

irritations, allergic responses, and liver damage, are associated with the ingestion of or contact with water containing cyanobacterial blooms. Although the balance of evidence, in conjunction with data from laboratory animal research, suggests that cyanobacterial toxins are responsible for a range of human health effects, there have been few epidemiologic studies of this association.

CDC plans to recruit 100 people whose tap water comes from a source with a current cyanobacterial bloom (i.e., *M. aeruginosa*) and who report drinking unfiltered tap water. We also plan to recruit 100 people who report drinking unfiltered tap water but whose tap water

source is groundwater that is not contaminated with cyanobacteria. This population will serve as our referent population for the analysis of microcystins in blood and for the clinical assays. We will administer a questionnaire and collect blood samples from all study participants. Blood samples will be analyzed using a newly developed molecular assay for levels of microcystins, the hepatotoxin produced by *Micocystis aeruginosa*. We also will analyze blood samples for levels of liver enzymes (a biological marker of hepatotoxicity) and for a number of clinical parameters including hepatitis infection (a potential confounder in our

study). We will evaluate whether we can (1) Detect low levels of microcystins (<10 ng/ml of blood), in the blood of people who are exposed to very low levels of this toxin in their drinking water and (2) Utilize clinical endpoints such as blood liver enzyme levels as biomarkers of exposure and biological effect, and (3) Compare the analytical results for the exposed population with the results from the referent population.

CDC is working with a group of utility companies that are interested in the project and plan to discuss implementation logistics early in 2007. There are no costs to respondents except their time to participate in the survey.

#### ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

| Respondents                       | No. of respondents | No. of responses per respondent | Average burden per response (in hours) | Total Burden (in hours) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Telephone Contact .....           | 300                | 1                               | 10/60                                  | 50                      |
| Interview .....                   | 200                | 1                               | 1                                      | 200                     |
| Blood Samples Collection .....    | 200                | 1                               | 20/60                                  | 67                      |
| Tap Water Sample Collection ..... | 200                | 1                               | 30/60                                  | 100                     |
| Total .....                       |                    |                                 |                                        | 417                     |

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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; Partial Retraction

**ACTION:** Notice, partial retraction

**SUMMARY:** On Friday, November 24, 2006 (71 FR 67873), the Centers of Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published a Notice document titled "Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request". That notice invited public comments on three separate

information collections. Through the publication of this document, CMS is retracting the portion of that notice requesting public comment on the Information Collection Requirement titled "Medicaid Drug Program Monthly Quarterly Drug Reporting Format", form number CMS-367 (OMB # 0938-0578).

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### Administration for Children and Families

#### Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

##### Proposed Projects

*Title:* Federal Tax Offset, Administrative Offset, and Passport Denial Program.

*OMB No.:* 0970-0161.

*Description:* The Tax Refund Offset and Administrative Offset Programs collect past-due child support by intercepting certain Federal payments, including Federal tax refunds, of parents who have been ordered to pay child support and who are behind in paying the debt. The program is a cooperative effort among the Department of Treasury's Financial Management Service (FMS), the Federal Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), and State Child Support Enforcement (CSE) agencies. The Passport Denial program reports non-custodial parents who owe arrears above a threshold to the Department of State (DOS), which will then deny passports to these individuals. On an ongoing basis, CSE agencies submit to OCSE the names, Social Security numbers (SSNs), and the amount(s) of past-due child support of people who are delinquent in making child support payments.

*Respondents:* State IV-D Agencies.

#### ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

| Instrument         | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total burden hours |
|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Input Record ..... | 54                    | 52                                 | .3                                | 842                |