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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day-25-0639; Docket No. CDC-2025-  
0223]

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

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and  
Prevention (CDC), Department of Health  
and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice with comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of  
its continuing effort to reduce public  
burden and maximize the utility of  
government information, invites the  
general public and other federal  
agencies the opportunity to comment on  
a continuing information collection, as  
required by the Paperwork Reduction  
Act of 1995. This notice invites  
comment on a proposed information  
collection project titled Energy  
Employees Occupational Illness  
Compensation Program Act of 2000  
(EEOICPA) Special Exposure Cohort  
Petitions. This information collection  
project permits respondents to submit  
petitions to HHS requesting the addition  
of classes of employees to the Special  
Exposure Cohort under EEOICPA.

**DATES:** CDC must receive written  
comments on or before September 26,  
2025.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments,  
identified by Docket No. CDC-2025-  
0223 by either of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:**  
[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Follow the  
instructions for submitting comments.
- **Mail:** Jeffrey M. Zirger, Information  
Collection Review Office, Centers for  
Disease Control and Prevention, 1600  
Clifton Road NE, MS H21-8, Atlanta,  
Georgia 30329.

**Instructions:** All submissions received  
must include the agency name and  
Docket Number. CDC will post, without  
change, all relevant comments to  
[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**Please note:** Submit all comments  
through the Federal eRulemaking portal  
([www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)) or by U.S. mail to  
the address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To  
request more information on the  
proposed project or to obtain a copy of  
the information collection plan and  
instruments, contact Jeffrey M. Zirger,  
Information Collection Review Office,  
Centers for Disease Control and  
Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road, NE, MS  
H21-8, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; phone:  
404-639-7570; Email: [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA)  
(44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies  
must obtain approval from the Office of  
Management and Budget (OMB) for each  
collection of information they conduct  
or sponsor. In addition, the PRA also  
requires federal agencies to provide a  
60-day notice in the **Federal Register**  
concerning each proposed collection of  
information, including each new  
proposed collection, each proposed  
extension of existing collection of  
information, and each reinstatement of  
previously approved information  
collection before submitting the  
collection to the OMB for approval. To  
comply with this requirement, we are  
publishing this notice of a proposed  
data collection as described below.

The OMB is particularly interested in  
comments that will help:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed  
collection of information is necessary  
for the proper performance of the  
functions of the agency, including  
whether the information will have  
practical utility;
2. Evaluate the accuracy of the  
agency's estimate of the burden of the  
proposed collection of information,  
including the validity of the  
methodology and assumptions used;
3. Enhance the quality, utility, and  
clarity of the information to be  
collected;
4. Minimize the burden of the  
collection of information on those who  
are to respond, including through the  
use of appropriate automated,  
electronic, mechanical, or other  
technological collection techniques or  
other forms of information technology,  
*e.g.*, permitting electronic submissions  
of responses; and
5. Assess information collection costs.

#### Proposed Project

Energy Employees Occupational  
Illness Compensation Program Act of  
2000 (EEOICPA) Special Exposure  
Cohort Petitions (OMB Control No.  
0920-0639, Exp. 1/31/2026)—  
Extension—National Institute for  
Occupational Safety and Health  
(NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control  
and Prevention (CDC).

#### Background and Brief Description

On October 30, 2000, the Energy  
Employees Occupational Illness  
Compensation Program Act of 2000  
(EEOICPA), 42 U.S.C. 7384-7385 [1994,  
supp. 2001] was enacted. The Act  
established a compensation program to  
provide a lump sum payment of  
\$150,000 and medical benefits as  
compensation to covered employees  
suffering from designated illnesses  
incurred because of their exposure to  
radiation, beryllium, or silica while in  
the performance of duty for the  
Department of Energy and certain of its  
vendors, contractors and subcontractors.  
This legislation also provided for  
payment of compensation for certain  
survivors of these covered employees.  
This program has been mandated to be  
in effect until Congress ends the  
funding.

Among other duties, the Department  
of Health and Human Services (HHS)  
was directed to establish and implement  
procedures for considering petitions by  
classes of nuclear weapons workers to  
be added to the "Special Exposure  
Cohort" (the "Cohort"). In brief,  
EEOICPA authorizes HHS to designate  
such classes of employees for addition  
to the Cohort when NIOSH lacks  
sufficient information to estimate with  
sufficient accuracy the radiation doses  
of the employees, and if HHS also finds  
that the health of members of the class  
may have been endangered by the  
radiation dose the class potentially  
incurred. HHS must also obtain the  
advice of the Advisory Board on  
Radiation and Worker Health (the  
"Board") in establishing such findings.  
On May 28, 2004, HHS issued a rule  
that established procedures for adding  
such classes to the Cohort (42 CFR part  
83). The rule was amended on July 10,  
2007.

