

educational (and outreach) activities and identify opportunities for improvements, based on information obtained on the research communities' education needs related to protection of human research subjects.

*Frequency:* Reporting on occasion.

*Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal governments, Federal Government, business or other for-profit, not-for-profit institutions.

*Annual Number of Respondents:* 6,598.

*Total Annual Responses:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 1 hour.

*Total Annual Hours:* 900.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access the HHS Web site address at <http://www.hhs.gov/oirm/infocollect/pending/> or e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and OS document identifier, to [naomi.cook@hhs.gov](mailto:naomi.cook@hhs.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690-6162. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 60 days of this notice directly to the OS Paperwork Clearance Officer designated at the following address: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Assistant Secretary for Budget, Technology, and Finance, Office of Information and Resource Management, Attention: Naomi Cook (0990-New) Room 531-H, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201.

Date: December 2, 2005.

**Robert E. Polson,**

*Office of the Secretary, Paperwork Reduction Act Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

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(Formerly OMB-0348-0043) [30-day notice]

**Grants.gov Program Management Office; Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Grants.gov Program Management Office, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Grants.gov Program Management Office, one of the 26 E-Government initiatives,

managed by the Department of Health and Human Services is publishing the following summary of proposed collection for public comment. Interested individuals are invited to send comments regarding any aspect of this collection of information or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

#### *Type of Information Collection*

*Request:* Regular, Revision of a currently approved collection;

*Title of Information Collection:* SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance;

*Form/OMB No.:* OS-4040-0004

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The SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance (OMB control number 0348-0043) was cleared by OMB for emergency use on July 31, 2003, **Federal Register** notice [68 FR 44974]. OMB has since assigned the responsibility for this government-wide standard form to the Grants.gov Program Management Office and therefore the SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance OMB control number was changed in April 2005 from 0348-0043 to 4040-0004. A 60-day **Federal Register** Notice was published on September 15, 2005 [Vol. 70, No. 178].

*Use:* In the **Federal Register** notice published April 8, 2003 [68 FR 17090], OMB proposed to establish a government-wide standard set of data elements and definitions for grant-related applications. After consultation with the public, OMB added four data elements to the existing Standard Form 424 (SF-424), Application for Federal Assistance data elements and established the data as the standard core data set for use on both paper and electronic applications. After obtaining emergency clearance, July 31, 2003, **Federal Register** notice, [68 FR 44974], use of the standard data elements was implemented through the electronic grants application process of Grants.gov, and was deployed in October 2003 as part of the implementation of the Federal Financial Assistance Management Improvement Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-107).

OMB recognized that a transition period would be needed to provide agencies time to adapt their application forms and systems to the SF-424 core

data set and to phase out the use of the old forms. OMB committed to a one-year transition period and further committed to reevaluate the data set at the end of the transition period. Following the expiration of the transition period, a cross-agency working group recommended revisions to the SF-424 core data set and form. Based on these recommendations, the Grants.gov Program office now proposes the addition of the following three new standard data elements to the SF-424 data set and form: Requesting entity's Province to collect non-US geographic subdivision data for international address purposes, if applicable. Requesting entity's Point of Contact's Organizational Affiliation, if applicable. Requesting entity's Point of Contact's Title, if applicable.

The Grants.gov Program office further proposes deletion of the requesting entity's designation of construction or non-construction type of submission data element. Also proposed are non-data collection related changes, *i.e.*, renaming of data elements. These changes are presented in the supporting statement found on the HHS Web site at <http://www.hhs.gov/oirm/infocollect/pending>.

Federal agencies will not be required to collect all of the information included in the data set. The agency will identify the data that must be provided by applicants through instructions that will accompany the application package.

The efforts to address potential future revisions to the SF-424A and SF-424C budget forms and categories and to evaluate the SF-424B and SF-424D assurance language are separate efforts to be undertaken by the Public Law 106/107 working groups and have no impact upon the proposed revisions to the SF-424 data set or form.

An estimate of the total burden was submitted during the first information collection package for the SF-424 on April 8, 2003, **Federal Register** notice [68 FR 17090]. The estimate has been updated based on the Paperwork Reduction Act Worksheets (OMB 83-C) received from the agencies. Collectively, the agencies plan to receive 142,223 applications annually and estimate that it takes applicants one hour on average to complete each application. Cumulatively, the agencies report the total burden to applicants to be 146,758 hours.

*Frequency:* Recordkeeping, Reporting, on occasion.

*Affected:* Federal, State, Local and Tribal governments; farms; non-profit institutions, and other for-profit.

*Total Annual Respondents:* 77,576.

*Total Annual Responses:* 142,223.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 1 hour.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access the HHS Web site address at <http://www.hhs.gov/oirm/infocollect/pending/> or e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and OS document identifier, to [naomi.cook@hhs.gov](mailto:naomi.cook@hhs.gov), or call the Reports Clearance Office on (202) 690-6162. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be mailed within 30 days of this notice directly to the Desk Officer at the address below: OMB Desk Officer: Katherine Astrich, OMB Human Resources and Housing Branch, Attention: (OMB 4040-0004), New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503.

