

the environment. To facilitate this effort, ATSDR seeks the cooperation of the community being evaluated through direct communication and interaction. Direct community involvement is required to conduct a comprehensive scientific study and to effectively disseminate specific health information

in a timely manner. Also, this direct interaction fosters a clear understanding of health issues that the community considers to be of importance and establishes credibility for the agency. The Community Assistance Panel nominations forms are completed by individuals in the community to

nominate themselves or others for participation on these panels. This request is for a 3-year extension of the current OMB approval of the Community Assistance Panel nominations form. There is no cost to respondents.

Respondents	Number of Respondents	Number of responses/ respondent	Avg. burden per response (in hrs.)	Total annualized burden (in hrs.)
General Public	150	1	.1666	25

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 639–7090. Send written comments to CDC, Desk Officer; Human

Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235; Washington, DC 20503. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

Youth Environmental Risk Perception Survey—New—Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). In 1996, the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) launched a child health initiative to investigate knowledge and awareness of environmental hazards among children and youth. ATSDR is designing a new study, Risk Perceptions Among Youth of Environmental Hazards, to evaluate whether an educational intervention influences risk perceptions and knowledge of environmental toxins among middle school-aged students in a large metropolitan area. The results of this study will shed light on the ways young people learn about and use new information on environmental hazards. The results of this study will also be used to develop targeted environmental

health education campaigns and improve communication strategies aimed at young people, and inform and guide ATSDR partners who may be planning similar educational interventions.

An educational intervention will be designed and implemented in a school-based setting to see if and how three communication variables influence young people’s knowledge and behavior of environmental hazards. The key variables in this study are the source of the message, the contaminant, and the individual’s perception of risk. A study population of 360 male and female students will be randomly selected from 7th and 8th grade science classes in a large metropolitan school district. Each study participant will complete two written surveys (*e.g.*, a pre-test and post-test) administered prior to and immediately after listening to risk and hazard information. The results will be evaluated to determine the impact of different types and sources of information on the risk perceptions of participants. The estimated annualized burden is 90 hours.

Type of respondents	Number of respondents per year	Number of responses/ respondent	Avg. burden per response (in hrs.)
Middle school students	360	1	15/60

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Health Care Financing Administration

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

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human

Services, has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following proposal for the collection of information. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency’s functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of