

Send comments to Irene S. West, PSC Reports Clearance Officer, Room 17A-18, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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Curtis L. Coy,

Director, Program Support Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Public Meeting/Opportunity for Public Comment: Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC).

AGENCY: Office of Public Health and Science/Office of the Secretary/HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services is soliciting comments on the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), a proposed international legal instrument intended to address the global problem of tobacco use. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to comment on the FCTC in one or both of the following ways: (1) In writing, by submission through the mails, or e-mail; (2) in person, at a public meeting that will be convened in San Francisco, CA.

DATES: Written comments may be submitted until March 15, 2001. Comments can be submitted by mail or electronically (electronic submissions are encouraged).

ADDRESSES: To submit electronic comments, send via e-mail to FCTCOIRH@osophs.dhhs.gov. To submit comments by mail, send to: FCTC Comments (Attn: Ms. Amal Thomas), Office of International and Refugee Health, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 18-105, Rockville, MD 20857. The public meeting will be held on March 8, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, 99 Grove Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102. Seating capacity is 100 people. Comments also will be accepted during the public meeting. Those who wish to attend are encouraged to register early with the contact person listed below. If you will require a sign language interpreter, or have other special needs, please notify the contact person by 4:30 E.S.T. on February 26, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Joy Epstein, Office of International and Refugee Health, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 18-105, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-443-1774 (telephone) or 301-443-6822 (facsimile) or FCTCOIRH@osophs.dhhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In May 1999, the World Health Assembly, the governing body of the World Health Organization, unanimously adopted resolution WHA 52.18 calling for negotiation of a Framework Convention on Tobacco Control support (FCTC). The United States joined other countries in voicing support for negotiation of the convention, which is intended to address the global problem of tobacco use. Following two meetings of an FCTC working group held in Geneva in October 1999 and March 2000, an Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB) was established to negotiate the text of the FCTC and related protocols. The first session of the INB was held in October 2000. A negotiating team headed by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for International and Refugee Health (HHS) represented the United States. Other members of the negotiating team represented HHS, the Departments of State, Treasury, and Agriculture, and the U.S. Trade Representative. An interagency working group developed the guidance for the negotiating team.

The second INB session is scheduled for April 30-May 5, 2001.

(Background documents on the FCTC are available on the World Health Organization's web site at <http://tobacco.who.int/en/fctc/index.html>.)

Written Comments: In preparation for the second INB session, the U.S. negotiating delegation is seeking comments from the public on the FCTC. If the WHO publishes a draft FCTC before the date of the hearing, we will seek comments on the provisions of that draft. Further opportunity for public input is envisioned before subsequent negotiating sessions.

Announcement of Meeting: The U.S. government is seeking to understand the perspectives of various organizations and individuals on the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC). The comment period and public meeting are intended to give interested persons, including public health and medical professionals, state and local officials, farmers, retailers, manufacturers and others an opportunity to comment on the FCTC. Panels of respondents to this notice will be formed to facilitate the discussion between the public and representatives of the government.

Meeting Location and Registration: The public meeting will be held on March 8, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, 99 Grove Street, 4th Floor, San Francisco, CA 94102.

If you would like to attend the public meeting, you are encouraged to register early by providing your name, title, firm name, address, and telephone number to Amal Thomas (contact information above). The U.S. government encourages individuals to submit written comments, either electronically or by mail. Comments also will be accepted during the meeting. If you would like to speak at the meeting, please notify Amal Thomas (address above) when you register.

The transcript of the public meeting and submitted comments will be posted on the Internet at <http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco>.

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Thomas E. Novotny,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for International and Refugee Health, Office of International and Refugee Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)

Administration on Aging

[Program Announcement No. AoA-01-01]

Fiscal Year 2001 Program Announcement; Availability of Funds and Notice Regarding Applications

AGENCY: Administration on Aging, HHS.

ACTION: Announcement of availability of funds and request for applications in seven states—Kansas, Kentucky, New Jersey, North Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, and West Virginia—to carry out cooperative agreement awards to train retired persons to serve in their communities as volunteer expert resources and educators in combating health care waste, fraud, and abuse.

SUMMARY: The Administration on Aging (AoA) announces that under this program announcement it will hold a competition for "Senior Medicare Patrol Projects" that demonstrate effective ways of utilizing retired persons as volunteer expert resources and educators in community efforts to combat waste, fraud and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The deadline date for the submission of applications is March 23, 2001. Public and/or nonprofit agencies, organizations, and institutions in Kansas, Kentucky, New Jersey, North

Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, and West Virginia are eligible to apply under this program announcement. The AoA is currently funding "Senior Medicare Patrol Projects" in the remaining forty-three states, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. No further awards will be made in these states.

Application kits are available by writing to the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging, Office of Governmental Affairs and Elder Rights, 330 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4749, Washington, DC 20201, telephone: (202) 619-3775 or (202) 619-1351.

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Jeanette C. Takamura,

Assistant Secretary for Aging.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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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 the CDC Reports Clearance Officer on (404) 639-7090.

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 for other forms of information technology. Send comments to Anne O'Connor, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

X-ray Examination Program—
Extension—OMB No. 0920-0020

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The X-ray Examination Program is a federally mandated program under the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, PL-95-164. The Act provides the regulatory guidance for the administration of the National Coal Workers' X-ray Surveillance Program, a surveillance program to protect the health and safety of underground coal miners. This program requires the gathering of information from coal mine operators, participating miners, participating x-ray facilities, and participating physicians. The Appalachian Laboratory for Occupational Safety and Health (ALOSH), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is charged with administration of this program. Based on an average of \$15.00 per hour for all respondents, the total cost to respondents is \$71,865.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses/ respondent	Avg. burden/ response in hours	Total burden in hours
Physicians/interpretation	20,000	1	3/60	1,000
Physician/certification	350	1	10/60	58
Miners	10,000	1	20/60	3,333
Mine operators	500	1	30/60	250
Facilities	300	1	30/60	150
Total				4,791

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Nancy Cheal,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Program Announcement 01024]

Post-Infective Fatigue: A Model for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome; Notice of Availability of Funds

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of fiscal year (FY) 2001 funds for a cooperative agreement program for Post-Infective Fatigue: A

Model for Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. This program addresses the "Healthy People 2010" focus areas of Disability and Secondary Conditions and Immunization and Infectious Diseases. Visit the internet site: <http://www.health.gov/healthypeople>.

The purpose of the program is to use active surveillance systems to identify and enroll individuals from documented acute viral and rickettsial infections that result in a post-infection fatigue of >3 months and prospectively follow those individuals to define pathophysiological processes of the post-infective fatigue state.