

innovative programs to counter declines in operating income.

#### Convenience Checks Issued in

#### Connection with Credit Cards:

Discussion of whether Truth in Lending Act provisions for credit cards should apply and whether the disclosures provided with convenience checks are adequate.

**Committee Reports:** Council committees will report on their work.

Other matters initiated by Council members also may be discussed.

Persons wishing to submit views to the Council on any of the above topics may do so by sending written statements to Ann Bistay, Secretary of the Consumer Advisory Council, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551. Information about this meeting may be obtained from Ms. Bistay, 202-452-6470.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, September 30, 2003.

**Jennifer J. Johnson**

*Secretary of the Board*

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## GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 3090-0221]

### GSA Board of Contract Appeals Rules Procedure

**AGENCY:** GSA Board of Contract Appeals, GSA.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comments regarding a renewal to an existing OMB clearance.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the General Services Administration will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a renewal of a currently approved information collection requirement regarding the GSA Board of Contract Appeals (GSBCA) Rules Procedures.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before December 2, 2003.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Margaret Pfunder, Chief Counsel, GSA Board of Contract Appeals, Room 7022, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405 or telephone (202) 501-0272.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the Regulatory Secretariat, General Services Administration (MVA), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Purpose

The GSBCA requires the information collected in order to conduct proceedings in contract appeals and petitions, and cost applications. Parties include those persons or entities filing appeals, petitions, cost applications, and government agencies.

##### B. Annual Reporting Burden

*Respondents: 55*  
*Responses Per Respondent: 1*  
*Hours Per Response: .117*  
*Total Burden Hours: 6.4*

##### Obtaining Copies of Proposals

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVA), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 208-7312. Please cite OMB Control No. 3090-0221, GSA Board of Contract Appeals Rules Procedure, in all correspondence.

Dated: September 26, 2003.

**Michael W. Carleton,**

*Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[30Day-74-03]

#### Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

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 or by fax to (202) 395-6974. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

*Proposed Project:* International Performance Standards Project—New—Public Health Practice Program Office (PHPPO), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Public Health Practice Program Office (PHPPO), is proposing to implement a required data collection to:

- a. Assess public health preparedness of countries to respond to a public health threat or emergency.
- b. Assess progress of countries towards (1) identifying any gaps that need to be strengthened in their public health systems, (2) achieving the critical and enhanced capacities of their public health systems, and (3) setting optimal standards for system performance that will enhance the delivery of public health services.
- c. Identify the focus of future proposed work plans, as well as help countries develop a public health research agenda.
- d. Provide a consistent framework for each country to characterize the status of its public health infrastructure.

This assessment will use the International Instrument for performance measurement of Essential Public Health Functions. This instrument is used for rapid assessment of capacity at the level of the National Health Authority of countries to respond to public health threats and emergencies. This instrument focuses on the six areas of fiscal year 2002 Supplemental Funds for Public Health Preparedness and Response for Bioterrorism (Announcement Number 99051), as the framework for data collection. The six focus areas are:

- Preparedness Planning and Readiness Assessment
- Surveillance and Epidemiology Capacity
- Laboratory Capacity—Biological Agents
- Health Alert Network/Communication and Information Technology
- Risk Communication and Health Information Dissemination (Public Information and Communication)
- Education and Training

Hard copy assessment instruments will be used in a group setting within countries to collect the data. The respondents will be individuals from all levels of the health system who are knowledgeable about the functions of their system. This process is being done

in conjunction with the World Bank and the governments of the different countries who elect to undertake performance measurement of their public health systems using this

methodology. The process will be funded through the Bank and the government of the countries. No Federal funds will be used in the process. It is anticipated that more than nine (9)

countries may be involved. The annualized burden is estimated to be 120 hours.

	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondents	Avg. burden response in hrs.
Year 1 .....	5	1	120

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**Nancy E. Cheal,**  
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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

[30Day-75-03]

**Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations**

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comments to CDC, Desk Officer, Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-6974. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

*Proposed Project:* Potential Reproductive and Neurological Effects of Exposure to Acrylamide—NEW—The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The mission of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is to promote safety and health at work for all people through research and prevention. Consistent with this mission, NIOSH is undertaking a study of the reproductive and neurobehavioral effects of the occupational exposure to acrylamide. Acrylamide workers and control workers (N = 100 per group) will be recruited from manufacturing, end-user and non-exposed settings. Exposure will be characterized by acrylamide hemoglobin, adduct and urinary metabolite levels, ambient area, personal air, and dermal sampling. Reproductive effects will be evaluated

by examining semen quality, sperm DNA integrity, reproductive hormone levels, and prostate specific antigen (PSA) levels.

Neurobehavioral effects will be assessed using sensation-tactile, postural stability, grooved pegboard, and simple reaction time tests. Two questionnaires will be administered on one occasion. Questionnaire information will be collected concurrently to augment test interpretation, adjust for potential confounders and covariates during regression analysis, correlate specific jobs and job activities with exposure measurements, and for validation purposes. Findings from this study will clarify if the adverse reproductive effects observed in animal studies are also present in acrylamide-exposed workers, and if preclinical neurobehavioral deficits are present at acrylamide doses currently considered to be within safe limits. This study is scheduled for implementation in late 2003 and 2004. The annualized estimated burden for this data collection is 87 hours.

Survey questionnaire	Number of respondents	Number of responses/respondent	Average burden/response (in hours)
Medical & Reproductive History Questionnaire .....	100	1	13/60
Occupational History Questionnaire .....	100	1	34/60
Non-participant Questionnaire .....	250	1	2/60

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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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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 or by fax to (202) 395-6974. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

*Proposed Project:* 2004 Methodological Study of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)—New—National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).