

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, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. Attn: Desk Officer for ACF.

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Robert Sargis,

Reports Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Comment Request

In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on

proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of Title 44, United States Code, as amended by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) publishes periodic summaries of proposed projects being developed for submission to OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, call the HRSA Reports Clearance Officer on (301) 443-1129.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the

burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Proposed Project: Faculty Loan Repayment Program (FLRP) Application (OMB No. 0915-0150)-Extension

Under the Health Resources and Services Administration Faculty Loan Repayment Program, disadvantaged graduates from certain health professions may enter into a contract under which HRSA will make payments on eligible educational loans in exchange for a minimum of two years of service as a full-time or part-time faculty member of an accredited health professions school. Applicants must complete an application and provide current loan balances on all eligible educational loans.

The estimate of burden for the form is as follows:

Form	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total Responses	Hours per responses	Total burden hours
Applicants	94	1	94	1	94

Send comments to Susan G. Queen, PhD., HRSA Reports Clearance Officer, Room 11A-33, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

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Jane M. Harrison,

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Notice of Filing of Annual Report of Federal Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to section 13 of Public Law 92-463, the fiscal year 2002 annual report for the following Health Resources and Services Administration's Federal advisory committee has been filed with the Library of Congress:

Health Professions and Nurse Education Special Emphasis Panel.

Copies are available to the public for inspection at the Library of Congress,

Newspaper and Current Periodical Reading Room in the James Madison Memorial Building, Room LM-133 (entrance on Independence Avenue, between First and Second Streets, SE., Washington, DC).

Copies may be obtained from: Ms. Wilma Johnson, Acting Director, Office of Peer Review, Parklawn Building, Room 11A-33, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone 301-443-6339.

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Jane M. Harrison,

Director, Division of Policy Review and Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request; Organochlorine Exposure in Relation to Timing of Natural Menopause: The North Carolina Menopause Study

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of section 3507(a)(1)(D) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Institute of Environmental Health

Sciences (NIEHS), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request for review and approval of the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on October 23, 2002, pages 65132-65133 and allowed 60-days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment. The National Institutes of Health may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB number.

PROPOSED COLLECTION: Title: Organochlorine Exposure in Relation to Timing of Natural menopause (The North Carolina Menopause Study) **Type of Information Collection Request:** New. **Need and Use of Information Collection:** Smoking has been shown in many studies to be associated with a 1-2 year decrease in age at natural menopause. However, relatively little is known about the effect of other potential toxicants, including organochlorines such as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and 1,1 dichloro-2,2-bis(p-

chlorophenyl) ethylene (p,p'-DDE (DDE). We will assess timing of menopause among women who previously participated in the North Carolina Infant Feeding Study. PCB and DDE levels were analyzed in blood and breast milk samples around delivery and after pregnancy. The median age of the women as of March 2002 is 50 years. Data will be collected in a telephone interview focusing on reproductive and menstrual history with additional information collected on demographic, social and behavioral factors that could affecting time of menopause.

Approximately 50% of participants based on sampling strata that involve criteria relating to age and menopausal status will also have a blood sample collection. The purpose of this study is to assess the association between the baseline organochlorine measurements and timing of natural menopause. A secondary aim will be to conduct exploratory analyses of the association between specific factors (e.g., pregnancy history, weight change) and rate of change in organochlorine levels.

Frequency of Response: 1.1 responses per respondent. There also will be a yearly assessment of menopausal status based on a short interview (fifteen minute telephone interview) targeting women who are pre-menopausal based on the initial interview. **Affected Public:** Individuals or households. **Types of Respondents:** Women who participated in the North Carolina Infant Feeding Study. The annual reporting burden is as follows: **Estimated Number of Respondents:** 642 **Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:** 1.1. **Average Burden Hours Per Response:** 0.66. **Estimated Total Burden Hours Requested:** 426. Annualized cost to respondents is \$6,816. There are no Capital Costs to report. There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS: Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited on one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of

appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DIRECT COMMENTS TO OMB: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the: Office of Management and Budget, Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact: Dr. Glinda Cooper, Epidemiology Branch, NIEHS, Building 101, A3-05, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 or call non-toll-free number (919) 541-0799 or E-mail your request, including your address to: "cooper1@niehs.nih.gov".

COMMENTS DUE DATE: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Dated: March 20, 2003.

Francine Little,
NIEHS, Associate Director for Management.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Extramural Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program for Individuals From Disadvantaged Backgrounds

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) invites applications for the Extramural Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds (ECR-LRP or Program) for fiscal year 2003. Pursuant to authority granted by Public Law 106-554, the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001, which amended Section 487E of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act (42 U.S.C. 288-5), as added by the National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act of 1993 (Pub. L. 103-43), the Secretary of Health and Human Services (Secretary), acting through the Director of NIH, has established a loan repayment program that offers the repayment of educational loan debt to qualified health

professionals from disadvantaged backgrounds, who have substantial debt relative to income and agree to conduct clinical research. The Director of NIH may enter into contracts with qualified health professionals from disadvantaged backgrounds who agree to engage in clinical research for a minimum of two years in exchange for loan repayments toward their outstanding educational loan debt, up to a maximum of \$35,000 per year. Payments equal to 39 percent of total loan repayments are issued to the Internal Revenue Service on behalf of the participants to offset Federal tax liabilities incurred due to their participation in the Program.

DATES: Information regarding the ECR-LRP is currently available, and the following are the application deadline dates: Fiscal Year 2003—January 31, 2003; Fiscal Year 2004—January 31, 2004; and Fiscal Year 2005—January 31, 2005. All applications must be submitted on-line by 5 p.m. (eastern standard time). If an Application Deadline Date falls on a weekend or holiday, the application is due on the following business day by 5 p.m. (eastern standard time).

ADDRESSES: The information and an on-line application may be obtained at the NIH Loan Repayment Program Web site at www.lrp.nih.gov or by contacting the National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, Attention Kenya McRae, non-toll free telephone number (301) 402-1366, or via email at mcraek@od.nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Definitions

(1) "Clinical research" is defined as patient-oriented clinical research conducted with human subjects or research on the causes and consequences of disease in human populations involving material of human origin (such as tissue specimens and cognitive phenomena) for which an investigator or colleague directly interacts with human subjects in an outpatient or inpatient setting to clarify a problem in human physiology, pathophysiology or disease, or epidemiologic or behavioral studies, outcomes research or health services research, or developing new technologies, therapeutic interventions, or clinical trials.

(2) "Debt threshold" is the minimum amount of qualified educational loan debt an applicant must have in order to be eligible for Program benefits. An applicant must have qualified educational loan debt equal to at least 20 percent of the applicant's annual