

Human Services (HHS) was given the responsibility and resources for conducting analytic epidemiologic investigations of residents of communities in the vicinity of DOE facilities, workers at DOE facilities, and other persons potentially exposed to radiation or to potential hazards from non-nuclear energy production use. HHS has delegated program responsibility to CDC.

In addition, a memo was signed in October 1990 and renewed in November 1992 between ATSDR and DOE. The MOU delineates the responsibilities and procedures for ATSDR's public health activities at DOE sites required under sections 104, 105, 107, and 120 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or "Superfund"). These activities include health consultations and public health assessments at DOE sites listed on, or proposed for, the Superfund National Priorities List and at sites that are the subject of petitions from the public; and other health-related activities such as epidemiologic studies, health surveillance, exposure and disease registries, health education, substance-specific applied research, emergency response, and preparation of toxicological profiles.

Purpose: This subcommittee is charged with providing advice and recommendations to the Director, CDC, and the Administrator, ATSDR, regarding community, American Indian Tribes, and labor concerns pertaining to CDC's and ATSDR's public health

activities and research at this DOE site. Activities shall focus on providing a forum for community, American Indian Tribal, and labor interaction, and serve as a vehicle for communities, American Indian Tribes, and labor to express concerns and provide advice and recommendations to CDC and ATSDR.

Matters To Be Discussed: Agenda items include: presentations from the Radiological Assessments Corporation on the SRS Dose Reconstruction, Phase II—An Overview of the Project; the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) regarding current activities and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health will provide updates on the progress of current studies; and working group updates from the subcommittee.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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Carolyn J. Russell,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Agency Recordkeeping/Reporting Requirements Under Emergency Review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

Title: Child Support Enforcement Financial Report and Program Quarterly Report of Collections.

OMB No.: New.

Description: This report is used by States to report the collections of child support payments made under Title IV-D of the Social Security Act during each fiscal quarter. The form also reports the portion of the collected payments to be distributed to the custodial parent or to the Federal or State governments. The information is used to calculate quarterly grant awards, annual incentive payments to the States and is published in an annual report to Congress.

Respondents: States, Puerto Rico, Guam, Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia.

Annual Burden Estimates:

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
396A	54	4	8	1,728
34A	54	4	8	1,728

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,456.

Additional Information: AC is requesting that OMB grant a 180 day approval for this information collection under procedures for emergency processing by September 1, 1998. A copy of this information collection, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Administration for Children and Families, Reports Clearance Officer, Bob Sargis at (202) 690-7275.

Comments and questions about the information collection described above should be directed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for AC, Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, 725 17th Street NW., Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316.

Dated: July 23, 1998.

Bob Sargis,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Food Safety Risk Assessment Clearinghouse; Open Meeting and Technical Workshop

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (JIFSAN) are announcing a meeting entitled "Food Safety Risk Assessment: Users and Needs" and a technical workshop entitled "Food Safety Risk Assessment Clearinghouse: Development of a Framework," open to the public, to discuss the formation of a Food Safety Risk Assessment Clearinghouse. The May 1997 Report to the President on the National Food Safety Initiative described the need to establish a clearinghouse that would collect and catalogue available data and

methodology pertinent to microbial risk-assessment offered by the private sector, trade associations, Federal and State agencies, and international sources. The goals of the clearinghouse would be to consolidate research data and methodology from public and proprietary sources, assist in coordinating research activities, identify gaps in needed research, and assist in the development of microbial risk assessment models. The first meeting will provide an overview of risk assessment, introduce the concept of a risk assessment clearinghouse, and identify and solicit the needs of potential users. The second meeting, in workshop format, will focus on constructing a draft framework document that will define the scope, objectives, mechanisms, and output of the clearinghouse.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on August 7, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The technical workshop will be held on October 5 and 6, 1998, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Location: The meeting and the technical workshop will be held at the University of Maryland, Stamp Student Union Building "Atrium," College Park, MD.

Contact: Roberta Morales, VA—MD Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742-3711, 301-935-6083, ext. 158, FAX 301-935-0149.

