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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Designation of a Class of Employees for Addition to the Special Exposure Cohort

AGENCY: National Institute for
Occupational Safety and Health
(NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention, Department of Health
and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HHS gives notice of a
decision to designate a class of
employees from the Pantex Plant in
Amarillo, Texas, as an addition to the
Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under
the Energy Employees Occupational
Illness Compensation Program Act of
2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stuart L. Hinnefeld, Director, Division
of Compensation Analysis and Support,
NIOSH, 1090 Tusculum Avenue,
MS C-46, Cincinnati, OH 45226-1938,
Telephone 1-877-222-7570.
Information requests can also be
submitted by email to DCAS@CDC.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7384q(b). 42 U.S.C.
7384l(14)(C).

On January 4, 2017, as provided for
under 42 U.S.C. 7384l(14)(C), the
Secretary of HHS designated the
following class of employees as an
addition to the SEC:

All employees of the Department of
Energy, its predecessor agencies, and their
contractors and subcontractors who worked
at the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas,
during the period from January 1, 1951,
through December 31, 1957, for a number of
work days aggregating at least 250 work days,
occurring either solely under this
employment or in combination with work
days within the parameters established for
one or more other classes of employees in the
Special Exposure Cohort.

This designation will become
effective on February 3, 2017, unless
Congress provides otherwise prior to the
effective date. After this effective date,
HHS will publish a notice in the
Federal Register reporting the addition
of this class to the SEC or the result of
any provision by Congress regarding the

decision by HHS to add the class to the
SEC.

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Occupational Safety and Health.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) Confidentiality Pledge Revision Notice

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

ACTION: General notice—notice of
revision of confidentiality pledges
under the Confidential Information
Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act.

SUMMARY: Under 44 U.S.C. 3506(e) and
44 U.S.C. 3501, CDC's National Center
for Health Statistics (NCHS) is
announcing revisions to the
confidentiality pledge(s) it provides to
its respondents under the Confidential
Information Protection and Statistical
Efficiency Act (44 U.S.C. 3501)
(CIPSEA). These revisions are required
by the passage and implementation of
provisions of the Federal Cybersecurity
Enhancement Act of 2015 (H.R. 2029,
Division N, Title II, Subtitle B, Sec.
223), which permit and require the
Secretary of the Department of
Homeland Security (DHS) to provide
Federal civilian agencies' information
technology systems with cybersecurity
protection for their Internet traffic. More
details on this announcement are
presented in the **SUPPLEMENTARY
INFORMATION** section below.

DATES: These revisions become effective
January 19, 2017.

ADDRESSES: Questions about this notice
should be addressed to the Information
Collection Review Office, Centers for
Disease Control and Prevention, 1600
Clifton Road NE., MS-D74, Atlanta,
Georgia 30329.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leroy A. Richardson by telephone at
404-639-7570 (this is not a toll-free
number); by email omb@cdc.gov, or by
mail Information Collection Review
Office, Centers for Disease Control and
Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE., MS-
D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329. Because of
delays in the receipt of regular mail
related to security screening,
respondents are encouraged to use
electronic communications.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Federal
statistics provide key information that
the Nation uses to measure its
performance and make informed
choices about budgets, employment,
health, investments, taxes, and a host of
other significant topics. The
overwhelming majority of Federal
surveys are conducted on a voluntary
basis. Respondents, ranging from
businesses to households to institutions,
may choose whether or not to provide
the requested information. Many of the
most valuable Federal statistics come
from surveys that ask for highly
sensitive information such as
proprietary business data from
companies or particularly personal
information or practices from
individuals. The CDC's National Center
for Health Statistics (NCHS) protects all
data collected under its authority under
the confidentiality provisions of section
308(d) of the Public Health Service Act
(42 U.S.C. 242m). Strong and trusted
confidentiality and exclusively
statistical use pledges under the
Confidential Information Protection and
Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA) and
similar statistical confidentiality
pledges are effective and necessary in
honoring the trust that businesses,
individuals, and institutions, by their
responses, place in statistical agencies.

