

4. Demonstrate how scientifically credible IDLH values can be derived from available data resources

The IDLH methodology outlined in this CIB reflects the modern principles and understanding in the fields of risk assessment, toxicology, and occupational health and provides the scientific rationale for the derivation of IDLH values based on contemporary risk assessment practices. According to this protocol, IDLH values are based on health effects considerations determined through a critical assessment of the toxicology and human health effects data. This approach ensures that the IDLH values reflect an airborne concentration of a substance that represents a high-risk situation that may endanger workers' lives or health. Relevant airborne concentrations are typically addressed through the characterization of inhalation exposures; however, airborne chemicals can also contribute to toxicity through other exposure routes, such as the skin and eyes. In this document, airborne concentrations are referred to as acute inhalation limits or guidelines to adhere to commonly used nomenclature.

The emphasis on health effects is consistent with both the traditional use of IDLH values as a component of the respirator selection logic and the growing applications of IDLH values in Risk Management Plan (RMPs) for non-routine work practices governing operations in high-risk environments (e.g., confined spaces) and the development of Emergency Preparedness Plans (EPPs). Incorporated in the IDLH methodology are the standing guidelines and procedures used for the development of community-based acute exposure limits called Acute Exposure Guideline Levels (AEGs). The inclusion of the AEG methodology has helped ensure that the health-based IDLH values derived with use of the guidance provided in this document are based on validated scientific rationale.

The IDLH methodology is based on a weight-of-evidence approach that applies scientific judgment for critical evaluation of the quality and consistency of scientific data and in extrapolation from the available data to the IDLH value. The weight-of-evidence approach refers to critical examination of all available data from diverse lines of evidence and the derivation of a scientific interpretation on the basis of the collective body of data, including its relevance, quality, and reported results. This is in contrast to a purely hierarchical or strength-of-evidence approach, which relies on rigid decision criteria for selecting a critical adverse

effect, a point of departure (POD), or the point on the dose-response curve from which dose extrapolation is initiated and for applying default uncertainty factors (UFs) to derive the IDLH value. Conceptually, the derivation process for IDLH values is similar to that used in other risk assessment applications, including these steps:

1. Hazard characterization.
2. Identification of critical adverse effects.
3. Identification of a POD.
4. Application of appropriate UFs, based on the study and POD.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The notice for the proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address any of the following: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of

responses; and (e) Assess information collection costs.

To request additional information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, call (404) 639-7570 or send an email to omb@cdc.gov. Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice should be directed to the Attention: 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

Public Health Associate Program (PHAP) Alumni Assessment—New—Office for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support (OSTLTS)—(proposed), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) works to protect America from health, safety and security threats, both foreign and in the U.S. CDC strives to fulfill this mission, in part, through a competent and capable public health workforce. One mechanism to developing the public health workforce is through training programs like the Public Health Associate Program (PHAP).

The mission of PHAP is to train and provide experiential learning to early career professionals who contribute to the public health workforce. PHAP targets recent graduates with bachelors or masters degrees who are beginning a career in public health. Each year, a new cohort of up to 200 associates is enrolled in the program. Associates are CDC employees who complete two-year assignments in a host site (i.e., a state, tribal, local, or territorial health department or non-profit organization). Host sites design their associates' assignments to meet their agency's unique needs while also providing on-the-job experience that prepares associates for future careers in public health. Associates also receive CDC-based training in core public health concepts and topics to provide the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to succeed in their assignments and provide a foundation for a career in public health. PHAP hosts an initial in-person orientation and annual public health training at CDC and offers long-distance learning opportunities throughout the program. It is the goal of PHAP that following participation in the two-year program, alumni will seek employment within the public health system (i.e., federal,

state, tribal, local, or territorial health agencies, or non-governmental organizations), focusing on public health or health/healthcare.

When PHAP originated in 2007, the program focused on increasing recruitment and enrollment; to date, there has been limited systematic assessment of the program. As a result, one current program priority is focused on documenting program outcomes to inform refinements to program processes and activities, demonstrate program impact, and inform decision making about future program direction. The purpose of this information collection request (ICR) is to gain approval to follow alumni career progression following participation in PHAP. The ICR will enable the program to demonstrate evidence of program outcomes, specifically to document how many alumni are retained as members of

the public health workforce, where alumni are employed, what topical and functional public health areas alumni support (e.g., chronic disease, infectious disease, assessment, communications, etc.), to what extent alumni support the capabilities of public health agencies at the federal, state, territorial, local, tribal, and non-governmental organizational levels, and to what extent PHAP has influenced alumni career paths (if at all). Information will be used to answer key program assessment questions, specifically: “Is PHAP a quality program?”, “Is PHAP an effective program?”, and “What is the impact of PHAP?”

CDC will administer the PHAP Alumni Assessment at two different time points (1 year post-graduation, and 3 years post-graduation) to PHAP alumni. Assessment questions will remain consistent at each

administration (i.e., 1 year, or 3 years post-PHAP graduation). The language, however, will be updated for each assessment administration to reflect the appropriate time period. It is estimated that there will be no more than 480 respondents (160 respondents annually) over the course of the three year approval period. Assessments will be administered electronically; each alumnus will receive an embedded link in an email invitation that is unique to that alumnus; each alumnus will only have access to his/her link to the assessment Web site. The total estimated burden is 8 minutes per respondent per assessment. The total annualized estimated burden is 21 hours.

There are no costs to respondents except their time.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
PHAP Alumni	PHAP Alumni Assessment	160	1	8/60

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Request for the Technical Review of 19 Draft Skin Notation Assignments and Skin Notation Profiles

AGENCY: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Request for information and comment.

SUMMARY: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is conducting a public review of the draft

skin notations and supporting technical documents entitled, Skin Notations Profiles, for 19 chemicals. NIOSH is requesting technical reviews of the draft Skin Notation Profiles.

DATES: Electronic or written comments must be received by June 30, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by CDC-2015-0021 and docket number NIOSH 153-C, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, NIOSH Docket Office, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, MS C-34, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226-1998.

Instructions: All information received in response to this notice must include the agency name and docket number [CDC-2015-0021; NIOSH 153-C]. All relevant comments received will be posted without change to www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. All electronic comments should be formatted as Microsoft Word. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to www.regulations.gov. All information received in response to this notice will also be available for public examination and copying at the NIOSH Docket

Office, 1150 Tusculum Avenue, Room 155, Cincinnati, OH 45226-1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naomi Hudson, NIOSH Robert A. Taft Laboratories, MS-C32, 1190 Tusculum Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45226. (513)533-8388 (not a toll free number).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This review follows the publication of 22 Skin Notation Profiles, Docket Number NIOSH 153-A <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docket/archive/docket153A.html> and the external review of an additional 25 Skin Notation Profiles, Docket Number NIOSH 153-B <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docket/archive/docket153B.html>. To facilitate the review of these documents, NIOSH requests that the following questions be taken into consideration for each Skin Notation Profile:

1. Does this document clearly outline the systemic health hazards associated with exposures of the skin to the chemical? If not, what specific information is missing from the document?
2. If the SYS or SYS (FATAL) notations are assigned, are the rationale and logic behind the assignment clear? If not assigned, is the logic clear why it was not (e.g., insufficient data, no identified health hazard)?
3. Does this document clearly outline the direct (localized) health hazards