

the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

Type of Information Collection Request: Existing collection in use without an OMB control number;

Title of Information Collection: Request for Employment Information;

Form No.: HCFA-R-297 (OMB #0938-NEW);

Use: This form is needed to determine whether a beneficiary can enroll in Part B Medicare and/or qualify for premium reduction. This form is used by the Social Security Administration to obtain information from employers regarding whether a Medicare beneficiary's coverage under a group health plan is based on current employment.

Frequency: On occasion;

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit;

Number of Respondents: 5,000;

Total Annual Responses: 5,000;

Total Annual Hours: 750.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access HCFA's Web Site Address at <http://www.hcfa.gov/regs/prdact95.htm>, or E-mail your request, including your address and phone number, to Paperwork@hcfa.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the OMB Desk Officer designated at the following address: OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: Allison Eydt, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: December 22, 1999.

John Parmigiani,

Manager, HCFA, Office of Information Services, Security and Standards Group, Division of HCFA Enterprise Standards.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 concerning opportunity for public comment on proposed collections of information, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the information collection plans, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-7978.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collections of information are 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 or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: Drug and Alcohol Services Information System (DASIS) (OMB No. 0930-0106, Revision)

The DASIS consists of three related data systems: the National Master

Facility Inventory (NMFI), the Uniform Facility Data Set (UFDS), and the Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS). The NMFI includes all known substance abuse treatment facilities. The UFDS is an annual survey of all substance abuse treatment facilities listed in the NMFI. The TEDS is a compilation of client-level admission data and discharge data submitted by States on clients treated in facilities that receive State funds.

Together, they provide information on the location, scope and characteristics of all known drug and alcohol treatment facilities in the United States, and the characteristics of clients receiving services. This information is needed to assess the nature and extent of these resources, to identify gaps in services, and to provide a database for treatment referrals.

A request is being prepared for OMB approval of proposed revisions to the annual UFDS survey. The following changes are proposed: (1) The UFDS survey will be conducted by mail, rather than by telephone; (2) Non-treatment (prevention) facilities will no longer be included in the annual survey; (3) Some questions will be reinstated (e.g., whether facility provides DUI/DWI services, percent of clients treated for alcohol abuse, drug abuse, or both); (4) Several questions will be added (e.g., whether facility treats only incarcerated or DUI/DWI clients, whether services are provided in languages other than English, availability of fully subsidized care or a sliding fee scale, receipt of public funding); (5) Some questions will be deleted (e.g., whether facility is a school, social services agency, community mental health center, community health center, or private group practice; facility accreditation; percent of clients being treated for substance abuse); (6) Several questions will be revised. Changes to the TEDS and NMFI are not planned.

Estimated annual burden for the DASIS activities is shown below.

Type of respondent and activity	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total burden hours
States				
TEDS Admission Data ¹	52	4	6	1,248
TEDS Discharge Data ¹	13	4	6	312
NFR Update ^{1,2}	56	128	0.08	573
State Subtotal ¹	56	2,133
Facilities				
UFDS Questionnaire	17,000	1	.6	10,200
Pre-screening of newly-identified facilities	2,000	1	.08	160
Facility Subtotal	19,000	10,360

Type of respondent and activity	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Hours per response	Total burden hours
Total	19,056	12,493

¹ The burden estimates for these activities are unchanged.

² States forward to SAMHSA information on newly licensed/approved facilities and on changes in facility name, address, status, etc. This is done electronically by nearly all States.

Send comments to Nancy Pearce, SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 16-105, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Dated: January 6, 2000.

Richard Kopanda,

Executive Officer, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 USC 1531 *et seq.*).

[Permit No. TE-005535]

Applicant: Gilbert Goodlett, Ridgecrest, California

The permittee requests an amendment to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout its range for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

[Permit No. TE-020387]

Applicant: Tahirih Linz, San Diego, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout its range for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

[Permit No. TE-020384]

Applicant: Devon Thomas, San Diego, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas*

editha quino) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout its range for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

[Permit No. TE-797233]

Applicant: Entomological Consulting Services, LTD., Pleasant Hill, California

The permittee requests an amendment to take (harass, pursue, capture, collect) the El Segundo blue butterfly (*Euphilotes battoides allnyi*) in conjunction with monitoring, surveys, and life history studies throughout its range in California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

[Permit No. TE-007277]

Applicant: Carol Hertzog, Oceanside, California

The permittee requests an amendment to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout its range for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

[Permit No. TE-807078]

Applicant: Point Reyes Bird Observatory, Stinson Beach, California

The permittee requests an amendment to take (harass by survey using vocalizations and nest monitor) the California clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris obsoletus*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys and monitoring activities throughout its range for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

[Permit No. TE-797315]

Applicant: Michael Morrison, Sacramento, California

The permittee requests an amendment to take (capture, mark, collect tissue samples) the Fresno kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys nitratooides exilis*) in conjunction with surveys, genetic research, and population studies in Fresno and Merced Counties, California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

[Permit No. TE-787924]

Applicant: Marcus Spiegelberg, San Diego, California

The permittee requests an amendment to take (harass by survey, collect, and sacrifice) the Conservancy fairy shrimp

(*Branchinecta conservatio*), longhorn fairy shrimp (*Branchinecta longiantenna*), vernal pool tadpole shrimp (*Lepidurus packardii*), San Diego fairy shrimp (*Brachinecta sandiegonensis*), and the Riverside fairy shrimp (*Streptocephalus woottoni*); take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*); and take (capture) the San Bernardino kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys merriami parvus*) throughout each species range in California in conjunction with surveys and population monitoring for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

[Permit No. TE-797267]

Applicant: H.T. Harvey and Associates, San Jose, California

The permittee requests an amendment to take (capture) the Santa Cruz long-toed salamander (*Ambystoma macrodactylum croceum*), San Francisco garter snake (*Thamnophis sirtalis tetrataenia*), and the blunt-nosed leopard lizard (*Gambelia sila*) in conjunction with surveys throughout each species range for the purpose of enhancing their survival.

[Permit No. TE-814215]

Applicant: Claude Edwards, San Diego, California

The permittee requests an amendment to take (survey by pursuit) the Laguna Mountain skipper (*Pyrgus ruralis lagunae*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys throughout its range for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

[Permit No. TE-783928]

Applicant: California Department of Transportation, San Diego, California

The permittee requests an amendment to take (harass by survey) the southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax eximus traillii*) in conjunction with presence or absence surveys in San Diego and Imperial Counties, California for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

[Permit No. TE-020557]

Applicant: Malik Tamimi, San Diego, California

The applicant requests a permit to take (survey by pursuit) the Quino checkerspot butterfly (*Euphydryas editha quino*) in conjunction with