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Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

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Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is 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. Send comments to Seleda Perryman, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road, MS-D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project: Descriptive Epidemiology of Missed or Delayed Diagnoses for Conditions Detected by Newborn Screening—New—National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Every state in the United States and Washington, DC, has a public health program to test newborn babies for congenital metabolic and other disorders through laboratory testing of dried blood spots. These programs screen for between 4 and 30 different conditions including phenylketonuria (PKU) and congenital hypothyroidism, with testing performed in both state laboratories and private laboratories contracted by state health departments. The screening process or system is broader than the state public health newborn screening program, which is composed only of the laboratory and follow-up personnel. It involves the collection of blood from a newborn, analysis of the sample in a screening laboratory, follow-up of abnormal results, confirmatory testing and diagnostic work-up. Parents, hospitals, medical providers including primary care providers and specialists, state laboratory and follow-up personnel, advocates, as well as other partners such as local health departments, police, child protection workers, and courts play important roles in this process. Most children born with metabolic disease are identified in a timely manner and within the parameters

defined by the newborn screening system of each state. These children are referred for diagnosis and treatment. However, some cases are not detected at all or the detection comes too late to prevent harm. These "missed cases" often result in severe morbidity such as mental retardation or death.

In this project, we will update and expand a previous epidemiological study of missed cases of two disorders published in 1986. We will assess the number of cases of each disorder missed, the reasons for the miss and legal outcomes, if any. The reasons for the miss will be tabulated according to which step or steps of the screening process it occurred. Data will be collected by asking state public health laboratory directors, newborn screening laboratory managers, follow-up coordinators, specialists at metabolic clinics and parent groups with an interest in newborn screening for information regarding missed cases. An estimated 250 subjects will be requested to complete a short questionnaire that asks for information regarding the details of any missed cases of which they are aware. There is no cost to the respondents.

The survey will highlight procedures and actions taken by states and other participants in newborn screening systems to identify causes of missed cases and to modify policies and procedures to prevent or minimize recurrences. The information gleaned from this study may be used to help craft changes in the screening protocols that will make the process more organized and efficient and less likely to fail an affected child. Further, it is not clear that there is a systematic assessment of missed cases on a population basis; this project will seek to identify procedures for routine surveillance of missed cases. There are no costs to respondents.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden (in hrs.) per response	Total burden (in hrs.)
Data Collection Form	225	1	10/60	37.5
Total	37.5

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Proposed Project: Pilot Study to Evaluate Two Alternative Methods to Characterize Potential Exposures of Miners to Hazardous Chemicals—New—National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

NIOSH is planning to conduct a pilot study to assess the feasibility of using alternate, existing information sources to update estimates of potential exposures of miners to hazardous chemicals. Estimates of potential exposures of miners to hazardous chemicals are currently based on the National Occupational Health Survey of Miners (NOHSM, DHHS (NIOSH) Publication No. 96-136), which was conducted from 1984 through 1989. The mining industry has experienced many changes in the time since NOHSM was

performed; consequently, the NOHSM data may no longer be representative of the current potential exposures of the mining industry labor force to hazardous chemicals.

The proposed pilot study will request 10 mining establishments from each of the five major mining commodities (*i.e.*, coal, metal, nonmetal, stone and sand and gravel) selected by probability sampling, to submit a copy of the list of hazardous chemicals maintained pursuant to Mine Safety and Health Administration's (MSHA) Hazard Communication rule (30 CFR 47). For the selected mining establishments in the coal and metal commodities, publicly available U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) data will also be assembled and examined for value as part of the pilot project.

The objective of the pilot study will be to determine if hazard communication lists of hazardous chemicals, and/or EPA TRI data can be utilized to estimate potential exposure of miners to hazardous chemicals.

The Pilot Study will gather data on recruitment and participation, overall response rates and usefulness of the collected data. Any information linking survey responses to individual mining enterprises will be kept confidential. Only aggregate data will be used for all reports generated from the Pilot Study. There will be no cost to respondents.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
Coal Mining Commodity	10	1	15/60	2.5
Metal Mining Commodity	10	1	15/60	2.5
Nonmetal Mining Commodity	10	1	15/60	2.5
Stone Mining Commodity	10	1	15/60	2.5
Sand and Gravel Mining Commodity	10	1	15/60	2.5
Total	12.5

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