subordinates, that involved the exercise of the authority delegated hereunder prior to the effective date of this delegation.

This delegation of authority is effective immediately (October 7, 2003).

Dated: October 7, 2003.

Tommy G. Thompson,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the intention of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) allow the proposed information collection project: ''Surveys of Employee Benefit Managers of Large National Employers Concerning Dissemination Effectiveness of Health Services Research Information (SEBM)''. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(a)), AHRQ invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection.

This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on August 20, 2003 and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 24, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Allison Eydt, Human Resources and Housing Branch, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia D. McMichael, AHRQ, Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 427–1651.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Project

''Surveys of Employee Benefit Managers of Large National Employers Concerning Dissemination Effectiveness of Health Research Information (SEBM)''

The SEBM is a series of two questionnaires and one telephone interview to learn the extent of awareness, use of, and satisfaction with the content of health services research information by employee benefits managers of large national employers.

The surveys will also measure the effectiveness of the methods used to disseminate health services research information. The initial survey will serve as a benchmark against which the remaining two surveys in this study will be measured. Subsequent to the initial survey, AHRQ will initiate two interventions: (1) Placing AHRQ-sponsored information on a website and (2) making personal contact with employee benefits managers; a survey will follow each intervention to measure the extent to which each intervention makes employee benefit managers aware of AHRQ and its health research information. With this knowledge, AHRQ will be able to make changes to its information dissemination efforts to make them more effective and responsive to employee benefit managers.

Data Confidentiality Provisions

Data collected by the contractor and the contractor's draft analyses will be retained for one year after final acceptance of all contract deliverables, unless longer retention is requested by the agency for audit purposes. All agency documents pertaining to the contract will be archived after the contract is completed and retained in accordance with a Federal Records Act retention schedule.

Methods of Collection

The data will be collected using a combination of web-based and telephone surveys.

ESTIMATED ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN

Survey	Number of respondents	Estimated time per respondent in minutes	Estimated total burden hours	Estimated annual cost to the government
Initial Benchmark Survey	240	10	40	$4000
Post Intervention Survey #1	45	10	7.5	750
Post Intervention Survey #2	240	10	40	4000
Total	525	10	87.5	8750

Request for Comments

In accordance with the above cited legislation, comments on AHRQ's information collection are requested with regard to any of the following: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of AHRQ, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of AHRQ's estimate of burden (including hours and cost) 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 upon the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the proposed information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 29, 2003.

Carolyn M. Clancy,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

[ATSDR–197]

Availability of Draft Toxicological Profiles

AGENCY: Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA), section 104(i)(3) [42 U.S.C. 9604(i)(3)] directs the Administrator of ATSDR to prepare toxicological profiles of priority hazardous substances and to revise and publish each updated toxicological profile as necessary. This notice announces the availability of the 17th set of toxicological profiles, which consists of one new draft and seven updated drafts, prepared by ATSDR for review and comment.

DATES: In order to be considered, comments on these draft toxicological profiles must be received on or before February 24, 2004. Comments received after the close of the public comment period will be considered at the discretion of ATSDR based upon what is deemed to be in the best interest of the general public.

ADDRESSES: Requests for printed copies of the draft toxicological profiles should be sent to the attention of Ms. Yulandia Jordan, Division of Toxicology, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Mailstop E–29, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30333. Electronic access to these documents is also available at the ATSDR Web site: *http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxpro2.html.*

Comments regarding the draft toxicological profiles should be sent to the attention of Dr. Marie Socha, Division of Toxicology, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Mailstop E–29, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

Requests for printed copies of the draft toxicological profiles must be in writing, and must specifically identify the hazardous substance(s) profile(s) that you wish to receive. ATSDR reserves the right to provide only one copy of each profile requested, free of charge. In case of extended distribution delays, requestors will be notified.

Written comments and other data submitted in response to this notice and the draft toxicological profiles should bear the docket control number ATSDR–197. Send one copy of all comments and three copies of all supporting documents to Dr. Marie Socha at the above stated address by the end of the comment period. Because all public comments regarding ATSDR toxicological profiles are available for public inspection, no confidential business information or other confidential information should be submitted in response to this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Yulandia Jordon, Division of Toxicology, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Mailstop E–29, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 1–888–422–8737 or (404)498–0261.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (Pub. L. 99–499) amends the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund) (42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*) by establishing certain responsibilities for the ATSDR and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with regard to hazardous substances which are most commonly found at facilities on the CERCLA National Priorities List (NPL). Among these responsibilities is that the Administrator of ATSDR prepare toxicological profiles for substances included on the priority lists of hazardous substances. These lists identified 275 hazardous substances that ATSDR and EPA determined pose the most significant potential threat to human health. The availability of the revised priority list of 275 hazardous substances was announced in the **Federal Register** on October 25, 2001 (66 FR 54014). For prior versions of the list of substances *see* **Federal Register** notices dated April 17, 1987 (52 FR 12866); October 20, 1988 (53 FR 41280); October 26, 1989 (54 FR 43619); October 17, 1990 (55 FR 42067); October 17, 1991 (56 FR 52166); October 28, 1992 (57 FR 48801); February 28, 1994 (59 FR 9486); April 29, 1996 (61 FR 18744); November 17, 1997 (62 FR 61332) and October 21, 1999 (64 FR 56792). [CERCLA also requires ATSDR to assure the initiation of a research program to fill data needs associated with the substances.]

