

comments received were numerous and very technical in nature. They will require extensive research and evaluation before implementation and have been referred to a workgroup for that purpose. As a result, we are seeking and extension on the use of the existing collection with no change at this time.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 498-1210. Send written comments to CDC, Desk Officer, Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

*Proposed Project:* A and B Reader Surveys—New—National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Since 1970, under the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (42 CFR part 37), screening chest radiographic examinations have been provided to underground miners at approximate five-year intervals. As part of the mandated Coal Workers' X-ray Surveillance Program (CWXP), the NIOSH B Reader Program requires x-ray classification by physicians who have

demonstrated proficiency in the International Labour Office (ILO) radiographic classification system.

Competence in the ILO system is demonstrated by physicians who have completed a NIOSH approved educational seminar (A Reader) or have passed the NIOSH B Reader certification examination (B Reader). The ILO has recently completed a revision of its radiographic classification system (ILO 2000) that will soon be published. As a result, modifications of the B Reader examinations and related training activities and materials will be needed. These revisions provide an opportunity to evaluate the current B Reader Program by surveying A and B Readers. The survey responses from these physicians will be used to develop a workshop agenda and contract specifications to improve the B Reader Program. The annual burden for this data collection is 617 hours.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses/respondent	Avg. burden/response (in hrs.)
Physicians/B Reader .....	531	1	10/60
Physicians/Former B Reader .....	333	1	10/60
Physicians/A Reader .....	2834	1	10/60

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*Proposed Project:* State Influenza Coordinators Survey—New—National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Influenza epidemics in the United States are associated with approximately 20,000 deaths and 114,000 hospitalizations each year; influenza pandemics are responsible for dramatic increases in morbidity and mortality worldwide. In order to detect "novel" viruses, changes in circulating strains, and the clinical impact of circulating strains, surveillance systems must present a broad picture of influenza activity. Data on morbidity and mortality are essential and must be reported in a timely manner.

Influenza Surveillance at CDC consists of four components: U.S. Sentinel Physician Network, State and Territorial Epidemiologist Reports, 122 Cities Mortality Report, and the WHO/NRVESS Laboratory Reports. Each of the 50 states as well as the District of Columbia participate in at least one of the CDC's four surveillance

components, however, additional surveillance activities within the states are currently unclear. In order to develop or enhance current Influenza surveillance activities at CDC and prepare for the future, including possible pandemics, it is crucial that we are aware of any existing surveillance systems at the state level. We are proposing a survey of state health departments, specifically each state's Influenza Surveillance Coordinator in order to ascertain the nature of flu surveillance in his/her state as well as how prepared the state is for things to come. The data collected will be used to improve and/or enhance national surveillance efforts.

The questionnaire that will be used focuses on state surveillance systems as well as pandemic preparedness. Questions will be asked regarding current surveillance including: Sentinel Physicians Systems, Nursing home surveillance, and School Absenteeism. The annual burden hours are estimated to be 27.