

DATES: Submit written comments on the collection of information by July 20, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information by fax 202.395.6974 to the OMB Desk Officer for AoA, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yvonne Jackson; Director; Office for American Indian, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian Programs; Administration on Aging; Washington, DC, 20201; (202) 357-3501; Yvonne.Jackson@aoa.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, AoA has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance. AoA is requesting a continuation of an existing collection for Annual Program Performance Reports for Older Americans Act Title VI grantees. Information from the Title VI Program Performance Report provides a data base for AoA to (1) monitor program achievement of performance objectives; (2) establish program policy and direction; and (3) prepare responses to Congress, the OMB, the U.S. Government Accountability Office, other federal departments, and public and private agencies as required by the OAA Title II sections 202(a)19 and 208; and (4) prepare data for the Federal Interagency Task Force on Older Indians established pursuant to section 134(d) of the 1987 Amendments to the OAA. If AoA did not collect the program data herein requested, it would not be able to monitor and manage total program progress as expected, nor develop program policy options directed toward assuring the most effective use of limited Title VI funds. Reports are due annually on June 30th. AoA submits an annual report to Congress and the reporting data is included in that report. Estimated Number of Responses: 246. Total Estimated Burden Hours: 615.

In the **Federal Register** of April 8, 2009 (Vol. 74, No. 66, Pages 15984-15985), the agency requested comments on the proposed collection of information. No comments were received.

Dated: June 12, 2009.

Edwin L. Walker,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Aging.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60 Day-09-0595]

Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. Alternatively, to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instrument, call 404-639-5960 and send comments to Maryam I. Daneshvar, CDC Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road NE., MS-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30333; comments may also be sent by e-mail to omb@cdc.gov.

Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarify of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of information technology. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

The Model Performance Evaluation Program for HIV Rapid Testing (MPEP HIV-RT) (OMB Control No. 0920-0595, expiration date 3/31/2010)—Revision—National Center for Preparedness, Detection, and Control of Infectious Diseases (NCPDCID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Brief Description and Background

To support CDC's mission of improving public health and preventing disease through continuously improving laboratory practices, CDC is requesting approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to continue data collection activities of the HIV rapid testing performance evaluation program

(MPEP HIV RT) and to make changes to the results form.

This program offers external performance evaluation (PE) twice a year for rapid HIV tests approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Examples of such tests are the OraQuick ADVANCE Rapid HIV-1/2 Antibody Test, the Uni-Gold Recombigen HIV test, the Clearview HIV 1/2 STAT-PAK, the Clearview COMPLETE HIV 1/2, and the MedMira Reveal G3 Rapid HIV-1 Antibody Test. Participation in PE programs is expected to lead to improved HIV testing performance because participants have the opportunity to identify areas for improvement in their testing practices. This program helps to ensure accurate HIV rapid testing which is the foundation for HIV prevention and intervention programs.

This program offers laboratories/testing sites opportunities for:

(1) Assuring that the laboratories/testing sites are providing accurate test results through external quality assessment

(2) Improving testing quality through self-evaluation in a non-regulatory environment

(3) Testing well characterized samples from a source outside the test kit manufacturer

(4) Discovering potential testing problems so that laboratories/testing sites can adjust procedures to reduce and eliminate errors

(5) Comparing individual laboratory/testing site results to others at the national and international level, and

(6) Consulting with CDC staff to discuss testing issues.

Program participants receive PE samples twice each year and report testing results to CDC. In addition to conducting the performance evaluation, participants in the MPEP HIV Rapid Testing program are required to complete a biennial (every other year) laboratory practices questionnaire. The burden for the Laboratory Practices Questionnaire has been adjusted for the average per year, since respondents complete the survey every two years. CDC does not charge any fees to sites participating in this external quality assessment program.

There is no cost to respondents to participate in this program.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Labs	660	2	10/60	220
Labs	330	1	30/60	165
Total				385

Dated: June 11, 2009.

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Reports Clearance Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Proposed Project

Model Performance Evaluation Program for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and Non-tuberculous Mycobacterium Drug Susceptibility Testing (OMB Control No. 0920-0600, expiration date 03/31/2010)—Revision—National Center for Preparedness, Detection, and Control of Infectious Diseases (NCPDCID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

As part of the continuing effort to support both domestic and global public health objectives for treatment of tuberculosis (TB), prevention of multi-drug resistance, and surveillance programs, CDC is requesting approval from the Office of Management and Budget to continue data collection from participants in the Model Performance Evaluation Program for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and Non-tuberculous Mycobacterium Drug Susceptibility Testing. This request includes changes to the Results Form and re-introduction of the Laboratory Practices Questionnaire.

While the overall number of cases of TB in the U.S. has decreased, rates still remain high among foreign-born persons, prisoners, homeless populations, and individuals infected with HIV in major metropolitan areas. The rate of TB cases detected in foreign-born persons has been reported to be more than nine times higher than the rate among the U.S. born population. CDC's goal to eliminate TB will be virtually impossible without considerable effort in assisting heavy disease burden countries in the reduction of tuberculosis. The Model Performance Evaluation Program for *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and Non-tuberculous Mycobacterium Drug Susceptibility Testing program supports this role by monitoring and evaluating the level of performance and practices among national and international

laboratories performing *M. tuberculosis* susceptibility testing. Participation in this program is one way laboratories can ensure high-quality laboratory testing, resulting in accurate and reliable testing results.

By providing an evaluation program to assess the ability of the laboratories to test for drug resistant *M. tuberculosis* and selected strains of Non-tuberculous *Mycobacteria* (NTM), laboratories also have a self-assessment tool to aid in optimizing their skills in susceptibility testing. The information obtained from laboratories on susceptibility testing practices and procedures is used to establish variables related to good performance, assessing training needs, and aid with the development of practice standards.

Participants in this program include domestic clinical and public health laboratories and international laboratories. Data collection from domestic laboratory participants occurs twice per year. Data collection from international laboratories is limited to those that have public health responsibilities for tuberculosis drug susceptibility testing and have obtained approval to participate by their national tuberculosis program. The data collected in this program will include the susceptibility test results of primary and secondary drugs, drug concentrations, and test methods performed by laboratories on a set of performance evaluation (PE) samples. The PE samples are sent to participants twice a year. Participants also report demographic data such as laboratory type and the number of tests performed annually. Participants report this data every two years. The burden for the Laboratory Practices Questionnaire has been adjusted for the average per year, since responses are received every other year.

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