Section 104(i)(3) of CERCLA [42 U.S.C. 9604(i)(3)] outlines the content of these profiles. Each profile will include an examination, summary and interpretation of available toxicological information and epidemiologic evaluations. This information and these data are to be used to identify the levels of significant human exposure for the substance and the associated health effects. The profiles must also include a determination of whether adequate information on the health effects of each substance is available or in the process of development. When adequate information is not available, ATSDR, in cooperation with the National Toxicology Program (NTP), is required to assure the initiation of research to determine these health effects.

Although key studies for each of the substances were considered during the profile development process, this **Federal Register** notice seeks to solicit any additional studies, particularly unpublished data and ongoing studies, which will be evaluated for possible addition to the profiles now or in the future.

The following draft toxicological profiles will be made available to the public on or about October 17, 2003.

Document	Hazardous substance	CAS No.
1.	Bromoform	000075–25–2
	Dibromochloromethane	000124–48–1
2.	Carbon Tetrachloride	000056–23–5
3.	Hexachlorocyclohexane (gamma)	000058–89–9
	Hexachlorocyclohexane (beta)	000319–85–7
	Hexachlorocyclohexane (delta)	000319–86–8
	Hexachlorocyclohexane (alpha)	000319–84–6
	Hexachlorocyclohexane (technical)	000608–73–1
4.	Naphthalene	000091–20–3
	1-Methyl Naphthalene	000090–12–0
	2-Methyl Naphthalene	000091–57–6
5.	Nickel	007440–02–0
6.	Tin	007440–31–5
7.	Tungsten*	007440–33–7
8.	Zinc	007440–66–6

*Denotes new profile

All profiles issued as ''Drafts for Public Comment'' represent ATSDR's best efforts to provide important toxicological information on priority hazardous substances. We are seeking public comments and additional information which may be used to supplement these profiles. ATSDR remains committed to providing a public comment period for these documents as a means to best serve public health and our clients.

Dated: October 17, 2003.

Georgi Jones,

Director, Office of Policy and External Affairs, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration on Aging

Tribal Consultation (Listening Sessions) With American Indian/Alaskan Native/Native Hawaiian Representatives

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services policy on consultation with American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Governments and Organizations requires each Operating Division to meet with AI/AN Tribal Representatives. The Administration on Aging (AoA) will call three Tribal Listening Sessions that comply with the Department's tribal consultation policy and the Older Americans Act (OAA). The listening sessions will be held in conjunction with OAA Title VI training and technical assistance meetings in 2003 and 2004.

The Tribal Listening Sessions will give AI/AN Tribal representatives, Native Hawaiian representatives, Title VI Directors, and AI/AN elders an opportunity to discuss Native American elder issues. The Administration on Aging is interested in the following critical issues:

What can the Aging Services Network do to empower older people and their families to make the best decisions about their care options? How can tribes build on the early success of the Native American Family Caregiver Support Program and expand access to information, make services more consumer-friendly, and allow caregivers more choices? What innovations are occurring at the Tribe, State and local level related to access and service delivery that could serve as models for other Tribes and communities across the country?

Anyone interested in testifying must pre-register to obtain a time slot. To accommodate as many speakers and diverse opinions as possible, each person will have a maximum of 10 minutes. AoA will accept a copy of written remarks at the time of the Tribal Listening Session.

DATES: The Tribal Listening Sessions are from 1 to 4 pm on the following dates and locations:

- October 29, 2003—Reno/Sparks, Nevada
- Feb. 25, 2004—Phoenix, Arizona
- April 28, 2004—Rapid City, South Dakota

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER CONTACT: Kaufmann and Associates at 425 West 1ST Avenue, Spokane, WA 99201, phone: (509) 747–4994, fax: (509) 747–5030. These are not toll-free numbers. Electronic mail address: *info@olderindians.org*

If you are unable to attend but wish to provide comments or Tribal Resolutions, these may be faxed to Kauffman & Associates, Inc at (509) 747–5030.

In accordance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), it is requested that any special assistance requirements be requested when registering for a Tribal Listening Session.

Dated: October 20, 2003.

Josefina G. Carbonell,

Assistant Secretary for Aging.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 2003N–0269]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request; Infectious Disease Issues in Xenotransplantation

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a proposed collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA).

DATES: Fax written comments on the collection of information by November 24, 2003.

ADDRESSES: OMB is still experiencing significant delays in the regular mail, including first class and express mail, and messenger deliveries are not being accepted. To ensure that comments on the information collection are received, OMB recommends that written comments be faxed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Attn: Fumie Yokota, Desk Officer for FDA, FAX: 202–395–6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: JonnaLynn P. Capezzuto, Office of Management Programs (HFA–250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301–827–4659.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, FDA has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance.

Infectious Disease Issues in Xenotransplantation—(OMB Control Number 0910–0456)—Extension

The statutory authority to collect this information is provided under sections 351 and 361 of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 262 and 264) and under the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act that apply to drugs (21 U.S.C. 301 *et seq.*). The PHS guideline recommends procedures to diminish the risk of transmission of infectious agents to the xenotransplantation product recipient and the general public. The PHS guideline is intended to address public health issues raised by xenotransplantation, through identification of general principles of prevention and control of infectious diseases associated with xenotransplantation that may pose a hazard to the public health. The collection of information described in this guideline is intended to provide general guidance to sponsors in: (1) The development of xenotransplantation clinical protocols, (2) the preparation of submissions to FDA, and (3) the conduct of xenotransplantation clinical trials. Also, the collection of information will help ensure that the sponsor maintains important information in a cross-referenced system that links the relevant records of the xenotransplantation product recipient, xenotransplantation product, source animal(s), animal procurement center, and significant nosocomial exposures. The PHS guideline describes an occupational health service program for the protection of health care workers involved in xenotransplantation procedures, caring for xenotransplantation product recipients, and performing associated laboratory