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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 Seleda Perryman, 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

Evaluation of NIOSH Fire Fighter Alert (Structural Collapse)—New—The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). An Alert documents the scientific research about an occupational health and safety hazard and provides recommendations for assessing, avoiding, or reducing the hazard. The Alert is probably the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health's (NIOSH) best tool for addressing risks of great immediate danger involving hazards to life and health. Even though the Alert can be termed an important tool, prior to 1999 no rigorous test of Alert efficacy had ever been conducted. During the past year, NIOSH began the first rigorous test of one NIOSH Alert on the dangers of structural collapse among fire fighters. This testing was done with a sample of fire fighters, and on the basis of this sample, a national distribution strategy for the Alert will follow.

This Alert contains recommendations with important safety and health implications for more than one million fire fighters in over 36,000 fire fighter units. Morbidity and mortality rates are relatively high for this occupation, which increases the need for effective communication strategies when reporting safety and health recommendations.

The formative research phase done this year by NIOSH's Health Communication Research Branch and Division for Safety Research will produce data with strong levels of

internal and external validity. However, the formative phase is only aimed at designing effective messages and not aimed at understanding the impact of those messages in the final distribution of the Alert. NIOSH believes that it is reasonable to: (1) Conduct an evaluation of the national distribution of the Alert to determine its final impact and (2) identify the characteristics of those fire fighter units that may not have met optimal levels of communication effect (receiver awareness, comprehension, acceptance, and use).

The specific goals of this investigation are to: (1) Assess the communication effect of NIOSH recommendations contained within the Alert on structural collapse and (2) identify the characteristics (behavioral, normative, and control beliefs, and demographics) of receivers who fail to meet minimum levels of communication effect.

A standardized questionnaire developed and approved for the formative research phase will be used to assess communication effect. Items will identify the extent of receiver awareness, comprehension, acceptance, and use of the Alert. The Theory of Planned Behavior will be used to help identify the factors that mediate this communication effect, and relevant questions will be added to the existing questionnaire.

The data collected in this study will be used to assess the communication effect of the national distribution of the Alert by comparing the means between the respondents in the formative evaluation and the respondents in the national distribution. This data also will be used to identify the characteristics of those fire fighter units that may not have met optimal levels of communication effects. The total cost to respondents is estimated at \$4,500.00.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses/respondent	Avg. burden response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
Fire Fighters	1000	1	.25	250
Total	250

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Availability of Draft Guidelines for Prevention of Opportunistic Infections in Bone Marrow Transplant Recipients

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of a draft document entitled "Guidelines for the Prevention of Opportunistic Infections in Bone Marrow Transplant Recipients," prepared by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), for review and comment.

DATES: To ensure consideration, written comments on this draft document must be received on or before November 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The draft document "Guidelines for the Prevention of Opportunistic Infections in Bone Marrow Transplant Recipients" can be accessed electronically at <<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dastlr/announce.html>>. Alternatively, single copies of the draft are available by mail from Jackie Curlew, CDC, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Division of AIDS, STD, and TB Laboratory Research, Mailstop A-12, 1600 Clifton Rd., NE, Atlanta, GA 30333, telephone (404) 639-4581, FAX (404) 639-4664. Written comments on the draft document should be sent to the above address for receipt by November 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CDC, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Division of AIDS, STD, and TB Laboratory Research, Mailstop A-12, Atlanta, GA 30333; telephone (404) 639-4581, FAX (404) 639-4664.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Opportunistic infections constitute a major cause of morbidity and mortality in bone marrow transplant recipients. These draft guidelines, prepared by CDC, in consultation with representatives from other public and private organizations and bone marrow

transplant centers, represent a comprehensive approach to preventing opportunistic infections (e.g., viral, bacterial, mycotic, and parasitic infections) in bone marrow transplant recipients.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council.

The meeting will be open to the public, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

Name of Committee: Office of AIDS Research Advisory Council.

Date: October 14-15, 1999.

Time: October 14, 1999, 8:45 am to 4:30 pm.

Agenda: The role of the Federal Government in AIDS drug discovery, therapeutics, and clinical evaluation.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31, Conference Room 6, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Time: October 15, 1999, 8:45 am to 4:30 pm.

Agenda: Continue agenda items from the previous day.

Place: Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Linda Reck, Head, Program, Planning and Evaluation, Office of AIDS Research, NIH, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 402-8655.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.14, Intramural Research Training Award; 93.187, Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds; 93.22, Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program for Individuals with Disadvantaged Backgrounds; 93.232, Loan Repayment Program for Research Generally; 93.39, Academic Research Enhancement Award; 93.936, NIH Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome Research Loan Repayment Program, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: August 26, 1999.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and/or contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications and/or contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Special Emphasis Panel; Biobehavioral Bases of CHD Risk and Management.

Date: September 15, 1999.

Time: 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Rockledge Bldg. II, 6701 Rockledge Dr., Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Anthony M. Coelho, Leader, Clinical Studies SRG, NIH, NHLBI, DEA, Review Branch, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 7194, Bethesda, MD 20892-7924, (301) 435-0288.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Special Emphasis Panel; Coronary Artery Disease Risk Development in Young Adults Study; Computed Tomography Reading Center.

Date: September 27, 1999.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: 6701 Rockledge Dr., Room 4212, Bethesda, MD 20817, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: David T. George, Scientific Review Administrator, Review Branch, NIH, NHLBI, DEA, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Suite 7188, Bethesda, MD 20892-7924, (301) 435-0280.