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Jeffrey Shuren,

Assistant Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of Inspector General

Program Exclusions: May 2005

AGENCY: Office of Inspector General, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of program exclusions.

During the month of May 2005, the HHS Office of Inspector General imposed exclusions in cases set forth below. When an exclusion is imposed, no program payment is made to anyone for any items or services (other than an emergency item or service not provided in a hospital emergency room) furnished, ordered or prescribed by an excluded party under the Medicare, Medicaid, and all Federal Health Care Programs. In addition, no program payment is made to any business or facility, *e.g.*, a hospital, that submits bills for payment for items or services provided by an excluded party. Program beneficiaries remain free to decide for themselves whether they will continue to use the services of an excluded party even though no program payments will be made for items and services provided by that excluded party. The exclusions have national effect and also apply to all Executive Branch procurement and non-procurement programs and activities.

Subject name, address	Effective date
Program-Related Convictions	
Adoff, Arnold	6/20/2005
Valhalla, NY	
Agett, Deborah	6/20/2005
Kingsport, TN	
Albanese, Anthony	3/29/2005
Brooklyn, NY	
Albarracin, Carlos	6/20/2005

Subject name, address	Effective date	Subject name, address	Effective date
Palmdale, CA		Seagoville, TX	
Aloma, Filomena	6/20/2005	Pederson, Randi	6/20/2005
Miami, FL		Fargo, ND	
Alvarez, Jose	6/20/2005	Porter, Kevin	6/20/2005
Miami, FL		Shelby, NC	
Arenales, Anna	6/20/2005	Purcell, Donald	6/20/2005
Hialeah, FL		Napa, CA	
ARS Professional Pharmacy, LTD	6/20/2005	Rascoe, Jessica	6/20/2005
Monsey, NY		Windsor, NC	
Barreda, Celina	6/20/2005	Reardon, Gina	6/20/2005
Miami, FL		Cumming, GA	
Beauchene, Tracey	6/20/2005	Reusche, Jane	6/20/2005
Aberdeen, WA		Fort Myers, FL	
Biotech Corporation	6/20/2005	Ricketts, Donna	6/20/2005
Tampa, FL		Hendersonville, TN	
Bonett, Olga	6/20/2005	Rivera-Iglesias, Jorge	6/20/2005
Camden, NJ		Cabo Rojo, PR	
Canning, Joyce	6/20/2005	Rivera-Iglesias, Wilson	6/20/2005
Sanford, ME		Cabo Rojo, PR	
Chancy, Luke	6/20/2005	Rodriguez-Sorrentini, Eric	6/20/2005
Kelso, WA		Cabo Rojo, PR	
Curbelo, Sue	6/20/2005	Rodriguez-Sorrentini, Noel	6/20/2005
Glendale, CA		Cabo Rojo, PR	
Dean, Nancy	6/20/2005	Senquiz, Luz	6/20/2005
Danbury, CT		Philadelphia, PA	
Depaula, Grisel	6/20/2005	Showell, Stephanie	6/20/2005
Miami, FL		Georgetown, DE	
Dubois, Marylin	6/20/2005	Stanley A Gorgol, D P M, Inc, Corp	6/20/2005
Paradis, LA		Salem, NH	
Espinosa, Sara	6/20/2005	Symkowski, Yanina	6/20/2005
Miami, FL		Waukesha, WI	
Gibbs, Debra	6/20/2005	Taft, William	6/20/2005
Fayetteville, NC		Cornelius, NC	
Gilley, Margaret	6/20/2005	Tatman, April	6/20/2005
Ellsworth, ME		Thornville, OH	
Gladkovister, Petr	6/20/2005	Taylor, Patricia	6/20/2005
Shorewood, WI		Wiggins, MS	
Goode, Constance	6/20/2005	Thomas-Hicks, Michelle	6/20/2005
Essex Junction, VT		Taylor, MI	
Hill, Stella	6/20/2005	Thurn, Anita	6/20/2005
Sacramento, CA		Scott, LA	
Hines, Shelia	6/20/2005	Thurn, Melvin	6/20/2005
Enfield, NC		Breaux Bridge, LA	
Hoover, Ronald	6/20/2005	Uko, Ekong	6/20/2005
Manchester, KY		Chatsworth, CA	
Howze, Andreco	6/20/2005	Underwood, Paul	6/20/2005
Great Falls, SC		Charlotte, NC	
Ince, Karen	6/20/2005	Urbano-Jane, Gloria	6/20/2005
Hollis, NY		Miami, FL	
Joyner, Connie	6/20/2005	Vann, Hoeuth	6/20/2005
Clinton, NC		Long Beach, CA	
Karapetyan, Margarita	6/20/2005	Warren, Constanza	6/20/2005
Los Angeles, CA		Altamonte Springs, FL	
Katherine, Scott	6/20/2005	Weir, Burnadett	6/20/2005
Minersville, PA		Hollis, NY	
Kaufman, Brian	6/20/2005	Williams, Taranika	6/20/2005
Honeoye Falls, NY		Minneapolis, MN	
Leafa, Tina	6/20/2005	Wright, Carrie	6/20/2005
Seatac, WA		Eden, NY	
Lennon, Dionne	6/20/2005	Felony Conviction for Health Care Fraud	
Wadesboro, NC		Amato, Nicola	6/20/2005
Loveall, Amy	6/20/2005	Flanders, NJ	
Fulton, NY		Bass, Theresa	6/20/2005
McCloskey, Debra	6/20/2005	Imperial, MO	
Schenectady, NY		Cazel, Phillip	6/20/2005
Mora, Zoraida	6/20/2005	Newcastle, CA	
Miami, FL		Colon, Margaret	6/20/2005
Morales-Montalvo, Carlos	6/20/2005	E Falmouth, MA	
San German, PR		Crowder, Linda	6/20/2005
Nemirovskaya, Viktoria	6/20/2005	Lancaster, CA	
Cedarburg, WI		Duhon, Paula	6/20/2005
Nsekpong, Michael	6/20/2005		