Registration: Send registration information for both the meeting and the workshop (name, title, firm name, address, telephone and fax numbers) to Jacqueline M. Williams, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS-315), Food and Drug Administration, 200 C St. SW., Washington, DC 20204, 202-205-4224, FAX 202-205-4422, or register on-line at "<http://www.foodsafety.gov/~mow/jifsan.html>". There is no registration fee.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Roberta Morales at least 7 days in advance.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 25, 1997, the President announced the National Food Safety Initiative. As a part of this initiative, the development of methods and models directed for enhanced food safety risk assessment, particularly for microbiological pathogens and their toxins were identified as priority needs.

Risk assessment characterizes the nature and magnitude of the risks to human health associated with hazards, and makes clear the assumptions and degree of scientific certainty of the data associated with risk estimates. Risk assessments require specific information on the hazard and on the exposed population to provide meaningful information for those making risk-management decisions. Although risk assessment methods are fairly well established for evaluating chemicals and contaminants in food, risk assessment is far less developed for foodborne pathogens. The May 1997 National Food Safety Report to the President noted that intensive commitment is necessary to develop critically needed methods for analyzing food safety data and addressing its uncertainty, and that methods that account for variability of living microbial pathogens are essential to focus public resources on risks that have the greatest consequences for human health.

A component of this effort has been the establishment of a joint Risk Assessment Consortium of Federal agencies with food safety risk-management responsibilities. The purposes of the consortium are: To advance the science of microbial food safety risk assessment; to serve as

advisors for direction and review of Risk Assessment Clearinghouse activities; and to assist agencies in fulfilling their specific food safety mandates. The consortium seeks to comprehensively cover risk assessment activities including solicitation of expertise from risk assessment professionals, scientists, and interested parties from government, industry, consumer organizations, and academia. As a means of assuring that the Risk Assessment Clearinghouse will meet the needs of the diverse clientele it is intended to serve, JIFSAN will take the lead role in the development of the clearinghouse and is seeking comments from interested parties at an open meeting and an open technical workshop. This input will be used to construct a draft framework document that will define the users and their needs, the scope, objectives, mechanisms, and output of the clearinghouse.

JIFSAN is a multi-disciplinary research and education program established by FDA and the University of Maryland in 1996. JIFSAN is a major component of the FDA food safety program's integration with academic institutions to create intellectual partnerships. The JIFSAN includes research and outreach components from the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN), the Center for Veterinary Medicine (CVM), and the University of Maryland. JIFSAN combines resources from the primary Federal public health agency responsible for assuring the safety of the nation's food supply, a research university, and public and private partnerships to provide the scientific basis for assuring a safe, wholesome food supply. JIFSAN provides a neutral environment in which experts from industry, consumer and trade groups, international organizations, government, and academia can pool their resources and ideas to provide the scientific base for the development of sound public health policy.

The meeting and 2-day technical workshop are intended to ensure a wide cross-section of input. The August 7, 1998, meeting will share information on risk assessment applications in relation to food safety concerns by providing an overview of risk assessment and risk analysis, including an historical perspective, terminology, and approaches. Examples of current and potential applications in relation to food uses will be discussed. Through an open forum, input into the needs and expectations of clearinghouse users will be sought. The information obtained at this meeting will be used to help

develop a framework for the scope of clearinghouse activities.

At the October 5 and 6, 1998, 2-day technical workshop, an in-depth evaluation by food safety and risk assessment experts and the public of the adequacy of the overall draft framework will be addressed. The workshop will include breakout sessions on topics such as: Systems for cataloguing information; criteria for transparent evaluation of risk assessments; strategies to promote public involvement; solicitation and receipt of voluntary data from industry, government, and other interested parties; systems for protection of the anonymity of proprietary data; user access; information dissemination and output formats; infrastructure needs; implementation priorities; and customer service.

The outcome of the workshop will be a refined framework draft that will be used to guide further development of the clearinghouse. Further opportunities for comment and refinement will be provided.

Final program agendas will be posted on the JIFSAN web page at "<http://www.foodsafety.gov/~mow/jifsan.html>".

Dated: July 24, 1998.

William K. Hubbard,
Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Relating Numbers of Foodborne Pathogens to Human Illness; Public Workshop

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing a public workshop sponsored by the Joint Institute for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (JIFSAN). This public workshop is being held to explore issues essential to better the general understanding of the risk of illness associated with foodborne microorganisms. The workshop is intended to facilitate a scientific discussion that will serve as a basis for further dialogue with the greater scientific community in structuring approaches to dose-response modeling of foodborne pathogens.

Date and Time: The public workshop will be held on August 4, 1998, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.