Under CIPSEA and similar statistical
confidentiality protection statutes, many
Federal statistical agencies make
statutory pledges that the information
respondents provide will be seen only
by statistical agency personnel or their
sworn agents, and will be used only for
statistical purposes. CIPSEA and similar
statutes protect the confidentiality of
information that agencies collect solely
for statistical purposes and under a
pledge of confidentiality. These acts
protect such statistical information from
administrative, law enforcement,
taxation, regulatory, or any other non-
statistical use and immunize the
information submitted to statistical
agencies from legal process. Moreover,
many of these statutes carry criminal
penalties of a Class E felony (fines up to
\$250,000, or up to five years in prison,
or both) for conviction of a knowing and
willful unauthorized disclosure of
covered information.

As part of the Consolidated
Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2016
signed on December 17, 2015, the
Congress included the Federal
Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015
(H.R. 2029, Division N, Title II, Subtitle
B, Sec. 223). This Act, among other
provisions, permits and requires the
Secretary of the Department of
Homeland Security (DHS) to provide
Federal civilian agencies' information

technology systems with cybersecurity protection for their Internet traffic. The technology currently used to provide this protection against cyber malware is known as Einstein 3A; it electronically searches Internet traffic in and out of Federal civilian agencies in real time for malware signatures.

When such a signature is found, the Internet packets that contain the malware signature are shunted aside for further inspection by DHS personnel. Because it is possible that such packets entering or leaving a statistical agency's information technology system may contain a small portion of confidential statistical data, statistical agencies can no longer promise their respondents that their responses will be seen only by statistical agency personnel or their sworn agents. However, they can promise, in accordance with provisions of the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, that such monitoring can be used only to protect information and information systems from cybersecurity risks, thereby, in effect, providing stronger protection to the integrity of the respondents' submissions.

Consequently, with the passage of the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015, the Federal statistical community has an opportunity to welcome the further protection of its confidential data offered by DHS' Einstein 3A cybersecurity protection program. The DHS cybersecurity program's objective is to protect Federal civilian information systems from malicious malware attacks. The Federal

statistical system's objective is to ensure that the DHS Secretary performs those essential duties in a manner that honors the Government's statutory promises to the public to protect their confidential data. Given that the Department of Homeland Security is not a Federal statistical agency, both DHS and the Federal statistical system have been successfully engaged in finding a way to balance both objectives and achieve these mutually reinforcing objectives.

However, many current CIPSEA and similar statistical confidentiality pledges promise that respondents' data will be seen only by statistical agency personnel or their sworn agents. Since it is possible that DHS personnel could see some portion of those confidential data in the course of examining the suspicious Internet packets identified by Einstein 3A sensors, statistical agencies need to revise their confidentiality pledges to reflect this process change.

Therefore, NCHS is providing this notice to alert the public to these confidentiality pledge revisions in an efficient and coordinated fashion. Below is a table listing NCHS's current Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) OMB Control numbers and information collection titles and their associated revised confidentiality pledge(s) for the Information Collections whose confidentiality pledges will change to reflect the statutory implementation of DHS' Einstein 3A monitoring for cybersecurity protection purposes.

The following NCHS statistical confidentiality pledge will now apply to the Information Collections whose

Paperwork Reduction Act Office of Management and Budget numbers and titles are listed below.

We take your privacy very seriously. All information that relates to or describes identifiable characteristics of individuals, a practice, or an establishment will be used only for statistical purposes. NCHS staff, contractors, and agents will not disclose or release responses in identifiable form without the consent of the individual or establishment in accordance with section 308(d) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 242m) and the Confidential Information Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act of 2002 (CIPSEA, Title 5 of Public Law 107–347). In accordance with CIPSEA, every NCHS employee, contractor, and agent has taken an oath and is subject to a jail term of up to five years, a fine of up to \$250,000, or both if he or she willfully discloses ANY identifiable information about you. In addition, NCHS complies with the Federal Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015. This law requires the federal government to protect federal computer networks by using computer security programs to identify cybersecurity risks like hacking, internet attacks, and other security weaknesses. If information sent through government networks triggers a cyber threat indicator, the information may be intercepted and reviewed for cyber threats by computer network experts working for, or on behalf of the government.

