

Background and Brief Description

Executive Order 12862 directs Federal agencies that provide services directly to the public to survey customers to determine the kind and quality of services they need and their level of satisfaction with existing services.

CDC releases a number of new products each year to its customers, a diverse group that includes health care providers, researchers, public health practitioners, policy makers, and the general public. The term product is broadly defined to include publications,

Web pages, podcasts, e-cards, CD-ROMs, and videos. At present, there is no mechanism for evaluating whether these products are meeting customer needs.

CDC is requesting a 3-year generic clearance in order to better evaluate its products. Obtaining feedback from customers on a regular, on-going basis will help ensure that customers find CDC products to be useful. This type of evaluation will allow CDC to maximize the impact of its products which will ultimately benefit the public's health. The estimate of annual burden was

based on approximately 20 new products being released by CDC/NCIPC each year. This number is consistent with the number of products released annually over the last 5 years. Approximately 2500 hard copies of each product are distributed to customers annually. Each product is disseminated electronically (via e-mail) to 3000 customers each year. Finally, product Web sites receive approximately 1800 hits a month or 21,600 hits a year.

There is no cost to the respondents other than their time. The total estimated burden hours are 90,333.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Types of respondents	Types of form	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
Public	Response cards	50,000	1	10/60
	E-mail Assessments	60,000	1	10/60
	Web-Based Assessments	432,000	1	10/60

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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. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call 404-639-5960 or send comments to Maryam Daneshvar, CDC Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D74, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an 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 clarity 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 automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

National Notifiable Condition Messaging Support Strategy Questionnaire—New—National Center for Public Health Informatics (NCPHI), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The Public Health Services Act (42 U.S.C. 241) authorizes CDC to disseminate nationally notifiable condition information. CDC's *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report* publishes incidence and prevalence tables for nationally notifiable conditions reported through the National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDSS) and other surveillance data sources to the National Notifiable Diseases Surveillance System (NNDSS).

NEDSS (OMB 0920-0728) is an internet-based infrastructure for public health surveillance data exchange that uses specific Public Health Information Network (PHIN) and NEDSS electronic data and information standards to advance the development of efficient, integrated, and interoperable surveillance systems at federal, state

and local levels. CDC's NCPHI is responsible for establishing and managing the national reporting system of epidemiologic data for notifiable conditions (diseases) via NEDSS.

Case notification messaging for most of the nationally notifiable conditions (77 infectious conditions as of August 2009) will eventually be supported by the standard Health Level 7 (HL7) message format. The HL7 message format requires a Message Mapping Guide (MMG)—developed by the NEDSS and NNDSS programs, in collaboration with state and federal subject matter experts—to implement case notification to CDC via NEDSS. By the close of 2009, MMGs are expected to be published for seven nationally notifiable conditions. Current NEDSS resources support the development of three new MMGs per year. A jurisdiction's implementation of a MMG requires an average of three months per MMG and largely requires NCPHI's programmatic and technical expertise during this process.

The National Notifiable Condition Messaging Support Strategy Questionnaire has been developed by the NEDSS program to gather information needed for formulating a technical and project management support strategy for 57 reporting jurisdictions (i.e., 50 states, 5 territories, New York City, and Washington, DC) as they implement NEDSS messaging using Message Mapping Guides (MMG). A jurisdiction's response to the questionnaire will be used by the NEDSS implementation and

management teams to assess the jurisdiction's IT system environment and capacity and help determine the project schedule and level of human and technical support needed to complete the jurisdiction's implementation of a nationally notifiable condition message. NEDSS infrastructure implementation support includes, but is not limited to: Implementing NEDSS Message

Subscription Service (MSS) and NEDSS Messaging Solution (NMS) software in requesting jurisdictions; providing MSS and NMS software training and ongoing technical support; and distributing funding via the CDC Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity cooperative agreement.

Questionnaires will be distributed to jurisdictions who initiate MMG implementation for a condition;

therefore, the maximum annual frequency of responses per jurisdiction is three. The NEDSS team will request the jurisdiction to voluntarily complete the questionnaire, but a response is not a pre-requisite for support.

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

ESTIMATE OF ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
States	50	3	40/60	100
Territories	5	3	40/60	10
Cities	2	3	40/60	4
Total				114

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Proposed Project

Survey of Healthcare Workers' Health and Safety Practices—New—National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The mission of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is to promote safety and health at work for all people through research and prevention. Under Public Law 91-596, Sections 20 and 22 (Section 20-22, Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970), NIOSH has the responsibility to conduct research to advance the health and safety of workers. In this capacity, NIOSH will conduct a survey of healthcare workers.

Healthcare workers represent over 8% of the U.S. workforce with many occupations projected to substantially grow in the next ten years. Healthcare workers experience higher rates of illness and injury as compared to workers in other industries and are at increased risk for many of the types of adverse health effects potentially caused by exposure to hazardous chemical agents. The proposed hazard surveillance survey will provide important information on work

practices associated with the use of important classes of hazardous chemical agents including aerosolized medications, antineoplastic agents, chemical sterilants, high level disinfectants, surgical smoke, and anesthetic gases. This survey is the first of its kind by the Federal government or others. The data collected will describe the prevalence and distribution of health and safety practices and the use of exposure controls and barriers to their use for each of these chemical agents, by occupation and by type and by size of work setting. The study population for this survey includes members of professional organizations who represent healthcare workers in many occupations which use or are exposed to these chemical agents. NIOSH will use the data to guide interventions and future research. The participating professional organizations indicated that the data will be useful for benchmarking, identifying areas for expanding guidelines and for health and safety promotion.

The proposed survey is modular in design and will be available only online. The survey includes separate chemical hazard modules addressing the previously mentioned hazardous chemical agents, and a core module which gathers information on a broad range of health and safety issues affecting healthcare workers, in addition to demographic information. Members of the participating professional organizations will be recruited by email which will be sent by each professional organization to their members. All respondents will complete a brief screening questionnaire. If one or more of the chemical agents under study was