

process.²⁶ In addition, confidential commercial or financial information, which a submitter both customarily and actually treats as private, may be exempt from disclosure under exemption 4 of the FOIA.^{27 28}

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, February 23, 2022.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) has submitted the information collection request titled “ATSDR Exposure Investigations (EIs)” to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. ATSDR previously published a “Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations” notice on August 13, 2021 to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. ATSDR did not receive comments related to the previous notice. This notice serves to allow an additional 30 days for public and affected agency comments.

ATSDR will accept all comments for this proposed information collection project. The Office of Management and Budget is particularly interested in comments that:

(a) 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;

(b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(d) 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 submission of responses; and

(e) Assess information collection costs.

To request additional information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, call (404) 639–7570.

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. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function. Direct written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice to the Attention: CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395–5806. Provide written comments within 30 days of notice publication.

Proposed Project

ATSDR Exposure Investigations (EIs) (OMB Control No. 0923–0048, Exp. 04/30/2022)—Extension—Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR).

Background and Brief Description

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is requesting a three-year extension of “ATSDR Exposure Investigations (EIs)” (OMB Control No. 0923–0048, Exp. 04/30/2022). This generic clearance allows the agency to conduct EIs, through methods developed by ATSDR. After a chemical release or suspected release into the environment, EIs are usually requested by officials of a state health agency, county health departments, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the general public, and ATSDR staff. EI results are used by public health professionals, environmental risk managers, and other decision makers to determine if current conditions warrant

intervention strategies to minimize or eliminate human exposure.

During the past three years, no EIs were completed. Instead, the ATSDR Office of Community Health and Hazard Assessment (OCHHA), using EI methods, completed eight Per- or Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Exposure Assessments (PFAS EAs) (OMB Control No. 0923–0059, Exp. 06/30/2022) at communities near U.S. military installations that used Aqueous Film Forming Foam (AFFF). The PFAS from the AFFF entered groundwater and impacted the drinking water in the nearby communities. In 2022, however, ATSDR is conducting a follow-up EI under this generic clearance ICR to supplement the PFAS EAs. This EI generic information collection (GenIC) will evaluate additional non-drinking water sources of environmental PFAS exposure in two of the former EA communities.

The general EI methods are further described below. All of ATSDR’s targeted biological assessments (e.g., urine, blood) and some of the environmental investigations (e.g., air, water, soil, or food sampling) involve participants to determine whether they are or have been exposed to unusual levels of pollutants at specific locations (e.g., where people live, spend leisure time, or anywhere they might come into contact with contaminants under investigation).

Questionnaires, appropriate to the specific contaminant, are generally needed in about half of the EIs (at most, approximately 12 per year) to assist in interpreting the biological or environmental sampling results. ATSDR collects contact information (e.g., name, address, phone number) to provide the participant with their individual results. ATSDR also collects information on other possible confounding sources of chemical(s) exposure such as medicines taken, foods eaten, hobbies, jobs, etc. In addition, ATSDR asks questions on recreational or occupational activities that could increase a participant’s exposure potential. That information represents an individual’s exposure history.

The number of questions can vary depending on the number of chemicals being investigated, the route of exposure (e.g., breathing, eating, touching), and number of other sources of the chemical(s) (e.g., products used, jobs). We use approximately 12–20 questions about the pertinent environmental exposures per investigation. Typically, the number of participants in an individual EI ranges from 10 to 100.

Participation is completely voluntary, and there are no costs to participants

²⁶ 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(8).

²⁷ 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4).

²⁸ Note that the Board may disclose a summary of the results of supervisory stress testing pursuant to 12 CFR 225.8(h)(5)(iii) and publishes a summary of the results of stress testing pursuant to 12 CFR 252.46(b) and 12 CFR 238.134, which includes aggregate data. In addition, under the Board’s regulations, covered companies must also publicly disclose a summary of the results of stress testing. See 12 CFR 252.58; 12 CFR 238.146. The public disclosure requirement contained in 12 CFR 252.58 for covered BHCs and covered IHCs is separately accounted for by the Board in the Paperwork Reduction Act clearance for FR YY (OMB No. 7100–0350) and the public disclosure requirement for covered SLHCs is separately accounted for in by the Board in the Paperwork Reduction Act clearance for FR LL (OMB No. 7100–0380).

other than their time. Based on a maximum of 12 EIs per year and 100

participants each, the total estimated annualized burden hours are 600.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
Exposure Investigation Participants	Chemical Exposure Questions	1,200	1	30/60

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day-22-0010; Docket No. CDC-2022-0030]

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 proposed and/or continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites comment on a proposed information collection project titled Birth Defects Study To Evaluate Pregnancy exposureS (BD-STEPS). Data from BD-STEPS will play an important part in the decision-making process that determines federal research agendas, birth defect prevention activities, and the direction of funding programs such as cooperative agreements.

DATES: CDC must receive written comments on or before May 2, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2022-0030 by either of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** *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 *regulations.gov*.

Please note: Submit all comments through the Federal eRulemaking portal (*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*.

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

Birth Defects Study to Evaluate Pregnancy exposureS (BD-STEPS) (OMB Control No. 0920-0010, Exp. 2/28/2023)—Extension—National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

Birth defects are associated with substantial morbidity and mortality in the United States. About one in every 33 babies is born with a birth defect. Birth defects contributed to more than one million hospital stays in the U.S. in 2013, resulting in \$22.9 billion in hospital costs. Birth defects are the leading cause of infant mortality and the fifth leading cause of loss of potential years of life before age 65. One in five infant deaths is due to birth defects.

For most birth defects, the causes are not known, making prevention efforts challenging to develop. However, to date, primary preventive measures are available for only a few birth defects. For example, vaccination programs have reduced the incidence of congenital rubella syndrome, Rh hemolytic disease of the newborn can be prevented by appropriate medical practices, and genetic counseling can provide parents with information about the increased risk of Down syndrome associated with advanced maternal age. Perhaps most importantly, folic acid intake before and during pregnancy can prevent many cases of fatal or permanently disabling neural tube defects such as anencephaly and spina bifida.

This continued burden justifies reasonable attempts to reduce the