

Malignancies also have been transmitted by solid organs. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) oversees the transplantation of solid organs through the Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) administered by the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS). OPTN policy requires reporting of all potential donor-derived infections to UNOS and notification of institutions that recovered organs and tissues from that donor.

For tissues, disease transmission reports are less frequent but include transmission of HCV, Group A streptococcus, *Clostridium spp.*, and *Chryseobacterium meningosepticum*. Unlike solid organs, risk of disease transmission depends on multiple factors related to the graft, including the feasibility and effectiveness of processing, which may vary according to tissue type and specific processing or manipulation procedures. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA), Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, regulates articles containing or consisting of human cells or tissues intended for implantation, transplantation, infusion, or transfer into a human recipient as human cells, tissues, or cellular or tissue-based products (HCT/Ps). HCT/P establishments are required to report to FDA all serious infections following graft transplantation. However, healthcare providers are not required to report adverse events, and healthcare facilities that do not perform any steps in tissue manufacture (recovery, processing, storage, labeling, packaging, distribution, or donor screening or testing) are not subject to any FDA regulation for HCT/Ps.

Because organs and tissues can come from the same donor, a TSN should provide the mechanism for standardizing allograft identifiers, tracking of organ and tissue receipt, rapid notification of and response to potential disease transmissions, benchmarking of sentinel events and integration into a national biovigilance network. Specifically utilizing these system characteristics, all relevant recovery, processing, distributing and implanting institutions could rapidly communicate when a possible disease transmission is identified. This may prevent any further use of allografts with transmissible diseases in additional recipients after a problem is recognized and allow for earlier initiation of treatment or prophylaxis of recipients, potentially resulting in reduction of transmission events or resulting morbidity and mortality.

A national TSN needs to avoid duplication of the OPTN or of FDA reporting mechanisms; however, interfacing with these existing systems is critical. A national TSN could be coordinated by CDC in collaboration with other agencies of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and external partners. In addition, HHS has recognized health information technology (IT) data and exchange standards to promote the exchange of health information across the healthcare landscape. The National Health IT activities initiated by the HHS Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) has examined incorporating reporting criteria into Electronic Health Records (EHRs) which could assist in the possible identification and reporting of public health cases and adverse events. Reporting criteria which are incorporated and utilized by EHRs may include: general and specific reporting considerations, as well as the identification of data and events that may trigger a report, additional questions that may need to be asked of reporters, and the identification of specific data that may need to be reported. Integrating these requirements into a national TSN system is vital to the long term viability of the program.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority

This notice amends Part R of the Statement of Organization, Functions and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) (60 FR 56605, as amended November 6, 1995; as last amended at 74 FR 37718-37723 dated July 29, 2009).

This notice reflects organizational changes in the Health Resources and Services Administration. This notice renames the Office of Performance Review (RE) to the Office of Regional Operations (ORO) (RE), and changes the mission and functions of the office.

Chapter RE—Office of Regional Operations (RE)

Section RE-00, Mission

Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

The mission of ORO is to improve health care systems and America's health care safety net, increase access to quality care, reduce disparities, and advance public health by providing leadership in support of the HHS and HRSA missions, goals and strategic priorities in each region.

Section RE-10, Organization

Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

The Office of Regional Operations (RE) is headed by the Associate Administrator who reports directly to the Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration. The Office of Regional Operations includes the following components:

1. Office of the Associate Administrator (RE);
2. Boston Regional Division (RF12) serves Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont;
3. New York Regional Division (RF13) serves New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico and the United States Virgin Islands;
4. Philadelphia Regional Division (RF11) serves Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia;
5. Atlanta Regional Division (RF21) serves Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee;
6. Chicago Regional Division (RF31) serves Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin;
7. Dallas Regional Division (RF41) serves Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas;
8. Kansas City Regional Division (RF32) serves Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska;
9. Denver Regional Division (RF42) serves Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming;
10. San Francisco Regional Division (RF51) serves Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau; and
11. Seattle Regional Division (RF52) serves Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