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Lancaster, TX		Columbia, MS		San Jose, CA	
Farrell, Linda	6/20/2005	Friendship, Theodore	6/20/2005	Bolton, Pamela	6/20/2005
Rochester, NY		Baton Rouge, LA		Batesville, MS	
Getz, Nicole	6/20/2005	Greaves, Yvette	6/20/2005	Bonner, Julie	6/20/2005
Clinton, OH		Roxbury, MA		Houston, TX	
Greenleaf, Janice	6/20/2005	Johnson, Evelyn	6/20/2005	Boswell, Andrea	6/20/2005
N Wildwood, NJ		Elizabeth City, NC		New Bedford, MA	
Korman, Julie	6/20/2005	Kimmons, Regina	6/20/2005	Brill, Mary	6/20/2005
Hamilton, OH		Holly Springs, MS		Philadelphia, PA	
Lamoreaux, Christopher	6/20/2005	Kutscher, Laura	6/20/2005	Brunson, Judith	6/20/2005
Lompoc, CA		Pennellville, NY		Calusa, CA	
Landa, Carlos	6/20/2005	Mathis, Jacqueline	6/20/2005	Burquist, Tammy	6/20/2005
Napa, CA		Jackson, MS		Semmes, AL	
Masterson, Pamela	6/20/2005	Mitchell, Virginia	6/20/2005	Byrd, Dena	6/20/2005
Niles, OH		Carbon, IN		Lake Charles, LA	
McCormick, Cynthia	6/20/2005	Moore, Pamela	6/20/2005	Byrd, John	6/20/2005
Cambridge, OH		Washington, NC		Phoenix, AZ	
McCoy, Reginald	6/20/2005	Mosley, Gloria	6/20/2005	Campbell, Shari	6/20/2005
Edinburg, TX		Oklahoma City, OK		Antioch, CA	
Nguyen, Phu	6/20/2005	Rippy, David	6/20/2005	Camuti, Diane	6/20/2005
San Jose, CA		Wichita Falls, TX		Astoria, NY	
Ruther Charlotte	6/20/2005	Showell, Cora	6/20/2005	Caraballo, Marcy	6/20/2005
West Milton, OH		Berlin, MD		Pueblo, CO	
Tsirulsky, Ilya	6/20/2005	Simmons, Tina	6/20/2005	Carper, Nancy	6/20/2005
Los Angeles, CA		Buffalo, NY		Sebring, FL	
Wills, Cathy	6/20/2005	Spomer, Kandise	6/20/2005	Carter, Roselyn	6/20/2005
Providence, RI		Enid, OK		Providence, RI	
Felony Control Substance Conviction		Tadlock, Amanda	6/20/2005	Casimiro, Melissa	6/20/2005
Cockerille, Lawrence	6/20/2005	Mapleton, IA		West Warwick, RI	
Litchfield, OH		Wittscheck, Heather	6/20/2005	Castorena, Kim	6/20/2005
Cook, Stephanie	6/20/2005	Toledo, OH		Brush, CO	
Checotah, OK		Zabala, Wilfredo	6/20/2005	Cedarwoods Day Spa, Inc	6/20/2005
Dao, David	6/20/2005	Seattle, WA		Pembroke Pines, FL	
Elizabethtown, KY		Conviction for Health Care Fraud		Champion, Mary	6/20/2005
Johnson, Russell	6/20/2005	Redman, Chelsea	6/20/2005	Egg Harbor TWP, NJ	
Chester, VA		Statesville, NC		Chaney, Mary	6/20/2005
Kenward, John	6/20/2005	Conviction—Obstruction of an Investigation		Fort Wayne, IN	
San Diego, TX		OPI Properties, INC	2/11/2005	Christon, Shannon	6/20/2005
Martin, Katherine	6/20/2005	St Louis Park, MN		Fresno, CA	
Burlington, VT		License Revocation/Suspension/ Surrendered		Cinsavich, Scott	6/20/2005
Marzen, Matthew	6/20/2005	Abarca, Cheryl	6/20/2005	Westford, MA	
Macungie, PA		Newark, NJ		Cline, Sarah	6/20/2005
McDowell, Jerri	6/20/2005	Alexander, Melissa	6/20/2005	Puyallup, WA	
Somerset, KY		Clarksville, IN		Cloys, Donald	6/20/2005
Nesbitt, Aaron	6/20/2005	Allen, Deanna	6/20/2005	Richmond, KY	
Lawton, MI		Kilgore, TX		Clyburn, Vickie	6/20/2005
Petersen, Penny	6/20/2005	Amato, Frank	6/20/2005	Loxley, AL	
Denver, CO		Bellport, NY		Collymore, Kerri	6/20/2005
Portales, Arturo	6/20/2005	Atkinson, Kristin	6/20/2005	Houston, TX	
Manchester, KY		Winston-Salem, NC		Colon, Karen	6/20/2005
Rick, Roxanne	6/20/2005	Austin, Todd	6/20/2005	Toms River, NJ	
Alexandria, VA		Eaton, IN		Craig, Donna	6/20/2005
Rudolph, Jeanette	6/20/2005	Baguss, Loraine	6/20/2005	Noblesville, IN	
Clinton, MO		Louisville, KY		Crudale, Ann	6/20/2005
Withington, Pamela	6/20/2005	Baker, Richard	6/20/2005	Warwick, RI	
Flemington, NJ		Lima, OH		Cupolo, Stacy	6/20/2005
Worcester, Keith	6/20/2005	Barlow, Mary	6/20/2005	Lakewood, NJ	
Stockton, CA		Glendale, AZ		Currier-Hill, Theresa	6/20/2005
Patient Abuse/Neglect Convictions		South Hero, VT		Delta, OH	
Anderson, Lisa	6/20/2005	Batchan, Danette	6/20/2005	Danieli, Alexis	6/20/2005
Dallas, TX		Chandler, AZ		Tiverton, RI	
Bah, Haja	6/20/2005	Baxter, Tabatha	6/20/2005	Daniels, Jennifer	6/20/2005
Hyattsville, MD		Anniston, AL		Syracuse, NY	
Brasley, Michael	6/20/2005	Bohanon, Terri	6/20/2005	Davidson, Jean	6/20/2005
E Rochester, NY				Lutz, FL	
Breakfield, Jimmy	6/20/2005			Dean, Elizabeth	6/20/2005
Columbia, MS				Satellite Beach, FL	
Browder, Clarissa	6/20/2005			Demara, Toni	6/20/2005
Centreville, MS				El Monte, CA	
Coleman, Charlotte	6/20/2005			Dinovo, Linda	6/20/2005
				Largo, FL	
				Downes, Dennis	6/20/2005
				McKeesport, PA	
				Duff, Charlette	6/20/2005

