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*Proposed Project:* Environmental Health Specialists Network (EHS-NET) Data Collection Methodology and Instrument—New—National Centers for Environmental Health (NCEH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

**Background**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is requesting OMB approval for a data collection system that will assist public health officials to better identify and assess environmental factors contributing to foodborne outbreaks and the prevention efforts needed to reduce or ameliorate these events. This data collection, the Environmental Health Specialists Network (EHS-Net) Information System, is a standardized survey instrument developed by CDC in collaboration with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the EHS-Net participating states, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Minnesota, New York, Oregon, and Tennessee. The instrument is for use in non-regulatory environmental evaluations.

The Environmental Health Specialist Network Information System has been pilot tested in the EHS-Net states. The

eight states in the pilot testing phase used the EHS-Net survey instrument to collect environmental information from two groups of restaurants: those that reported foodborne outbreaks and those that had not. The survey instrument collected information about the restaurant's food safety policies and procedures, and includes direct observations of food preparation and handling practices, and food worker behaviors.

CDC will evaluate the data collected in these eight pilot states to further refine and improve the EHS-Net data collection instrument and methodology. Once this evaluation is completed, the EHS-Net data collection instrument and methodology will be made available to all public health officials in the United States who wish to use the system to identify and assess environmental factors in food establishments that contribute to foodborne illness and to evaluate the effectiveness of existing prevention measures including foodhandling practices, policies, and other control measures. There is no cost to respondents.

Respondents	No. of respondents	No. of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
One Public Health Official Per State .....	50	52	6	15,600
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	15,600

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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**

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*Proposed Project:* Pilot Study for the National Survey of the Mining Population—NEW—National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Surveillance of occupational injuries, illnesses, and exposures has been an integral part of the work of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) since its creation by the Occupational Safety and Health Act in 1970. To improve its surveillance capability related to the occupational risks in mining, NIOSH is planning to conduct a national survey of mines and mine employees. No national surveys have specifically targeted the mining labor force since the 1986 Mining Industry Population Survey (MIPS). The mining industry has experienced many changes in the last 17 years; consequently, the MIPS data are no

longer representative of the current mining industry labor force.

The proposed survey will be based upon a probability sample of mining operations and their employees. The major objectives of the survey will be: (1) To collect basic information about the mining operation; (2) to establish the demographic and occupational characteristics of mine operator employees within each major mining sector (coal, metal, nonmetal, stone, and sand and gravel); and (3) to determine the number and occupational characteristics of independent contractor employees within mines. The sampled mining operations will provide all survey data; individual operator and independent contractor employees will not be directly surveyed. As a result of

this survey, surveillance researchers and government agencies such as the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) will be able to identify groups of miners with a disproportionately high risk of injury or illness. By capturing demographic (e.g., age, gender, race/ethnicity, education level) and occupational characteristics (e.g., job, title, work location, experience in this job title, total mining experience) of the mining workforce, these data will be of use in the customization of interventions such as safety training programs.

Prior to implementing the full-scale survey, NIOSH is planning to conduct a Pilot Study to evaluate the effectiveness of the survey recruitment materials, questionnaires, and procedures in the

acquisition of complete and high quality data from a sample of mining operations. Data captured in the Pilot Study will guide improvements to optimize the performance of the various components of the full-scale national survey. Approximately 40 randomly selected mining operations spanning the five major mining commodities will be chosen for the Pilot Study. A survey packet will be sent to each sampled mining operation. It is expected that approximately 30 mining operations will be eligible to participate in and will respond to the Pilot Study. A portion of the survey responders and all non-responders will be asked a short number of debriefing questions by telephone. There will be no cost to respondents.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Mining Operations Participating in Pilot Study .....	30	1	90/60	45
Mining Operations Responding to Debriefing Questions .....	23	1	5/60	2
<b>Total</b> .....				<b>47</b>

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

**Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control; Special Emphasis Panel: Research on the Impact of Law on Public Health, Program Announcement #03049**

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Research on the Impact of Law on Public Health, Program Announcement #03049.

*Times and Dates:* 3 p.m.-3:30 p.m., May 27, 2003 (Open). 3:30 p.m.-7 p.m., May 27, 2003 (Closed). 8 a.m.-5 p.m., May 28, 2003 (Closed). 8 a.m.-5 p.m., May 29, 2003 (Closed). 8 a.m.-5 p.m., May 30, 2003 (Closed).

*Place:* Marriott Perimeter Center, 246 Perimeter Center Parkway, NE, Atlanta, GA 30346, 770.270.0422.

*Status:* Portions of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in section 552b(c) (4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92-463.

*Matters to be Discussed:* The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of Letters of Intent received in response to Program Announcement # 03049.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Joan Karr, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Public Health Program Practice Office, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE., MS-K-38, Atlanta, GA 30341, Telephone 770.488.2597.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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**Alvin Hall,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Indian Health Service**

**Nursing Recruitment Program for American Indians/Alaska Natives**

**AGENCY:** Indian Health Services (IHS), HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of funds for the Nursing Recruitment Program for American Indian/Alaska Natives (AI/AN).

**SUMMARY:** The IHS announces that competitive grant applications are now being accepted for the Nursing Education Program for AI/AN authorized by section 112 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act Public Law 94-437, as amended. There will be only one funding cycle during Fiscal Year (FY) 2003. This program is described at 93.970 in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance. Costs will be determined in accordance with applicable OMB Circulars and 45 CFR Part 74 or 45 CFR Part 92 (as applicable). Executive Order 12372 requiring intergovernmental review does not apply to this program. This program is not subject to the Public Health System Reporting Requirements.

The Public Health Service (PHS) is committed to achieving the health promotion and disease prevention objectives of *Healthy People 2010*, a