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**Proposed Collection; 60-Day Comment Request; Process and Outcomes Evaluation of NCI Physical Sciences in Oncology Centers (PS–OC) Initiative (NCI)**

**SUMMARY:** 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 National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Institutes of Health (NIH), will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the

proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

*To Submit Comments And For Further Information:* To obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, submit comments in writing, or request more information on the proposed project, contact: Nicole Moore, Division of Cancer Biology, 9609 Medical Center Drive, Room 6W508, Bethesda, MD 20892–9714 or call non-toll-free number 301–325–7534 or Email your request, including your address to: *Nicole.Moore@nih.gov*. Formal requests for additional plans and instruments must be requested in writing.

*Comment Due Date:* Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 60 days of the date of this publication.

**Proposed Collection: Process and Outcomes Evaluation of NCI Physical Sciences in Oncology Centers (PS–OC) Initiative (NCI), 0925–NEW, National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Institutes of Health (NIH)**

*Need and Use of Information Collection:* The NCI launched the Physical Sciences—Oncology Center (PS–OC; <http://physics.cancer.gov/>) program in 2009 as Phase I of the Physical Sciences in Oncology (PSO) Initiative. The PSO Initiative seeks to establish research projects that bring

together cancer biologists and oncologists with scientists from the fields of physics, mathematics, chemistry, and engineering to address some of the major questions and barriers in cancer research. As part of this initiative, evaluation plans were developed and consisted of three year components, dependent on which year the initiative is in: Prospective for beginning, structured for mid-point, and summative/full outcome evaluation for a decade after the program started. In 2015 the PSO Initiative is transitioning from the beginning to a mid-point phase, which represents a critical time to reflect on the initial outcomes and restructure the process evaluation to account for changes mid-way through the initiative. This proposed request is to conduct on-line surveys with current and former trainees and NCI grantees associated with the program and comparison groups. Additionally, an assessment of publications generated through the PS–OC program will be conducted via a virtual expert review panel. The evaluation will address trainee development and career path post program involvement as well as the impact of the program involvement on program outputs. Results from both the surveys and the expert peer reviewer panel will assess research innovation from the program and inform the future development of the PSO Initiative. This request is to gain OMB approval for the new submission titled, “Process and Outcomes Evaluation of NCI Physical Sciences in Oncology Centers (PS–OC) Initiative (NCI)” for 1 year.

OMB approval is requested for 1 year. There are no costs to respondents other than their time. The total estimated annualized burden hours are 955.

**ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Instrument	Type of respondent	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total annual burden hour
Survey .....	Current NCI Trainees .....	210	1	25/60	88
Survey .....	Former NCI Trainees .....	340	1	25/60	142
Survey .....	NCI Grantees .....	300	1	25/60	125
Scoring Sheet .....	Expert Reviewers .....	75	1	8	600

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