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Bruce, MS		Tacoma, WA		Littleton, NH	
Dunn, Deborah	6/20/2005	Keegan, Barbara	6/20/2005	Norwood, Elizabeth	6/20/2005
Louisville, KY		North Cape May, NJ		Atmore, AL	
Eddy, Vickie	6/20/2005	Keeton, Heather	6/20/2005	Perry, Marc	6/20/2005
High Point, NC		Willows, CA		Addison, IL	
Elder, Lisa	6/20/2005	Kelly, Sherry	6/20/2005	Peters, Janice	6/20/2005
Pittsburgh, PA		Philadelphia, PA		Marshalltown, IA	
Eyler, Kelley	6/20/2005	Kent, Kim	6/20/2005	Petillo, Larry	6/20/2005
Churubusco, IN		Huntington, WV		Coeur d'Alene, ID	
Fennell, Leslie	6/20/2005	Knowles, Abbey	6/20/2005	Pleat, Donna	6/20/2005
Port St Lucie, FL		Orlando, FL		Sunrise, FL	
Fenzel, Carl	6/20/2005	Koeller, Bambi	6/20/2005	Quidgeon, Maureen	6/20/2005
Goodyear, AZ		Midvale, UT		Thomaston, CT	
Fhrye, Karen	6/20/2005	Kolinsky, Carol	6/20/2005	Quinn, Eamonn	6/20/2005
Sacramento, CA		Berlin, NH		Ft Lauderdale, FL	
Fletcher, Constance	6/20/2005	Land, Cindy	6/20/2005	Rabon, Judy	6/20/2005
Enosburg Falls, VT		Claremore, OK		Rembert, SC	
Fritts, Larry	6/20/2005	Landry, Danielle	6/20/2005	Remmers, Janice	6/20/2005
Phillipsburg, NJ		West Warwick, RI		Mooresville, IN	
Fuster, David	6/20/2005	Laughlin, Lee	6/20/2005	Richardson, Katherine	6/20/2005
Bethesda, MD		Brandon, VT		Gary, IN	
Gagnon, Kimberly	6/20/2005	Lehman, Lori	6/20/2005	Riggs, Dezirae	6/20/2005
Woonsocket, RI		Nine Mile Falls, WA		Madison, IN	
Garcia, Marcy	6/20/2005	Lesieur, Sandra	6/20/2005	Rivera, Mary	6/20/2005
Avenal, CA		Grover, NC		Las Animas, CO	
Gardner, Charlotta	6/20/2005	Lewis, Cassandra	6/20/2005	Robertson, Blythe	6/20/2005
Jackson, MS		Nicholasville, KY		Paisley, FL	
Godwin, Carla	6/20/2005	Lewis, Jeanette	6/20/2005	Romanauskas, Vincent	6/20/2005
Dothan, AL		Elizabethton, TN		Harrisburg, PA	
Goodie, James	6/20/2005	Lindquist, Beth	6/20/2005	Rose, Rebecca	6/20/2005
Mount Vernon, NY		Greencastle, IN		Leitchfield, KY	
Grim, Donald	6/20/2005	Logan, Michael	6/20/2005	Rothwell, Frances	6/20/2005
Peshastin, WA		Palmdale, CA		Palm Bay, FL	
Groothand, Kimberly	6/20/2005	Luque, Vita	6/20/2005	Roy, Leona	6/20/2005
Sanford, ME		Griffith, IN		Port St Lucie, FL	
Guttman, Dennis	6/20/2005	Maack, Don	6/20/2005	Rudd, Carol	6/20/2005
Gainesville, FL		W Fargo, ND		Orlando, FL	
