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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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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 M. 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:

Exposure to Aerosolized Brevetoxins During Red Tide Events (OMB No. 0920-0494)—Extension—National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

#### Background

*Gymnodinium breve* is the marine dinoflagellate responsible for extensive blooms (called "red tides") that form in the gulf of Mexico. *G. breve* produces potent toxins, called brevetoxins, that have been responsible for killing millions of fish and other marine organisms. The biochemical activity of brevetoxins is not completely understood and there is very little information regarding human health effects from environmental exposures, such as inhaling brevetoxin that has been aerosolized and swept onto the coast by offshore winds. The National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is planning to recruit 100 people who work along the coast of

Florida and who potentially will be occupationally exposed to aerosolized red tide toxins some time during the year following recruitment. We plan to administer a base-line respiratory health questionnaire and conduct pre- and post-shift pulmonary function tests during a time when there is no red tide reported near the area. When a red tide develops, we plan to administer a symptom survey and conduct pulmonary function testing (PFT) on a group of study participants who are working in the area where the red tide is near shore and on a control group of study participants who are not working in an area where the red tide is near shore (*i.e.*, are not exposed to the red tide). We will then compare (1) symptom reports before and during the red tide and (2) the changes in baseline PFT values during the work shift (differences between pre- and post-shift PFT results without exposure to red tide) with the changes in PFT values during the work shift when individuals are exposed to red tide.

In addition, we plan to assist in collecting biological specimens (inflammatory cells from nose and throat swabs) to assess whether they can be used to verify exposure and to demonstrate a biological effect (*i.e.*, inflammatory response) from exposure to red tide. We have collected part of the data, but, because we are dealing with natural phenomena and are subject literally to the tides, we must extend our data collection time for an additional two years. There is no cost to respondents.

Respondents	No. of respondents	No. of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
Pulmonary History Questionnaire .....	100	1	20/60	33
Symptoms Questionnaire .....	100	20	5/60	167
Nasal and Throat Swabs .....	100	20	5/60	167
Pulmonary Function Tests .....	100	20	20/60	667
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	1,034

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*Proposed Project: Work-Related Assaults Treated in Hospital Emergency Departments—New—National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).* Workplace violence, both fatal and nonfatal, is recognized as an important occupational safety and health issue. Various data systems have provided fairly detailed information on fatal workplace violence, but much less is known about the circumstances and risk factors for nonfatal workplace violence. As well, a number of strategies have been suggested for reducing the incidence and severity of workplace violence in various settings (e.g., taxicabs, health care, law enforcement, social services), but again, little empirical knowledge exists about what has been implemented and what impact such strategies may have. The report, *Workplace Violence: A Report to the Nation*, published by the University of Iowa based on recommendations from a workshop of experts, states, “\* \* \* research focused on a much broader understanding of the scope and impact of workplace violence is urgently needed to reduce the human

and financial burden of this significant public health problem.” In 2000, there were 677 workplace homicides in the U.S. From 1993–1999, there were an estimated 1.7 million nonfatal victimizations “while at work or on duty” every year, accounting for 18% of all violent crime during the 7-year period. In December 2001, Congress directed NIOSH to develop an intramural and extramural prevention research program that will target all aspects of workplace violence.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) maintains a database of injuries treated in a nationally representative sample of U.S. hospital emergency departments (Eds) called the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System (NEISS). Data routinely collected through NEISS include a brief narrative description of the injury event and basic demographic information such as intent and mechanism of injury, work-relatedness, principal diagnosis, part of the body affected, location where the injury occurred, involvement of consumer products, and disposition at ED discharge. For assaults, summary data are also being collected in the relationship of the perpetrator to the injured person and the context (i.e., altercation, robbery, sexual assault, etc.). For work-related cases, occupation and industry information is collected. The data system does not include any information on issues such as the specific workplace circumstances and risk factors for workplace violence; security measures in the workplace and whether they were utilized/used appropriately; training-in-workplace violence risk factors and prevention strategies; previous incidents of workplace violence; return-to-work after assault; and, other specific workplace violence information.

