

used, indicate the type(s) of material exercised. How many total exercises were accomplished?

5. Were lessons learned from the exercise incorporated into response planning and the community emergency plan?

6. Provide the number of LEPC members who attend meetings, conferences, or other opportunities for preparedness and response education.

7. Provide the number of LEPCs with the different types of preparedness projects and outreach initiatives they conducted to improve community awareness and safety.

8. For those LEPCs that retained HMEP funding, describe the type of projects that were funded and the cost associated with each along with a description of the process used to award the project (risk analysis, needs assessment, etc.).

9. Provide the total number of hazardous materials response teams located in each of the states/tribe/territory to include industry teams.

#### Questions Pertaining to Training

10. Did state grantees provide training directly? Did they go through an outside contracted organization to provide training, or a combination of both?

11. If state grantees provided training, how many people (fire, police, emergency medical services (EMS), other\*) received hazmat training in the past year in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 1910.120; and to what level of training did they receive: Awareness, Operation, Specialist, Technician and refresher training of these levels. Was the training fully funded or funded in part\*\* by HMEP grant funds?

12. Did people receive Incident Command System (ICS) or other types of response related training? Examples of other type of training events would be Transportation Community Awareness and Emergency Response (TRANSCAER), regional or national hazmat training conferences etc.

13. Were there classes offered other than those in accordance with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) or OSHA standards? If so, how was the offering of the course determined, the number of people trained, and the type of training conducted?

14. For those states that provided funding to LEPCs for training, provide the number of LEPCs to receive funding for training with the amount received for each. Provide the number of people (fire, police, EMS, other) in each level who received hazmat training in the past year in accordance with OSHA

1910.120. Break down the number of people trained in each hazmat level: Awareness, Operation, Specialist, Technician, and annual refresher training by level in accordance with OSHA 1910.120. Provide information on who provided the training, the number trained for each, and the type of training delivered. Was the training fully funded or funded in part\*\* by HMEP grant funds?

15. For those states that provided funding to LEPCs, were classes offered other than those in accordance with NFPA or OSHA standards? If so, how was the offering of the course determined, the number of people trained, and the type of training conducted?

16. Was the training provided based on a change in the emergency plan or lessons learned through exercises? If so, explain.

\*\*“Other” may include Public Works, Emergency Operations Center (EOC), emergency support functions, liaison officer, safety officer personnel, etc.

\*\*If HMEP funds are used in any way, it counts as in part (e.g., books, prerequisite training, training equipment, etc.).

#### II. Implementation of Additional Questions

PHMSA acknowledges that the revision of the list of questions from the December 21, 2007, 30-day notice into three sections as outlined above may continue to represent a source of concern to grantees already faced with limited resources. We base this belief on comments received by PHMSA in response to both the 60-day and 30-day notice. Therefore, in a further effort to minimize the burden on grantees and to also meet our goal to evaluate the effectiveness of the program, we are including only the questions from Part II, “Reporting of Authorized Expenditures,” and Part III, “Reporting of Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Accomplishments,” in the 2008 HMEP application kit. These questions are to be answered during the close-out procedures conducted and submitted at the end of the application cycle. We are reserving the questions from Part I “State or Tribe Assessment of Hazardous Materials Transportation Fees” for use in a pilot project that we are currently developing. The pilot program will collect information on hazardous materials fees from a small number of states. The pilot approach will allow us to “test” the questions with a limited number of states and establish a process that might allow for

full implementation of the questions at a later date.

#### III. Information Collection Burden for the HMEP Grant Program

The total revised information collection burden for the HMEP grant program follows:

*Title:* Hazardous Materials Public Sector Training and Planning Grants.

*OMB Control Number:* 2137–0586.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved information collection. Abstract: Part 110 of 49 CFR sets forth the procedures for reimbursable grants for public sector planning and training in support of the emergency planning and training efforts of states, Indian tribes and local communities to manage hazardous materials emergencies, particularly those involving transportation. Sections in this part address information collection and recordkeeping with regard to applying for grants, monitoring expenditures, and reporting and requesting modifications.

*Affected Public:* State and local governments, Indian tribes.

*Recordkeeping:*

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 68.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 68.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 5,290.

*Frequency of Collection:* On occasion.

Issued in Washington, DC, on July 3, 2008.

**Edward T. Mazzullo,**

*Director, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–0579]

#### Proposed Information Collection (Request for Vocational Training Benefits—Certain Children of Vietnam Veterans); Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA), Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed

extension of a currently approved collection and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on the information needed to determine children of Vietnam veterans born with birth defects eligibility for vocational training benefits.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before September 8, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420 or e-mail to [nancy.kessinger@va.gov](mailto:nancy.kessinger@va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-0579" in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.Regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 461-9769 or FAX (202) 275-5947.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13; 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. This request for comment is being made pursuant to Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA.

With respect to the following collection of information, VBA invites comments on: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of VBA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of VBA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (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 respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or the use of other forms of information technology.

*Title:* Request for Vocational Training Benefits—Certain Children of Vietnam Veterans, 38 CFR 21.8014).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-0579.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* Vietnam veterans' children born with certain birth defects may submit a written claim to request participation in a vocational training

program. In order for VA to relate the claim to other existing VA records, applicants must provide identifying information about themselves and the natural parent who served in Vietnam. The information collected will allow VA counselors to review existing records and to schedule an appointment with the applicant to evaluate the claim.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 15 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* One-time.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 60.

Dated: June 30, 2008.

By direction of the Secretary.

**Denise McLamb,**

*Program Analyst, Records Management Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

**[OMB Control No. 2900-New (10-21085a-e(NR))]**

### Agency Information Collection Activities (Prevalence and Clinical Course of Depression Among Patients with Heart Failure) Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3521), this notice announces that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), Department of Veterans Affairs, has submitted the collection of information abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The PRA submission describes the nature of the information collection and its expected cost and burden and includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 11, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information through <http://www.Regulations.gov>; or to VA's OMB Desk Officer, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 (202) 395-7316. Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-New (10-21085a-e(NR))" in any correspondence.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Denise McLamb, Records Management Service (005R1B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-7485, fax (202) 273-0443 or e-mail [denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov](mailto:denise.mclamb@mail.va.gov). Please refer to "OMB Control No. 2900-New (10-21085a-e(NR))."

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Title:* Prevalence and Clinical Course of Depression Among Patients with Heart Failure, VA HSR&D, Nursing Research Initiative No. 05-209-3, VA Form 10-21085a-e(NR).

*OMB Control Number:* 2900-New (10-21085a-e(NR)).

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Abstract:* The forms will be used to evaluate the prevalence of clinical depression and depressive symptoms among veterans with heart failure during periods of hospitalization and out patient care. The data will be used to identify the patterns of depression and to understand the temporal relationship between clinical depression, alterations in physical functions, and levels of circulating biochemical markers in heart failure patients.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on April 28, 2008 at page 23009.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1,362.  
a. VA Form 10-21085a(NR)—18 hours.

b. VA Form 10-21085b(NR)—109 hours.

c. VA Form 10-21085c(NR)—872 hours.

d. VA Form 10-21085d(NR)—218 hours.

e. VA Form 10-21085e(NR)—145 hours.

*Estimated Average Burden Per Respondent:*

a. VA Form 10-21085a(NR)—5 minutes.

b. VA Form 10-21085b(NR)—5 minutes.

c. VA Form 10-21085c(NR)—40 minutes.

d. VA Form 10-21085d(NR)—10 minutes.

e. VA Form 10-21085e(NR)—10 minutes.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 5,014.