

M. tuberculosis susceptibility testing. Participation in this program is one way laboratories can ensure high-quality laboratory testing, resulting in accurate and reliable testing results.

By providing an evaluation program to assess the ability of the laboratories to test for drug resistant M. tuberculosis strains, laboratories also have a self-assessment tool to aid in optimizing their skills in susceptibility testing. The information obtained from the laboratories on susceptibility practices and procedures is used to establish variables related to good performance,

assessing training needs, and aid with the development of practice standards. The data collected over the previous three-year period enabled CDC to correlate testing practices with performance and to use this information to design training modules targeted to participants encouraging the adaptation of advanced testing methods. Extension of data collection will allow CDC to evaluate the effectiveness of these training modules by continually monitoring laboratory performance.

Participants in this program include domestic clinical and public health

laboratories. Data collection from laboratory participants occurs twice per year. The data collected in this program will include the susceptibility test results of primary and secondary drugs, drug concentrations, and test methods performed by laboratories on a set of performance evaluation (PE) samples. The PE samples are sent to participants twice a year. Participants also report demographic data such as laboratory type and the number of tests performed annually.

There is no cost to respondents to participate other than their time.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
Domestic Laboratory	Participant Biosafety Compliance Letter of Agreement ...	93	2	5/60	16
	MPEP <i>Mycobacterium tuberculosis</i> Results Worksheet ..	93	2	30/60	93
	Online Survey Instrument	93	2	15/60	47
Total	93	6	156

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Advisory Council for the Elimination of Tuberculosis Meeting (ACET)

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), announces the following meeting of the aforementioned committee:

Times and Dates:

8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m., EST, December 15, 2015
8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m., EST, December 16,
2015

Place: Corporate Square, Corporate
Boulevard, Building 8, 1st Floor Conference
Room, Atlanta, Georgia 30329, telephone
(404) 639-8317.

This meeting is also accessible by Webinar:
December 15, 2015

For Participants:

URL: <https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join/?i=PW1126536&p=6816256&t=c>
Conference number: PW1126536
Audience passcode: 6816256

Participants can join the event directly at:

<https://www.mymeetings.com/nc/join.php?i=PW1126536&p=6816256&t=c>
USA Toll-free +1 (888) 947-9021, Participant
code: 6816256
December 16, 2015

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Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

Purpose: This Council advises and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Assistant Secretary for Health, and the Director, CDC, regarding the elimination of tuberculosis. Specifically, the Council makes recommendations regarding policies, strategies, objectives, and priorities; addresses the development and application of new technologies; and reviews the extent to which progress has been made toward eliminating tuberculosis.

Matters for Discussion: Agenda items include the following topics: (1) Overview of Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA); (2) Tuberculosis in Congregate Settings; (3) Updates from Workgroups; and (4) other tuberculosis-related issues.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact Person for More Information:
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The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** Notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

Part C (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 FR 67772-76, dated October 14, 1980, and corrected at 45 FR 69296, October 20, 1980, as amended most recently at 80 FR 58479-58485, dated September 29, 2015) is amended to reflect the reorganization of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, and the Office of Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Section C–B, Organization and Functions, is hereby amended as follows:

Delete in its entirety the title and function statements for the *Influenza Coordination Unit (CVA4)*.

Delete in its entirety the title and function statements for the *National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (CVG)* and insert the following:

National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (CVG). The National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases (NCIRD) prevents disease, disability, and death through immunization and by control of respiratory and related diseases. In carrying out its mission, NCIRD: (1) Provides leadership, expertise, and service in laboratory and epidemiological sciences, and in immunization program delivery; (2) conducts applied research on disease prevention and control; (3) translates research findings into public health policies and practices; (4) provides diagnostic and reference laboratory services to relevant partners; (5) conducts surveillance and research to determine disease distribution, determinants, and burden nationally and internationally; (6) responds to disease outbreaks domestically and abroad; (7) ensures that public health decisions are made objectively and based upon the highest quality of scientific data; (8) provides technical expertise, education, and training to domestic and international partners; (9) provides leadership to internal and external partners for establishing and maintaining immunization, and other prevention and control programs; (10) develops, implements, and evaluates domestic and international public health policies; (11) communicates information to increase awareness, knowledge, and understanding of public health issues domestically and internationally, and to promote effective immunization programs; (12) aligns the national center focus with the overall strategic goals of CDC; (13) synchronizes all aspects of CDC's pandemic influenza preparedness and response from strategy through implementation and evaluation; and (14) implements, coordinates, and evaluates programs across NCIRD, Office of Infectious Diseases (OID), and CDC to optimize public health impact.

After the *Office of Science and Integrated Programs (CVG17)* insert the following:

Influenza Coordination Unit (CVG18). The mission of the Influenza Coordination Unit (ICU) is to synchronize all aspects of CDC's

pandemic influenza preparedness and response from strategy through implementation and evaluation. In carrying out its mission, the ICU: (1) Serves as the principal advisor to the CDC Director on pandemic influenza preparedness and response activities, assisting the Director in formulating and communicating strategic pandemic initiatives and policies; (2) provides strategic leadership for CDC in the areas of pandemic preparedness and response, including setting priorities and promoting science, policies, and programs related to pandemic influenza; (3) strategically manages a budget and allocates funds across the agency to ensure appropriate resources for high priority areas; and (4) conducts ongoing evaluation and adjustment of pandemic preparedness and response activities, in coordination with the National Response Framework and other emergency preparedness guidance, to ensure optimal public health effectiveness and efficient use of human and fiscal resources by developing and leading an exercise program for the Agency, in collaboration with HHS and other partners.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Board of Scientific Counselors, Office of Infectious Diseases: Notice of Charter Renewal

This gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463) of October 6, 1972, that the Board of Scientific Counselors, Office of Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), has been renewed for a 2-year period through October 31, 2017.

For information, contact Robin Moseley, M.A.T., Designated Federal Officer, Board of Scientific Counselors, Office of Infectious Diseases, CDC, HHS, 1600 Clifton Road NE., Mailstop D10, Atlanta, Georgia 30329–4027, telephone 404/639–4461 or fax 404/235–3562.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The notice for the proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address any of the following: (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 or send an email to omb@cdc.gov. Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice should be directed to the Attention: CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 or