For the last 10 years, NIOSH has been collaborating with CPSC to collect surveillance data on work-related injuries treated in the NEISS Eds. In

addition, NIOSH has utilized the capacity of NEISS to incorporate follow-back surveys. Follow-back surveys allow collection of first-hand, detailed knowledge that does not exist in administrative or other records. CPSC routinely uses this mechanism to collect information of various types of injuries (e.g., fireworks-related injuries, injuries to children in baby walkers, etc.). NIOSH has used this mechanism to collect information on the circumstances of the injury, training, protective equipment (if appropriate), and other issues important to more fully understand the risk factors for work-related injuries and to make appropriate recommendations for preventing other such injuries in the future.

The current proposed study will consist of a telephone interview survey of workers treated in NEISS hospital Eds for injuries sustained during a work-related assault. The data collection will occur over a one year period. CPSC will hire a contractor to conduct the actual telephone interviews. NIOSH will review potential cases to identify those cases that should be forwarded to the contractor for interview. The survey includes an extended narrative description of the injury incident as well as items regarding general workplace organization; personal characteristics of the worker; work tasks at the time of the assault; training on workplace violence risk factors and prevention strategies; security measures in place and how they impacted the outcome of the incident; and return to work after the assault. This study will provide critical information for understanding the nature and impact of nonfatal assault among U.S. workers. In combination with data collected from other sources, this information will ultimately contribute to the prevention of violence in the workplace. The only cost to respondents is their time to participate in the data collection.

Survey	No. of respondents	No. of responses/respondent	Avg. burden/response (in hrs.)	Total burden (hours)
Work-related assaults treated in hospital Eds .....	1,600	1	20/60	533
Total .....				533

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*Proposed Project:* National Vital Statistics Report Forms (OMB No. 0920-0213)—Extension—National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

#### Background

The National Vital Statistics Report Forms (0920-0213) is an approved collection of the compilation of national vital statistics. This collection dates back to the beginning of the 20th century and has been conducted since

1960 by the Division of Vital Statistics of the National Center for Health Statistics, CDC. The collection of the data is authorized by 42 U.S.C. 242k. The National Vital Statistics Report forms provide counts of monthly occurrences of births, deaths, infant deaths, marriages, and divorces. Similar data have been published since 1937 and are the sole source of these data at the national level. The data are used by the Department of Health and Human Services and by other government, academic, and private research and commercial organizations in tracking changes in trends of vital events.

Respondents for the Monthly Vital Statistics Report Form (CDC 64.146) are registration officials in each State and Territory, the District of Columbia, and New York City. In addition, 60 local (county) officials in New Mexico who record marriages occurring and divorces and annulments granted in each county of New Mexico will use this Form. The data are routinely available in each reporting office as a by-product of ongoing activities. This form is designed to collect counts of monthly occurrences of births, deaths, infant deaths, marriages, and divorces immediately following the month of occurrence. There are no costs to respondents.

Respondents to the form: Monthly Vital Statistics Report (CDC 64.146)	No. of respondents	No. of responses/re-spondent	Avg. burden/response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
State and Territory registration officials .....	57	12	12/60	137
New Mexico County officials .....	60	12	6/60	72
Total .....				209

The Annual Marriage and Divorce Statistical Report Form (CDC 64.147) collects final annual counts of marriages and divorces by month for the United States and for each State. The statistical counts requested on this form differ from provisional estimates obtained on the Monthly Vital Statistics Report Form in that they represent complete and final counts of marriages, divorces, and annulments occurring during the months of the prior year. These final counts are usually available from State

or county officials about eight months after the end of the data year. The data are widely used by government, academic, private research, and commercial organizations in tracking changes in trends of family formation and dissolution.

Respondents for the Annual Marriage and Divorce Statistical Report Form are registration officials in each State, the District of Columbia, New York City, Guam, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Northern Marianas, and American

Samoa. In addition, counts of marriages will be collected from individual counties in New Mexico, and counts of divorces will be collected from individual counties in California, Colorado, Indiana, Louisiana, New Mexico, and the boroughs of New York City due to a lack of centralized complete collections in these registration areas. The data are routinely available in each reporting office as a by-product of ongoing activities.

Respondents	No. of respondents	No. of responses/re-spondent	Avg. burden/response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
State/Territory/City registration officials .....	56	1	30/60	28
County/Borough officials .....	348	1	30/60	174
Total .....				202