The HHS rule authorizes a variety of  
respondents to submit petitions.  
Petitioners are required to provide the  
information specified in the rule to  
qualify their petitions for a complete  
evaluation by HHS and the Board. HHS  
has developed two forms to assist the  
petitioners in providing this required  
information efficiently and completely.  
Form A is a one-page form to be used  
by EEOICPA claimants for whom  
NIOSH has attempted to conduct dose  
reconstructions and has determined that  
available information is not sufficient to  
complete the dose reconstruction. Form  
B, accompanied by separate  
instructions, is intended for all other  
petitioners. Forms A and B can be  
submitted electronically as well as in  
hard copy. Respondent/petitioners  
should be aware that HHS is not

requiring respondents to use the forms. Respondents can choose to submit petitions as letters or in other formats, but petitions must meet the informational requirements stated in the rule. NIOSH expects, however, that all petitioners for whom Form A would be appropriate will use the form, since NIOSH will provide it to them upon determining that their dose reconstruction cannot be completed and encourage them to submit the petition. NIOSH expects most petitioners for whom Form B would be appropriate will also use the form, since it provides a simple, organized format for addressing the informational requirements of a petition.

NIOSH will use the information obtained through the petition for the following purposes: (a) identify the petitioner(s), obtain their contact

information, and establish that the petitioner(s) is qualified and intends to petition HHS; (b) establish an initial definition of the class of employees being proposed to be considered for addition to the Cohort; (c) determine whether there is justification to require HHS to evaluate whether or not to designate the proposed class as an addition to the Cohort (such an evaluation involves potentially extensive data collection, analysis, and related deliberations by NIOSH, the Board, and HHS); and (d) target an evaluation by HHS to examine relevant potential limitations of radiation monitoring and/or dosimetry-relevant records and to examine the potential for related radiation exposures that might have endangered the health of members of the class.

Finally, under the rule, petitioners may contest the proposed decision of the Secretary to add or deny adding classes of employees to the cohort by submitting evidence that the proposed decision relies on a record of either factual or procedural errors in the implementation of these procedures. NIOSH estimates that the average time to prepare and submit such a challenge is five hours. Because of the uniqueness of this submission, NIOSH is not providing a form. The submission will typically be in the form of a letter to the Secretary.

CDC requests OMB approval for an estimated 43 annual burden hours. There are no costs to respondents unless a respondent/petitioner chooses to purchase the services of an expert in dose reconstruction, an option provided for under the rule.

#### ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Avg. burden per response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
Petitioners .....	Form A, 42 CFR 83.9 .....	2	1	3/60	1
	Form B, 42 CFR 83.9 .....	5	1	5	25
	42 CFR 83.9 .....	1	1	6	6
Petitioners using a submission format other than Form B (as permitted by rule).					
Petitioners Appealing final HHS decision (no specific form is required).	42 CFR 83.18 .....	2	1	5	10
Claimant authorizing a party to submit petition on his/her behalf.	Authorization Form, 42 CFR 83.7 ...	3	1	3/60	1
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	43

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

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##### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare &  
Medicaid Services, Health and Human  
Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Medicare &  
Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing  
an opportunity for the public to  
comment on CMS' intention to collect

information from the public. Under the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995  
(PRA), federal agencies are required to  
publish notice in the **Federal Register**  
concerning each proposed collection of  
information, including each proposed  
extension or reinstatement of an existing  
collection of information, and to allow  
a second opportunity for public  
comment on the notice. Interested  
persons are invited to send comments  
regarding the burden estimate or any  
other aspect of this collection of  
information, including the necessity and  
utility of the proposed information  
collection for the proper performance of  
the agency's functions, the accuracy of  
the estimated burden, ways to enhance  
the quality, utility, and clarity of the  
information to be collected, and the use  
of automated collection techniques or  
other forms of information technology to  
minimize the information collection  
burden.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection(s) of  
information must be received by the  
OMB desk officer by August 27, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and  
recommendations for the proposed  
information collection should be sent  
within 30 days of publication of this  
notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular  
information collection by selecting  
"Currently under 30-day Review—Open  
for Public Comments" or by using the  
search function.

To obtain copies of a supporting  
statement and any related forms for the  
proposed collection(s) summarized in  
this notice, please access the CMS PRA  
website by copying and pasting the  
following web address into your web  
browser: <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
William Parham at (410) 786-4669.

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