Hall, John	6/20/2005	Macavoy, Sonia	6/20/2005	Sanderson, Lynn	6/20/2005
Cornelius, NC		Port St Lucie, FL		Trenton, NJ	
Hart, Kimberly	6/20/2005	MaLearn, Jeremy	6/20/2005	Schoening, Linda	6/20/2005
Lodi, CA		Hemet, CA		Winston-Salem, NC	
Hatten, Candace	6/20/2005	Marcotte, Julie	6/20/2005	Scott, Jason	6/20/2005
Lone Star, TX		Phoenix, AZ		Calvert City, KY	
Hayes-Bolster, Lori	6/20/2005	Martin, Thomas	6/20/2005	Shatzer, Bonnie	6/20/2005
Chicago, IL		St Petersburg, FL		Westminster, MD	
Hendrickson, Molly	6/20/2005	Mauri, Sandy	6/20/2005	Shelton, Joshua	6/20/2005
Morganfield, KY		Totowa, NJ		Richland, WA	
Henry, Andrea	6/20/2005	McArthur, Teri	6/20/2005	Sheperd, Anne	6/20/2005
Marrero, LA		Pueblo West, CO		Ashland, KY	
Herron, Jerry	6/20/2005	McDonald, Mary	6/20/2005	Shiraldi, Teresa	6/20/2005
Murfreesboro, TN		Vacaville, CA		Abingdon, MD	
Herschel, Vyne	6/20/2005	McGinnis, Susan	6/20/2005	Siddall, Donley	6/20/2005
Chester, VT		Leesburg, OH		Collegedale, TN	
Hodges, Donna	6/20/2005	McKinney, Sheila	6/20/2005	Skowron, Tadeusz	6/20/2005
Rancho Cordova, CA		Oakland, MS		Avon, CT	
Howerton, Cynthia	6/20/2005	McLain, Jennifer	6/20/2005	Smargiassi, Suzanne	6/20/2005
Saucier, MS		Oklahoma City, OK		Leesburg, FL	
Hu, Ming	6/20/2005	Medley, Ginger	6/20/2005	Smith-Moore, Tonya	6/20/2005
Baldwin Park, CA		Winchester, KY		Omaha, IL	
Hubbard, Russelle	6/20/2005	Meza, Patricia	6/20/2005	Stachkunas, Matthew	6/20/2005
Alabaster, AL		Orosi, CA		Bristol, CT	
Hursh, Susan	6/20/2005	Michaelis, David	6/20/2005	Stevenson, Cathy	6/20/2005
Fort Wayne, IN		Paso Robles, CA		Mancos, CO	
Johanson, Leeann	6/20/2005	Mills, Jane	6/20/2005	Stone, Tammy	6/20/2005
Draper, UT		Mt Vernon, KY		Pawtucket, RI	
Johnson, Sarah	6/20/2005	Miranda, Rose	6/20/2005	Sullivan, Jackie	6/20/2005
Riverside, CA		Tucson, AZ		Orlando, FL	
Jones, Janet	6/20/2005	Moran, Finn	6/20/2005	Sullivan, Janice	6/20/2005
Fort Collins, CO		Webster, MA		Stockton, CA	
Jones, Joy	6/20/2005	Mullen, Priscilla	6/20/2005	Swicegood, Joseph	6/20/2005
Lawrenceville, GA		Mesa, AZ		Louisville, TN	
Jones, Luella	6/20/2005	Navas, Jennifer	6/20/2005	Tambo, Brenda	6/20/2005
Richmond, KY		Jacksonville, FL		Los Osos, CA	
Kantola, Jeffrey	6/20/2005	Niemiec, June	6/20/2005	Tate, Larry	6/20/2005