Section RE-20, Functions

Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

ORO serves as the regional component of HRSA by: (1) Providing leadership on HRSA's mission, goals, priorities and initiatives in regions, States and territories; (2) providing ongoing surveillance and analysis of health care environmental trends and making recommendations to HRSA Senior Management and other government officials on ways to improve the effectiveness of policies and programs; (3) generating and sustaining collaborative efforts between State health care leaders, HRSA managers and HRSA program resources in each State to improve public health and health care systems; (4) fostering greater alignment and collaboration between HRSA's assets, private and other public assets in communities, in pursuit of commonly held goals and improved/integrated systems of care; (5) providing assistance to grant recipients in partnership with HRSA program leaders, including: (a) the conduct of performance reviews, (b) the conduct of site visits for grantees with problems meeting program requirements or demonstrating poor operational performance, (c) the conduct of other types of site visits in support of HRSA programs, and (d) the collection and dissemination of leading/innovative practices; (6) providing support for recruitment and retention of primary health care providers in Health Professions Shortage Areas; (7) conducting other activities designed to improve access to quality care, reduce disparities and improve public health in accordance with HRSA authorities and in partnership with related public and private sector organizations; and (8) exercising line management authority related to general administrative and management functions of ORO.

Section RB-30, Delegations of Authority

All delegations of authority and re-delegations of authority made to HRSA officials that were in effect immediately prior to this reorganization, and that are consistent with this reorganization, shall continue in effect pending further re-delegation.

This reorganization is effective upon the date of signature.

Dated: September 14, 2009.

Mary K. Wakefield,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA-2009-0001]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice; 60-day notice and request for comments; new information collection; OMB No. 1660-NEW2; FEMA Form 089-6, FRSGP Investment Justification.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a proposed new information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this Notice seeks comments concerning the Freight Rail Security Grant Program (FRSGP).

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before November 20, 2009.

ADDRESSES: To avoid duplicate submissions to the docket, please use only one of the following means to submit comments:

(1) *Online.* Submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket ID FEMA-2009-0001. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

(2) *Mail.* Submit written comments to Office of Chief Counsel, Regulation and Policy Team, DHS/FEMA, 500 C Street, SW., Room 835, Wash., DC 20472-3100.

(3) *Facsimile.* Submit comments to (703) 483-2999.

(4) *E-mail.* Submit comments to FEMA-POLICY@dhs.gov. Include docket ID FEMA-2009-0001 in the subject line.

All submissions received must include the agency name and docket ID. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to read the Privacy Act notice that is available on the Privacy and Use Notice link on the Administration Navigation Bar of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Contact Alexander Mrazik, Program Analyst, Grant Programs Directorate,

202-786-9732 for additional information. You may contact the Records Management Branch for copies of the proposed collection of information at facsimile number (202) 646-3347 or e-mail address: FEMA-Information-Collections@dhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Freight Rail Security Grant Program (FRSGP) is a component of the Transit Security Grant Program (TSGP) and funds security training for railroad frontline employees, the completion of vulnerability assessments, the development of security plans and the acquisition of GPS tracking on railroad cars within the freight rail industry. The FRSGP is one tool among a comprehensive set of measures authorized by Congress and implemented by the Administration to help strengthen the Nation's critical infrastructure against risks associated with potential terrorist attacks.

The collection of information for FRSGP is mandated by section 1513, Title XV of the *Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007* (6 U.S.C. 1163) which states that the Secretary, in consultation with the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration and other appropriate agencies or officials, is authorized to make grants to railroad carriers, the Alaska Railroad, security-sensitive materials (SSM) offerors who ship by railroad, owners of railroad cars used in the transportation of security-sensitive materials, State and local governments (for railroad passenger facilities and infrastructure not owned by Amtrak), and Amtrak for intercity passenger railroad and freight railroad security improvements. Additionally, the Secretary shall determine the requirements for recipients of grants and may award grants based upon railroad carrier vulnerability assessments and security plans.

Collection of Information

Title: FEMA FY 2009 Preparedness Grants: Freight Rail Security Grant Program (FRSGP).

Type of Information Collection: New information collection.

OMB Number: OMB No. 1660-NEW2.

Form Titles and Numbers: FEMA Form 089-6, FRSGP Investment Justification.

Abstract: The FRSGP Investment Justification is submitted with the application which provides narrative details on proposed investments. These Investment Justifications must demonstrate how proposed projects address gaps and deficiencies in current programs and capabilities and the