Date: December 2, 2005.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

[ATSDR-215]

#### Update on the Status of the Superfund Substance-Specific Applied Research Program

**Editorial Note:** FR Doc. 05-23361 was originally published at page 71506 in the issue of Tuesday, November 29, 2005. The corrected document is republished below in its entirety, due to printing errors.

**AGENCY:** Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice provides the status of ATSDR's Superfund-mandated Substance-Specific Applied Research Program (SSARP) which was last updated in a **Federal Register** notice in 2002 (67 FR 4836). Authorized by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA, also known as the Superfund statute), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) [42 U.S.C. 9604 (i)], this research program was initiated on October 17, 1991. At that time, a list of priority data needs for 38 priority hazardous substances frequently found at waste sites was

announced in the **Federal Register** (56 FR 52178). The list was subsequently revised based on public comments and published in final form on November 16, 1992 (57 FR 54150).

The 38 substances, each of which is found on ATSDR's Priority List of Hazardous Substances (68 FR 63098, November 7, 2003), are aldrin/dieldrin, arsenic, benzene, beryllium, cadmium, carbon tetrachloride, chloroethane, chloroform, chromium, cyanide, p,p'-DDT, DDE, DDD, di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate, lead, mercury, methylene chloride, nickel, polychlorinated biphenyl compounds (PCBs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs—includes 15 substances), selenium, tetrachloroethylene, toluene, trichloroethylene, vinyl chloride, and zinc.

On July 30, 1997, priority data needs for 12 additional hazardous substances frequently found at waste sites were determined and announced in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 40820). The 12 substances, each of which is included in ATSDR's Priority List of Hazardous Substances, are chlordane, 1,2-dibromo-3-chloropropane, di-n-butyl phthalate, disulfoton, endrin (includes endrin aldehyde), endosulfan (alpha-, beta-, and endosulfan sulfate), heptachlor (includes heptachlor epoxide), hexachlorobutadiene, hexachlorocyclohexane (alpha-, beta-, delta- and gamma-), manganese, methoxychlor, and toxaphene.

More recently, priority data needs for 10 additional hazardous substances frequently found at waste sites were determined and announced in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 22704). The ten substances, each of which is included in ATSDR's Priority List of Hazardous Substances, are asbestos, benzidine, chlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins, 1,2-dibromoethane, 1,2-dichloroethane, 1,1-dichloroethene, ethylbenzene, pentachlorophenol, 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane, and total xylenes.

Currently, the priority data needs for acrolein and barium are being identified and will be reported in a future **Federal Register** notice.

To date, 270 priority data needs have been identified for the 60 hazardous substances, and 86 priority data needs have been filled (Table 1). ATSDR fills these research needs through U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulatory mechanisms (test rules), private-sector voluntarism, and the direct use of CERCLA funds. Additional priority data needs are being addressed through collaboration with the National Toxicology Program (NTP), by ATSDR's Great Lakes Human Health Effects Research Program, and other Agency

programs. Priority data needs documents describing ATSDR's rationale for prioritizing research needs for each substance are available. See **ADDRESSES** section of this Notice.

This Notice also serves as a continuous call for voluntary research proposals. Private-sector organizations may volunteer to conduct research to address specific priority data needs identified in this Notice by indicating their interest through submission of a letter of intent to ATSDR (see **ADDRESSES** section of this Notice). A Tri-Agency Superfund Applied Research Committee (TASARC) composed of scientists from ATSDR, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)/NTP, and the EPA, will review all proposed voluntary research studies.

**DATES:** ATSDR provides updates on the status of its Substance-Specific Applied Research Program approximately every three years or sooner, as needed. ATSDR considers the voluntary research effort to be important to the continuing implementation of the SSARP. Therefore, the Agency strongly encourages private-sector organizations to volunteer at any time to conduct research to fill data needs until ATSDR announces that other research mechanisms are in place to address those specific data needs.

**ADDRESSES:** Private-sector organizations interested in volunteering to conduct research can write to Yee-Wan Stevens, M.S., Applied Toxicology Branch, Division of Toxicology and Environmental Medicine, ATSDR, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mailstop F-32, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, e-mail: [YStevens@cdc.gov](mailto:YStevens@cdc.gov). Information about pertinent ongoing or completed research that may fill priority data needs cited in this Notice should be similarly addressed.

**Other Requirements:** Projects that involve the collection of information from ten or more individuals and funded by cooperative agreement will be subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Yee-Wan Stevens, M.S., Applied Toxicology Branch, Division of Toxicology and Environmental Medicine, ATSDR, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mailstop F-32, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone: (770) 488-3325, fax: (770) 488-4178.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

CERCLA as amended by SARA [42 U.S.C. 9604(i)] requires that ATSDR (1) jointly with the EPA, develop and