Subject name, address	Effective date	Subject name, address	Effective date
Phoenix, AZ	6/20/2005	Chatsworth, CA	
Thervil, Yolette			
Miami, FL	6/20/2005	Owners of Excluded Entities	
Thurber, Pauline			
Lakewood, CO	6/20/2005	Edoho-Ukwa, Grace	6/20/2005
Tidd, Miles		McKinney, TX	
Trenton, NJ	6/20/2005	Greer, Leta	6/20/2005
Tiscornia, Kimberly		St. Louis, MO	
W Milford, NJ	6/20/2005	Dated: June 1, 2005.	
Tofflemire, Andrew		Katherine B. Petrowski,	
San Francisco, CA	6/20/2005	Director, Exclusions Staff, Office of Inspector General.	
Trentacosta, Gregory		[FR Doc. 05-12693 Filed 7-1-05; 8:45 am]	
Wayne, NJ	6/20/2005	BILLING CODE 4152-01-M	
Trombley, Laurie			
Bradford, VT	6/20/2005	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	
Vaughn-Bey, David		National Institutes of Health	
Colorado Springs, CO	6/20/2005	Notification of Request for Emergency Clearance; Evaluation of the Impact of the New Conflicts of Interest Regulations on the National Institutes of Health's Ability To Recruit and Retain Staff	
Vitols, Britt		In accordance with Section 3507(j) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) hereby publishes notification of request for Emergency Clearance for the information collection related to the Evaluation of the Impact of the New Conflicts of Interest Regulations on the National Institutes of Health's Ability to Recruit and Retain Staff.	
Essex Junction, VT	6/20/2005	This information collection is essential to the mission of the NIH [42 U.S.C. 241 and 282(b)(1)]. In December 2003, the House Energy and Commerce Committee raised concerns about potential conflicts of interest at NIH. In response to these concerns, the NIH Director, Dr. Elias Zerhouni, ordered an internal investigation into consulting agreements at NIH and in June 2004 proposed changes to the agency's conflict-of-interest policies. Effective February 3, 2005, the new regulations (5 CFR parts 5501 and 5502, "Supplemental Standards of Ethical Conduct and Financial Disclosure Requirements for Employees of the Department of Health and Human Services," Federal Register, Vol. 70, No. 22 Thursday, February 3, 2005, 5543-5565) apply to all NIH employees and place limits on certain financial holdings of employees, their spouses, and minor children and on certain outside activities in which NIH staff may engage. In the brief time since the implementation of the new ethics rules, many key NIH senior scientists have	
Wells, Larry		6/20/2005	
Louisville, KY			
Wheat, Patricia	6/20/2005		
Louisville, KY			
Wheeler, Marsha	6/20/2005		
Cheshire, CT			
White, Jeannie	6/20/2005		
Fresno, CA			
Wilburn, Robert	6/20/2005		
North Point, FL			
Williamson, Christina	6/20/2005		
Chewelah, WA			
Willie, Dennis	6/20/2005		
Salt Lake City, UT			
Wimmer, Jan	6/20/2005		
Providence, RI			
Wood, Kristy	6/20/2005		
Hopbottom, PA			
Yancey, Dawn	6/20/2005		
Yerington, NV			
Yrigoyen, Florence	6/20/2005		
Denver, CO			
Zink, Tricia	6/20/2005		
Mt Vernon, IN			
Fraud/Kickbacks/Prohibited Acts/ Settlement Agreements			
Ahmad, Vimlesh	10/5/2004		
Seattle, WA	3/7/2005		
Day, Floyd			
Portland, OR			
Owned/Controlled By Convicted Entities			
Amgu, Inc	6/20/2005		
McKinney, TX			
Health & Wellness Medical Clinic, Inc	6/20/2005		
Los Angeles, CA			
Southern California Respiratory Care Services	6/20/2005		
Long Beach, CA			
Default on Heal Loan			
Bayles, Jay	6/20/2005		
Westlake Village, CA			
Duong, Chau	6/20/2005		
Brooklyn, NY			
Mohammadkhani, Alireza	6/20/2005		