NCHS'S CURRENT OMB CONTROL NUMBERS

| OMB control No. | Title of information collection |
|-----------------|--|
| 0920–0119 | National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey Supplement on Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (NAMCS CLAS). |
| 0920–0212 | National Hospital Care Survey. |
| 0920–0213 | NCHS: National Vital Statistics Report Forms. |
| 0920–0214 | National Health Interview Survey. |
| 0920–0215 | Application Form and Related Forms for the Operation of the National Death Index. |
| 0920–0217 | NCHS Application for Vital Statistics Training Form. |
| 0920–0222 | NCHS Questionnaire Design Research Laboratory. |
| 0920–0234 | National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS). |
| 0920–0278 | National Hospital Ambulatory Medical Care Survey. |
| 0920–0314 | National Survey of Family Growth. |
| 0920–0729 | Customer Surveys Generic Clearance for the National Center for Health Statistics. |
| 0920–0943 | Data Collection for the Residential Care Community and Adult Day Services Center Components of the National Study of Long-term Care Providers. |
| 0920–0950 | National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. |
| 0920–1015 | The National Ambulatory Medical Care Survey (NAMCS) National Electronic Health Record Survey (NEHRS). |
| 0920–1030 | Developmental Studies to Improve the National Health Care Surveys. |
| 0920–1063 | NAMCS Supplement of Primary Care Policies (NSPCP) for Managing Patients with High Blood Pressure, High Cholesterol, or Diabetes. |

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Designation of a Class of Employees for Addition to the Special Exposure Cohort

AGENCY: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HHS gives notice of a decision to designate a class of employees from Area IV of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory in Ventura County, California, as an addition to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stuart L. Hinnefeld, Director, Division of Compensation Analysis and Support, NIOSH, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, MS C-46, Cincinnati, OH 45226-1938, Telephone 1-877-222-7570. Information requests can also be submitted by email to DCAS@CDC.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7384q(b). 42 U.S.C. 7384l(14)(C).

On January 6, 2017, as provided for under 42 U.S.C. 7384l(14)(C), the Secretary of HHS designated the following class of employees as an addition to the SEC:

All employees of the Department of Energy, its predecessor agencies, and their contractors and subcontractors who worked in any area at Area IV of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory in Ventura County, California, from January 1, 1965, through December 31, 1988, for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days, occurring either solely under this employment or in combination with work days within the parameters established for one or more other classes of employees included in the Special Exposure Cohort.

This designation will become effective on February 5, 2017, unless Congress provides otherwise prior to the effective date. After this effective date, HHS will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** reporting the addition of this class to the SEC or the result of

any provision by Congress regarding the decision by HHS to add the class to the SEC.

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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, 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 February 21, 2017.

ADDRESSES: When commenting on the proposed information collections, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be received by the OMB desk officer via one of the following transmissions: OMB, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: CMS Desk Officer, Fax Number: (202) 395-5806 OR, Email: OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:

1. Access CMS' Web site address at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995>.
2. Email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov.
3. Call the Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

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. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies to publish a 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment:

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Bid Pricing Tool (BPT) for Medicare Advantage (MA) Plans and Prescription Drug Plans (PDP); *Use:* We require that Medicare Advantage organizations and Prescription Drug Plans complete the BPT as part of the annual bidding process. During this process, organizations prepare their proposed actuarial bid pricing for the upcoming contract year and submit them to us for review and approval. The purpose of the BPT is to collect the actuarial pricing information for each plan. The BPT calculates the plan's bid, enrollee premiums, and payment rates. We publish beneficiary premium information using a variety of formats (www.medicare.gov, the Medicare & You handbook, Summary of Benefits marketing information) for the purpose of beneficiary education and