed pills, and which may have materials that have been exposed to chemical, thermal, or other methods leading to chemical transformations that result in 7-hydroxymitragynine present in amounts greater than 0.050 percentage weight/weight, weight/volume, or volume/volume, or greater than 1.00 milligram of 7-hydroxymitragynine in the article.*

II. Topics for Public Input

This notice is seeking input on the 7-OH threshold identified and justified above. In particular, comments are sought on the following topics:

1. Whether any additional data exist that further support this or an alternative threshold level, and specifically, what concentration or quantity of 7-OH in a product

constitutes an imminent hazard to public safety¹ and

2. Whether data exist supporting alternative measurement expressions for purposes of specifying the threshold level that is necessary to avoid an imminent hazard to public safety.

Note that OASH is not soliciting comment on any permanent scheduling decision, the general safety or utility of kratom-derived products, or other policy questions outside the scope of the threshold determination for temporary scheduling. Public comments submitted to this docket will be provided by the Secretary for Health and Human Services for consideration by the Attorney General.

Brian Christine,

Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**National Institutes of Health****Proposed Collection; 60-day Comment Request; Generic Clearance for NIH Citizen Science and Crowdsourcing Projects (Office of the Director)**

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 to provide opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the National Institutes of Health will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

DATES: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received by September 4, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, submit

¹ The Controlled Substances Act (CSA) provides the Attorney General with the authority to temporarily place a substance in schedule I of the CSA for two years without regard to the requirements of 21 U.S.C. 811(b), if he finds that such action is necessary to avoid an imminent hazard to public safety (21 U.S.C. 811(h)(1)). When issuing an order under 21 U.S.C. 811(h)(1), the Attorney General shall be required to consider, with respect to the finding of an imminent hazard to the public safety, only those factors set forth in 21 U.S.C. 811(c)(4), (5), and (6), including actual abuse, diversion from legitimate channels, and clandestine importation, manufacture, or distribution (21 U.S.C. 811(h)(3)).

comments in writing, or request more information on the proposed project, contact: Mikia Currie, Chief, Project Clearance Branch (PCB), Office of Policy and Extramural Research Administration (OPERA), Office of the Director (OD), Office of Extramural Research (OER), NIH, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, MSC 7980, or call non-toll-free number (301) 435–0941 or Email your request, including your address to: *ProjectClearanceBranch@mail.nih.gov*. Formal requests for additional plans and instruments must be requested in writing.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 requires: written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited to address one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) 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) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Collection: Generic Clearance for NIH Citizen Science and Crowdsourcing Projects –0925–0766—exp., date 09/30/2026, EXTENSION, Project Clearance Branch (PCB), Office of Policy and Extramural Research Administration (OPERA), Office of the Director (OD), Office of Extramural Research (OER), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Need and Use of Information Collection: Projects under this generic clearance will allow Agency researchers and program staff to test ideas more quickly, respond to the project’s needs as they evolve, and incorporate feedback from participants for flexible, innovative research methods. The purpose of this information collection is to:

- Accelerate scientific research.
- Increase cost-effectiveness to maximize the return on taxpayer dollars.
- Address societal needs.
- Provide hands-on learning in STEM education.

- Connect members of the public directly to federal science missions and each other.
- Identify and disseminate resources more broadly to the public, on the

Institutes' and Centers' (ICs) websites, and/or.

- Collect information for agency internal use to improve scientific practices and/or assist in scientific reviews.

OMB approval is requested for 3 years. There are no costs to respondents other than their time. The total estimated annualized burden hours are 18,584.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of collection	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Time per response (in hours)	Total hours
Call for Nominations/Resources	1,000	1	10/60	167
Recommendations of scientific reviewers	1,000	1	5/60	83
Request for Population Characteristics	20,000	1	5/60	1,667
Repository of Tools and Best Practices	100,000	1	10/60	16,667
Total		122,000		18,584

The Deputy Director for Extramural Research, Jon Lorsch, having reviewed and approved this document, authorizes Alycia Booth, who is the **Federal Register Liaison**, to electronically sign this document for purposes of publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 1, 2026.

Alycia Booth,

Federal Register Liaison, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 1009 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: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel Member Conflict: Epidemiology and Population Health.

Date: July 29, 2026.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Magnus A. Azuine, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–7579, magnus.azuine@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Population Sciences and Epidemiology Integrated Review Group Reproductive, Perinatal and Pediatric Health Study Section.

Date: July 29–30, 2026.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Sheila Pirooznia, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594–7259, sheila.pirooznia@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel Bacterial Innate Immunomodulation and Pathogenesis.

Date: July 29, 2026.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Mairi Noverr, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (240) 747–7530, mairi.noverr@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel Member Conflict: Clinical Care, Treatment and Disease Management.

Date: July 29, 2026.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Karin Eyrich Garg, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institute of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594–2988, karin.garg@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel Fellowships: Synthetic and Medicinal Chemistry and Chemical Biology.

Date: July 29–30, 2026.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting

Contact Person: John J. Laffan, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Dr., Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 443–7154, laffanjo@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel Member Conflict: Neurodegenerative Diseases.

Date: July 29, 2026.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Kathryn Partlow, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 1016D, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594–2138, partlowkc@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel Member Conflict: Topics in Bacterial Interspecies, Host Interactions, and Pathogenesis.

Date: July 29, 2026.

Time: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.