chosen to leave NIH rather than comply with the new regulations.

In the preamble to the rule, HHS stated its intent to evaluate the impact of the new rules within the next year. Gauging both the immediate and longer term impact of these new rules is crucial to NIH's ability to develop and maintain a world-class staff. This project will produce data that will help NIH and HHS leaders determine the impact of the regulations and whether changes should be made, so it is essential that the data are collected while the review of the regulations is still in progress.

NIH cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures for information collection, because the use of normal procedures will delay the collection and hinder the agency in accomplishing its mission, to the detriment of the public good. NIH has taken all practicable steps to consult with the scientific community and the public in reaching the determination. Several months have elapsed since the publication of the new conflict of interest regulations, and NIH has had several meetings with employees, interviewed senior scientists and has made plans to survey current NIH employees, as well as reviewed more than 1800 comments on the regulations. At this point, NIH intends to survey recent applicants, applicants who have declined to accept employment offers from NIH and potential applicants from scientific organizations from which NIH has traditionally drawn leading scientific personnel. This will allow NIH to determine whether the regulations impact an individual's attitudes about employment at NIH and the likelihood of their joining the agency.

NIH and HHS leaders are still examining and modifying some aspects of the rules. It is essential that these leaders obtain information on the impact of the rules on the career aims and choices of non-NIH scientists and the perception of the scientific community to inform their decision making.

Proposed Collection

Title: Evaluation of the Impact of the New Conflicts of Interest Regulations on the National Institutes of Health's Ability to Recruit and Retain Staff. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Emergency. *Need and Use of Information Collection:* To assess the impact of new NIH ethics regulations on the agency's ability to continue to attract and recruit highly qualified scientific personnel. *Frequency of Response:* One time. *Affected Public:* Individuals and households. *Type of Respondent:* Highly