

*reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen.*

### Request for Comments

The RoC Center invites written public comments on the expert panel's recommendation on listing status for cobalt-tungsten carbide powders and hard metals and the scientific justification for the recommendation. All comments received will be posted on the RoC Web site. Persons submitting written comments are asked to include their name and contact information (affiliation, mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers, e-mail, and sponsoring organization, if any) and send them to Dr. Lunn (see **ADDRESSES** above). The deadline for submission of written comments is March 30, 2009.

### Next Steps

The RoC Center is in the process of finalizing the background document for cobalt-tungsten carbide powders and hard metals based upon the expert panel's peer review comments and the public comments received (73FR60288). Persons can register free-of-charge with the NTP listserve (<http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/231>) to receive notification when the final background document is posted on the RoC Web site (<http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/10091>). As part of the RoC review process, two government groups will also conduct reviews of cobalt-tungsten carbide powders and hard metals; these meetings are not open to the public. Upon completion of these reviews, the NTP will (1) draft a substance profile for cobalt-tungsten carbide powders and hard metals that contains its listing recommendation for the 12th RoC and the scientific information supporting

that recommendation, (2) solicit public comment on the draft substance profile, and (3) convene a meeting of the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors to peer review the draft substance profile.

### Background Information on the RoC

The RoC is a Congressionally mandated document that identifies and discusses agents, substances, mixtures, or exposure circumstances (collectively referred to as "substances") that may pose a hazard to human health by virtue of their carcinogenicity. The RoC follows a formal, multi-step process for review and evaluation of selected chemicals. Substances are listed in the report as either *known or reasonably anticipated human carcinogens*. The NTP prepares the RoC on behalf of the Secretary of Health and Human Services. Information about the RoC and the review process is available on its Web site (<http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/roc>) or by contacting Dr. Lunn (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** above).

Dated: January 29, 2009.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

*Title:* Methodology for Determining Whether an Increase in a State's Child Poverty Rate is the Result of the TANF program—NPRM.

*OMB No.:* 0970-0186.

*Description:* In accordance with Section 413(i) of the Social Security Act and 45 CFR part 284, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) intends to reinstate the following information collection requirements. For instances when Census Bureau data show that a State's child poverty rate increased by 5 percent or more from one year to the next, a State may submit independent estimates of its child poverty rate. If HHS determines that the States independent estimates are not more reliable than the Census Bureau estimates, HHS will require the State to submit an assessment of the impact of the TANF program(s) in the State on the child poverty rate. If HHS determines from the assessment and other information that the child poverty rate in the State increased as a result of the TANF program(s) in the State, HHS will then require the State to submit a corrective action plan.

*Respondents:* The respondents are the 50 States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico; when reliable Census Bureau data become available for the Territories, additional respondents might include Guam and the Virgin Islands.

### ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

Instrument	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hours per response	Total burden hours
Optional Submission of Data on Child Poverty from an Independent Source	52	1	8	416
Assessment of the Impact of TANF on the Increase in Child Poverty .....	52	1	120	6,240
Corrective Action Plan .....	52	1	160	8,320

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 14,976.

*Additional Information:* Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Administration, Office of Information Services, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance Officer. All requests should be identified by the title of the

information collection. E-mail address: [infocollection@acf.hhs.gov](mailto:infocollection@acf.hhs.gov).

*OMB Comment:* OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the **Federal Register**. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should

be sent directly to the following: Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project, Fax: 202-395-6974, Attn: Desk Officer for the Administration for Children and Families.

Dated: February 6, 2009.

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