

manufacturer of beryllium in the U.S. This has allowed us to establish well-characterized worker cohorts within the beryllium industry. (b) It is conducting industrial hygiene research that should significantly improve workplace-based exposure assessment methods. This research will allow characterization of

jobs and tasks by physicochemical characteristics, leading to an estimation of dose rather than mass concentration-based exposure. (c) It has pioneered the evaluation of the dermal exposure route in the beryllium sensitization process. (d) It has developed and improved genetic research that will contribute to

the understanding of risk variability in sensitization and disease, as well as discerning the underlying mechanisms. (e) NIOSH has the institutional stability to continue longitudinal evaluations of health outcomes in relation to exposure and genetic risk factors. There is no cost to respondents other than their time.

ESTIMATES OF ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses / respondent	Average burden/response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Former Workers	100	1	30/60	50

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Notice and Solicitation for Written Comments on the Draft CDC Health Protection Research Guide, 2006-2015

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (hereto referred to as CDC) announces the availability for public comment of the draft *CDC Health Protection Research Guide, 2006-2015*. CDC is requesting input on this *Research Guide* because maximizing the health impact of public health research can only be achieved through the collective efforts of CDC, other Federal agencies, State and local partners, academic partners, business partners, non-profit organizations, professional societies, and the public. Please provide input on any aspect of the *Research Guide*, including but not limited to:

- Scope and use of the *Research Guide* (including whether it has identified the areas of health protection research that most need to be addressed within the next decade);
- Relevance and level of specificity of the proposed research topics;
- Additions, deletions or modifications to the proposed research topics;
- *Research Guide* development process; and
- Other improvements to the *Research Guide*.

DATES: The public comment period is 60 days long. Written comments must be received by close of business on January 15, 2006 at either of the addresses listed below.

ADDRESSES: The draft *CDC Health Protection Research Guide, 2006-2015* is available for review by visiting the Internet site, http://www.rsvpBOOK.com/custom_pages/50942/index.php, or by contacting Jamila Rashid, PhD, Senior Health Scientist, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Office Of Public Health Research, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., MD D-72, Atlanta, GA 30333, 404-639-4621, ResearchGuide@cdc.gov, for a hard copy. Written comments may be submitted electronically at the Internet site or at the email address listed above. Written comments may also be sent to the mailing address above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information about the *CDC Health Protection Research Guide* is available via the Office of Public Health Research Web site, <http://www.cdc.gov/od/ophr/cdcra.htm> or may be obtained by communicating with the contact whose name and telephone number is listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 10, 2005, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention launched an effort to develop its first ever, agency-wide *CDC Public Health Protection Research Guide, 2006-2015*. The new *Research Guide* will address and support CDC's Health Protection Goals (For additional information about the Goals please see <http://www.cdc.gov/about/goals>).

The *Research Guide* will also provide overall guidance for CDC's intramural and extramural research as well as serve as an effective planning and communication tool for CDC's public health research.

The public comment period will give researchers, representatives of CDC's

key partner organizations and the public the opportunity to voice their opinions regarding the *CDC Health Protection Research Guide, 2006-2015* and the future direction of CDC's public health research. The public comment period will begin on November 18, 2005 and end on January 15, 2006.

The Chief Science Officer, CDC, has been delegated the authority to sign general **Federal Register** notices for both the CDC and ATSDR.

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Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

AGENCY: Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions;