Proposed Project: The National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses, 2000—NEW

The National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses (NSSRN) is carried out to assist in fulfilling three Congressional mandates. (1) Section 951 of P.L. 94–63 requires gathering data on: (a) The number and distribution of nurses, by type of employment and location practice; (b) the number of nurses practicing full-time and part-time within the U.S. and within each State; (c) the average rate of compensation for nurses, by type of practice and location of practice; (d) the activity status of the total number of nurses with advanced training or graduate degrees in nursing, by specialty, including nurse practitioners, nurse clinicians, nurse researchers, nurse educators, and nurse supervisors and administrators; and (f) the number of nurses entering the U.S. annually from other nations. (2) Section 806(f) of P.L. 105–392 requires discipline workforce information and analytical activities for advanced nursing education, workforce diversity, and basic nursing education and practice. (3) Section 792 of Title VII of the Public Health Service Act calls for the collection and analysis of data on health professions.

The information from this survey will serve policy makers, legislative bodies, health professionals, and government agencies to inform workforce policies. Data collected in this survey will assist in determining the impact that changes in the health care system are having on employment status of Registered nurses and their employment settings.

The proposed survey design for the 2000 NSSRN follows that of the previous six surveys and the projected sample size is approximately 49,200 registered nurses, with a response rate of 80%. Each respondent will be asked to complete a self-administered mail questionnaire containing items on educational background, duties, employment status and setting, geographic mobility, and income.

Respondent burden is estimated as follows:

Form	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Survey	39,360	1	[1] 20	13,120

[1] Minutes.

Send comments to Susan G. Queen, Ph.D., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 14–33, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: February 4, 1999.

Jane Harrison,

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92–463), announcement is made of the following National Advisory body scheduled to meet during the month of March, 1999.

Name: Advisory Commission on Childhood Vaccines (ACCV).

Date and Time: March 3, 1999; 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Place: Parklawn Building, Conference Rooms G & H, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

The meeting is open to the public.

The full Commission will meet on Wednesday, March 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Agenda items will include, but not be limited to: a presentation on several National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program cases, an Institute of Medicine Vaccine Safety update, an update on the National Vaccine Program Office, and reports from the Department of Justice and routine program reports.

Public comment will be permitted before lunch and at the end of the Commission meeting on March 3, 1999. Oral presentations will be limited to 5 minutes per public speaker. Persons interested in providing an oral presentation should submit a written request, along with a copy of their presentation to: Ms. Shelia Tibbs, Committee Management Assistant, Division of Vaccine Injury Compensation, Bureau of Health Professions, Health Resources and Services Administration, Room 8A–46, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone (301) 443–6593. Requests should contain the name, address, telephone number, and any business or professional affiliation of the person desiring to make an oral presentation. Groups having similar interests are requested to combine their comments and present them through a single representative. The allocation of time may be adjusted to accommodate the level of expressed interest. The Division of Vaccine Injury Compensation will notify each presenter by mail or telephone of their assigned presentation time. Persons who do not file an advance request for a presentation, but desire to make an oral statement, may sign-up in Conference Rooms G and H on March 3, 1999. These persons will be allocated time as time permits.

Anyone requiring information regarding the Commission should contact Ms. Shelia Tibbs at the above mentioned address.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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Jane M. Harrison,

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Special Volunteer and Guest Researcher Assignment

SUMMARY: In Compliance with the requirements of Section 3506(c)(2)(A), of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the Office of the Director, 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

Proposed Collection: Title: Special Volunteer and Guest Researcher Assignment. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of OMB No. 0925–0177, expiration 04/30/2000. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* Form NIH–590 records, names, address, employer, education, and other information on prospective Special Volunteers and Guest Researchers, and is used by the responsible NIH approving official to determine the individual's qualifications and eligibility for such assignments. The form is the only official record of approved assignments. *Frequency of Response:* On occasion. *Affected Public:* Individuals or households. *Type of Respondents:* Guest Researcher and Special Volunteer candidates. The annual reporting burden is also as follows: *Estimated Number of*

Respondents: 1,630. *Estimated Number of Responses Per Respondent:* 1. *Average Burden Hours Per Response:* 0.1. *Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:* 163.

The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at:

Type of respondents	Estimated number of respondents	Estimated number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Estimated total annual burden hours requested
Guest Researcher	400	1	0.1	40
Special Volunteer	1230	1	0.1	123
Total	1630	1	0.1	163

There are no Capital Costs, Operating Costs, and/or Maintenance Costs to report.

Request for Comments: 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 agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and the clarity of 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.

For Further Information: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: Ms. Yetta L. Patterson, Personnel Management Specialist, Office of Human Resource Management, OD, NIH Building 31, Room 1C39, 31 Center Drive MSC 2272, Bethesda, MD 20892–2272.

Comments 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 and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, D.C. 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: Ms. Yetta L. Patterson, Personnel Management Specialist, Office of Human Resource Management, OD, NIH, Building 31, Room 1C39, 31 Center Drive MSC 2272, Bethesda, MD 20892–2272.

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Stephen C. Benowitz,

Director of Human Resources.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences: Opportunity for a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) for Development of Technology and Application Testing of Toxicological cDNA Microarrays

AGENCY: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, National Institutes of Health, PHS, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) seeks an agreement with a company(s) which can pursue the development of technology and application testing of toxicological cDNA microarrays for analysis of exposed human and mouse biological samples. The National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) is in the first phases of developing and testing this technology for application to human toxicology. A CRADA for the co-development of technology or testing of this new toxicology assay will be granted to the awardee(s).

DATES: Capability statements must be received by NIH on or before April 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Proposals and questions about this opportunity may be addressed to Dr. J. Carl Barrett, Scientific Director, NIEHS, Mail Drop C2–15, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; Telephone (919) 541–2992; Fax (919) 541–7784; E-mail BARRETT@NIEHS.NIH.GOV

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: cDNA microarrays are tools that can be used to analyze changes in genome-wide patterns of gene expression. This technology may potentially revolutionize the way toxicological problems are investigated. The main challenges facing investigators in environmental health research is to assess exposures and identify hazards. Defining the mechanisms of action of environmental agents can greatly assist in hazard identification, species extrapolation, and risk assessment. Given that exposures to different classes of toxicants result in distinct patterns of altered gene expression, microarray technology can be utilized to categorize and classify these effects. In defined model systems, treatment with known agents, such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, dioxin-like compounds, peroxisome proliferators, oxidant stress, or estrogenic chemicals may provide a gene expression signature on a microarray which represents the cellular response to these agents. These same systems can then be treated with unknown, suspect agents to determine if one or more of these standard signatures is elicited. This approach will also help elucidate an agent's mechanism of action and may also be used to detect changes in exposed human populations, information essential for the risk assessment process. cDNA microarrays could also be used to potentially determine cross-talk between combinations of agents (i.e. dioxin and estrogen). Microarray technology could in the long run, provide a relatively inexpensive, quick way to screen for potential bio-reactive agents.

We are in the process of establishing cDNA microarray technology at the NIEHS. Currently, we are developing custom DNA chips that are human cDNA clone subarrays oriented toward the expression of genes involved in responses to toxic insult. These include xenobiotic metabolizing enzymes, cell