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hours estimated for this ICR are summarized in the table below.

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	100,000	1	1	100,000
Total .....	100,000	1	1	100,000

Grants.gov specifically requests comments on (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.

**Darius Taylor,**

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#### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

##### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Public Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Electronic Government Office, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Grants.gov (EGOV), Department of Health and Human Services, announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the

Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The ICR is for reinstatement of a previously-approved information collection assigned OMB control number 4040-0002—SF424—Mandatory, which expired on May 31, 2014. The ICR also requests categorizing the form as a common form, meaning HHS will only request approval for its own use of the form rather than aggregating the burden estimate across all Federal Agencies as was done for previous actions on this OMB control number. Prior to submitting that ICR to OMB, EGOV seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate, below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

**DATES:** The 60-day Comment Period closed on January 5, 2015. No comments were received. Comments on the ICR must be received on or before April 13, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments to *Information.CollectionClearance@hhs.gov* or by calling (202) 690-6162.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Information Collection Clearance staff, *Information.CollectionClearance@hhs.gov* or (202) 690-6162.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Form is available upon request.

*Information Collection Request Title:* SF-424 Mandatory Form.

*Abstract:* The SF-424 Mandatory Form provides the Federal grant-making agencies an alternative to the Standard Form 424 data set and form. Agencies

may use the SF-424 Mandatory Form for grant programs not required to collect all the data that is required on the SF-424 core data set and form.

*Need and Proposed Use of the Information:* To obtain Federal grants funds, applicant organizations must apply to the Federal agency or organization responsible for administering the grant program. The SF-424 Mandatory Form will be used by applicants to apply for Federal grants and for Federal agencies to review submissions for Federal grants funds.

*Likely Respondents:* Federal grant applicants.

*Burden Statement:* Burden in this context means the time expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide the information requested. This includes the time needed to review instructions, to develop, acquire, install and utilize technology and systems for the purpose of collecting, validating and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information, to train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information, to search data sources, to complete and review the collection of information, and to transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this ICR are summarized in the table below.

#### TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN—HOURS

Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden hours
	8,388	1	1	8,388
Total .....	8,388	1	1	8,388

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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.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Decision To Evaluate a Petition To Designate a Class of Employees From the Carborundum Company in Niagara Falls, New York, To Be Included in the Special Exposure Cohort

**AGENCY:** National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** NIOSH gives notice as required by 42 CFR 83.12(e) of a decision to evaluate a petition to designate a class of employees from the Carborundum Company in Niagara Falls, New York, to be included in the Special Exposure Cohort under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. The initial proposed definition for the class being evaluated, subject to revision as warranted by the evaluation, is as follows:

*Facility:* Carborundum Company.

*Location:* Niagara Falls, New York.

*Job Titles and/or Job Duties:* All employees who worked in any area.

*Period of Employment:* January 1, 1943 through December 31, 1976.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stuart L. Hinnefeld, Director, Division of Compensation Analysis and Support, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, MS C-46, Cincinnati, OH 45226-1938, Telephone 877-222-7570. Information requests can also be submitted by email to [DCAS@CDC.GOV](mailto:DCAS@CDC.GOV).

**John Howard,**

*Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

#### Meeting for Software Developers on the Common Formats for Patient Safety Data Collection and Event Reporting

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005, 42 U.S.C. 299b-21 to b-26, (Patient Safety Act) provides for the formation of Patient Safety Organizations (PSOs), which collect, aggregate, and analyze confidential information regarding the quality and safety of healthcare delivery. The Patient Safety Act (at 42 U.S.C. 299b-23(b)) authorizes the collection of this information in a standardized manner, as explained in the related Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Final Rule, 42 CFR part 3 (Patient Safety Rule), published in the **Federal Register** on November 21, 2008 (73 FR 70731-70814). AHRQ coordinates the development of common definitions and reporting formats (Common Formats) that allow healthcare providers to voluntarily collect and submit standardized information regarding patient safety events. In order to support the Common Formats, AHRQ has provided technical specifications to promote standardization by ensuring that data collected by PSOs and other entities are clinically and electronically comparable. More information on the Common Formats, including the technical specifications, can be obtained through AHRQ's PSO Web site: <http://www.PSO.AHRQ.GOV>.

The purpose of this notice is to announce a meeting to discuss the Common Formats. This meeting is designed as an interactive forum where software developers and PSOs can provide input on the formats. AHRQ especially requests participation by and input from those entities which have used AHRQ's technical specifications and implemented, or plan to implement, the formats electronically.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2015.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the John M. Eisenberg Conference Center, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, MD 20850.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Eileen Hogan, Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety, AHRQ, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, MD 20850; Telephone (toll free): (866) 403-3697; Telephone (local): (301) 427-1111; TTY (toll free): (866) 438-7231; TTY (local): (301) 427-1130; Email: [PSO@AHRQ.hhs.gov](mailto:PSO@AHRQ.hhs.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Patient Safety Act and Patient Safety Rule establish a framework by which doctors, hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and other health care providers may voluntarily report information regarding patient safety events and quality of care. Information that is assembled and developed by providers for reporting to PSOs and the information received and analyzed by PSOs—called patient safety work product—is privileged and confidential. Patient safety work product is used to identify events, patterns of care, and unsafe conditions that increase risks and hazards to patients. Definitions and other details about PSOs and patient safety work product are included in the Patient Safety Rule.

The Patient Safety Act and Patient Safety Rule require PSOs, to the extent practicable and appropriate, to collect patient safety work product from providers in a standardized manner in order to permit valid comparisons of similar cases among similar providers. The collection of patient safety work product allows the aggregation of sufficient data to identify and address underlying causal factors of patient safety problems. Both the Patient Safety Act and Patient Safety Rule, including any relevant guidance, can be accessed electronically at: <http://www.PSO.AHRQ.GOV/LEGISLATION>.

In collaboration with the interagency Federal Patient Safety Workgroup (PSWG), the National Quality Forum (NQF) and the public, AHRQ has developed Common Formats for two settings of care—acute care hospitals and skilled nursing facilities—in order to facilitate standardized data collection. AHRQ's Common Formats include:

- Event descriptions (descriptions of patient safety events and unsafe conditions to be reported),
- Specifications for patient safety aggregate reports and individual event summaries,
- Delineation of data elements to be collected for different types of events to populate the reports,
- A user's guide and quick guide, and
- Technical specifications for electronic data collection and reporting.