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By Direction of the Commission.

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**Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call (404) 639-7570 or send an email to [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov). Send written comments to CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-5806. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

**Proposed Project**

Virtual Reality to Train and Assess Emergency Responders—New—National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

*Background and Brief Description*

NIOSH, under Public Law 91-173 as amended by Public Law 95-164 (Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977), and Public Law 109-236 (Mine Improvement and New Emergency Response Act of 2006) has the responsibility to conduct research to improve working conditions and to prevent accidents and occupational diseases in underground coal and metal/nonmetal mines in the U.S.

The turn of the 21st century started with much promise for the coal mining industry. Because there was only one underground disaster in the 1990s, it seemed that emergency response in the United States no longer needed to be a top research priority. However, major coal mine disasters between 2001 and 2010 have resulted in 65 fatalities. These events highlighted the critical need to balance investments to reduce low probability/high severity events with those that focus on frequent, but less severe injuries and illnesses.

The present research project seeks to determine optimal use of virtual reality (VR) technologies for training and assessing mine emergency responders using the Mine Rescue and Escape Training Laboratory (MRET Lab). Responders include specially trained individuals, such as mine rescue or fire brigade team members, and also managers and miners who may either be called upon to respond to an emergency situation or engage in self-protective actions in response to an emergency. This project is a step toward determining how new immersive virtual reality technologies should be used for miner training and testing in the US. The project objective will be achieved through specific aims in two related areas as illustrated below.

Training Assessment

1. Evaluate four training modules.
2. Evaluate participant reactions.
3. Develop guidelines.

Training Development

4. Use 3D technologies to develop a prototype for a mine rescue closed-circuit breathing apparatus (e.g., Dräger BG4).

To accomplish these goals over the life of the project, researchers will utilize a variety of data collection strategies, including self-report pre-and post-test instruments for assessing trainee reaction and measuring learning. Data collection will take place with approximately 150 underground coal miners over three years. The respondents targeted for this study include rank-and-file miners, mine rescue team members, and mine safety and health professionals. A sample of 150 individuals will be collected from various mining operations and mine rescue teams which have agreed to participate. All participants will be between the ages of 18 and 65, currently employed, and living in the United States. Findings will be used to improve the safety and health of underground coal miners by assessing the efficacy of immersive VR environments for teaching critical mine safety and health skills.

To assess learning as a result of training, each participant will complete a pre-training questionnaire, a post-simulation questionnaire, and a post-training questionnaire. Participants evaluating the closed-circuit breathing apparatus training will only complete a version of the pre-training questionnaire. There is no cost to respondents other than their time. The total estimated annual burden hours are 32.

**ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
Dräger BG4 participants (i.e., closed circuit breathing apparatus training participants).	Pre-Training Questionnaire .....	30	1	3/60
Mine Rescue participants .....	Pre-Training Questionnaire .....	60	1	3/60
	Post-Simulation Questionnaire .....	60	1	3/60
	Post-Training Questionnaire .....	60	1	3/60
Mine Escape participants .....	Pre-Training Questionnaire .....	60	1	3/60
	Post-Simulation Questionnaire .....	60	1	3/60
	Post-Training Questionnaire .....	60	1	3/60
Mine Escape/Longwall Mining participants .....	Pre/Post-Training Knowledge Test ..	30	1	6/60
Mine Escape/Continuous Mining participants .....	Pre/Post-Training Knowledge Test ..	30	1	6/60
Mine Rescue/Longwall Mining participants .....	Pre/Post-Training Knowledge Test ..	30	1	6/60
Mine Rescue/Continuous Mining participants .....	Pre/Post-Training Knowledge Test ..	30	1	6/60

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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 404-639-7570 or send comments to Ron Otten, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D74, Atlanta, GA 30333 or send an email to [omb@cdc.gov](mailto: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**

HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Program—Extension—National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and Tuberculosis Prevention (NCHHSTP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

*Background and Brief Description*

CDC is requesting Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval of a 3-year extension to administer surveys to respondents who plan HIV/AIDS day awareness activities during the next 3 years. The name and dates for the annual HIV/AIDS awareness day campaigns are: National Black HIV Awareness Day—February 7th; National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day—March 20th; National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day—May 19th; and National Latino AIDS Awareness Day—October 15th. The purpose of the surveys is to assess the number and types of HIV/AIDS prevention activities planned and implemented in observance of each of the four noted HIV/AIDS awareness day campaigns. This extension is required to continue the work of HIV/AIDS in among the African American, Native American, Latino, and Asian Pacific Islander populations. Each of the awareness days have reached a landmark year. This has

been done through national outreach and mobilization efforts towards their targeted populations as well as awareness to the general population about HIV/AIDS issues that impact their communities.

The importance of each day has been demonstrated in reaching beyond traditional audience. This has been done by collaborating with agencies and organizations who serve the public health in areas affected by HIV/AIDS. A more proactive role has been shared between each of the planning committees and the communities they serve. Testing and linkage to care has been a staple for each of the days. Also, each of the groups has fully used online resources to provide information and network with individuals and groups to help with their perspective cause(s).

After the date that each campaign occurs, the event planners will be asked to respond to a computer-based survey to collect qualitative data. They will go to the designated Web sites to review information about the campaigns and go to the section that allows them to enter information about their particular event. For example, the event planners will be asked to note the kind of events that they planned. The survey results are necessary to understand how and where HIV/AIDS awareness activities are planned and implemented.

These survey results will provide important information that will be used to develop HIV/AIDS prevention activities. The computer-based surveys take up to one hour. The surveys and are one-time only and will not require a follow-up. There is no cost to the respondents other than their time.

**ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
African-American HIV/AIDS awareness day activity planners.	National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Evaluation Report.	200	1	1	200
Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS awareness day activity planners.	National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Evaluation Report.	15	1	1	15
Latino HIV/AIDS awareness day activity planners.	National Latino AIDS Awareness Day Evaluation Report.	125	1	1	125
Native HIV/AIDS awareness day activity planners.	National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Evaluation Report.	35	1	1	35
<b>Total</b> .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	<b>375</b>