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**Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 498-1210. Send written

comments to CDC, Desk Officer, Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

**Proposed Project**

Evaluation of the Graduate Certificate Program—New—National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The National Center for HIV, STD and TB, CDC proposes to collect data to evaluate the Graduate Certificate Program (GCP). From July 1997 through January 2001, NCHSTP Prevention Support Office administered the GCP which funded 130 CDC public health professionals and 130 state and local public health professionals to attend a distance learning program that consisted of approximately one-half of the requirements of a graduate-level degree. The purpose of the proposed project is to evaluate the process, impact, and

outcome measures of the GCP that were described in the original Request for Proposal (RFP). CDC is looking to establish perceived or measurable benefits of the program, as well as to evaluate the effectiveness of the distance-based education approach.

The data collected will be used to determine the effectiveness of the distance-based training approach, and to provide recommendations for developing similar training strategies in the future.

Data will be collected through an attitudinal survey that will be available in both paper and electronic copies. The survey will be administered to 520 respondents (approximately 260 state and local public health professionals (130 participants and 130 nonparticipants) and 260 supervisors (130 supervisors of participants and 130 supervisors of nonparticipants). It is estimated that it will take respondents approximately 20 minutes to complete the survey. The annual burden for this data collection is 192 hours.

Respondents	No. of respondents	No. of responses/ respondent	Average burden/ response (in hours)
Federal Public Health Professionals .....	144	1	20/60
State and Local Public Health Professionals .....	144	1	20/60
Supervisors of Participants .....	144	1	20/60
Survey of Non-participant Supervisors .....	144	1	20/60

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**Notice of Meeting**

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 committee meeting:

*Name:* Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

*Time and Date:* 8 a.m.–5 p.m., January 7, 2003. 8 a.m.–12:30 p.m., January 8, 2003.

*Place:* The Westin Cincinnati, 21 East Fifth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202, telephone 513/621-7700, fax 513/852-5670.

*Status:* Open 8 a.m.–5 p.m., January 7, 2003. Open 8 a.m.–9:45 a.m., January 8, 2003. Closed 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m., January 8, 2003.

*Background:* The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (“the Board”) was established under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA) of 2000 to advise the President, through the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), on a variety of policy and technical functions required to implement and effectively manage the new compensation program. Key functions of the Board include providing advice on the development of probability of causation guidelines which have been promulgated by HHS as a final rule, advice on methods of dose reconstruction which have also been promulgated by HHS as a final rule, evaluation of the scientific validity and quality of dose reconstructions conducted by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) for qualified cancer claimants, and advice on the addition of classes of workers to the Special Exposure Cohort.

In December 2000 the President delegated responsibility for funding, staffing, and operating the Board to HHS, which subsequently delegated this authority to the CDC. NIOSH implements this responsibility for CDC. The charter was signed on August 3, 2001, and in November 2001, the President completed the appointment of an initial

roster of 10 Board members. In April, and again in August 2002, the President appointed additional members to ensure more balanced representation on the Board.

*Purpose:* This board is charged with (a) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS on the development of guidelines under Executive Order 13179; (b) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS on the scientific validity and quality of dose reconstruction efforts performed for this Program; and (c) upon request by the Secretary, HHS, advise the Secretary on whether there is a class of employees at any Department of Energy facility who were exposed to radiation but for whom it is not feasible to estimate their radiation dose, and on whether there is reasonable likelihood that such radiation doses may have endangered the health of members of this class.

*Matters to be Discussed:* The meeting will convene in open session from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. on January 7, 2003, and 8 a.m.–9:45 a.m. on January 8, 2003, to address matters related to program and dose reconstruction contract status, Atomic Weapons Employer site profile development, and hear a report from the Dose Reconstruction Workgroup. The remainder of the meeting will proceed in closed session.

The purpose of the closed session is to include development, review, and discussion of a proposed Independent Government Cost Estimate (IGCE) for a technical support