2. Name of Subcommittee: Health Research Dissemination and Implementation.
   Date: February 16, 2006 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. on February 16 and closed for remainder of the meeting).
3. Name of Subcommittee: Health Care Quality and Effectiveness Research.
   Date: February 23, 2006 (Open from 8 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. on February 23 and closed for remainder of the meeting).
4. Name of Subcommittee: Health Research Training.
   Date: February 27–28, 2006 (Open from 9 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. on February 27 and closed for remainder of the meeting).
5. Name of Subcommittee: Health Systems Research.
   Date: February 28, 2006 (Open from 9 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. on February 28 and closed for remainder of the meeting).

All the meetings above will take place at: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, John Eisenberg Conference Center, 540 Gaither Road, Rockville, Maryland 20850.

Contact Person: Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members, agenda or minutes of the nonconfidential portions of the meetings should contact Mrs. Bonnie Campbell, Committee Management Officer, Office of Extramural Research, Education and Priority Populations, AHRQ, 540 Gaither Road, Suite 2000, Rockville, Maryland 20850, Telephone (301) 427–1554.

Agenda items for these meetings are subject to change as priorities dictate.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the February 2 meeting, due to the time constraints of reviews and funding cycles.

Dated: January 13, 2006.

Carolyn M. Clancy,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of 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) 639–4766 or send an e-mail to *omb@cdc.gov.* Send written comments to CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC or by fax to (202) 395–6974. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

Possession, Use, and Transfer of Select Agents and Toxins (OMB Control No. 0920–0576)—Revision—Office of the Director (OD), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107–188) specifies that the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) shall provide for the establishment and enforcement of standards and procedures governing the possession, use, and transfer of select agents and toxins that have the potential to pose a severe threat to public health and safety. The Act specifies that entities that possess, use, and transfer these select agents register with the HHS Secretary. The HHS Secretary has designated CDC as the agency responsible for collecting this information.

CDC is requesting continued OMB approval to collect this information through the use of five separate forms. These forms are: (1) Application for Registration, (2) Request to Transfer Select Agent or Toxin, (3) Report of Theft, Loss, or Release of Select Agent and Toxin, (4) Report of Identification of Select Agent or Toxin, and (5) Request for Exemption.

The Application for Registration (42 CFR, 73.7(d)) is used by entities to register with CDC. The Application for Registration requests facility information; a list of select agents or toxins in use, possession, or for transfer by the entity; characterization of the select agent or toxin; and laboratory information. Estimated average time to complete this form is 3 hours, 45 minutes for an entity with one principal investigator working with one select agent or toxin. CDC estimates that entities will need an additional 45 minutes for each additional investigator or agent. In our regulatory analysis, we have estimated that 70% of the 350 entities have 1–3 principal investigators, 15% have 5 principal investigators, and 15% have 10 principal investigators. We have used these figures to calculate the burden for this section. Estimated burden for the Application for Registration is 2,191 hours.

Entities may amend their registration (42 CFR, 73.7(h)(1)) if any changes occur in the information submitted to CDC. To apply for an amendment to a certificate of registration, an entity must obtain the relevant portion of the application package and submit the information requested in the package to CDC. Estimated time to amend a registration package is 1 hour.

The Request to Transfer Select Agent or Toxin form (42 CFR 73.16) is used by entities requesting transfer of a select agent or toxin to their facility and by the entity transferring the agent. CDC revised the Request to Transfer Select Agent or Toxin form by removing the requirement that entities provide written notice within five business days when select agents or toxins are consumed or destroyed after a transfer. Estimated average time to complete this form is 1 hour, 30 minutes.

The Report of Theft, Loss, or Release of Select Agent and Toxin form (42 CFR 73.19(a)(b)) must be completed by entities whenever there is theft, loss, or release of a select agent or toxin. Estimated average time to complete this form is 1 hour.

The Report of Identification of Select Agent or Toxin form 42 CFR 73.5(a)(b) and 73.6(a)(b)) is used by clinical and diagnostic laboratories to notify CDC that select agents or toxins identified as the result of diagnostic or proficiency testing have been disposed of in a proper manner. In addition, the form is used by Federal law enforcement agencies to report the seizure and final disposition of select agents and toxins. Estimated average time to complete this form is 1 hour.

The Request for Exemption form (42 CFR 73.5 (d)(e) and 73.6 (d)(e)) is used by entities that are using an investigational product that are, bear, or contain select agents or toxins or in cases of public health emergency. Estimated average time to complete this form is 1 hour.

In addition to the standardized forms, this regulation also outlines situations in which an entity must notify or may make a request of the HHS Secretary in writing. An entity may apply to the HHS Secretary for an expedited review of an individual by the Attorney General (42 CFR 73.10(e)). To apply for this expedited review, an entity must submit a request in writing to the HHS Secretary establishing the need for such action. The estimated time to gather the information and submit this request is 30 minutes. CDC has not developed standardized forms to use in the above situations. Rather, the entity should

provide the information as requested in the appropriate section of the regulation.

An entity may also apply to the HHS Secretary for an exclusion of an attenuated strain of a select agent or toxin that does not pose a severe threat to public health and safety (42 CFR 73.3(e)(1) and 73.4(e)(1)). The estimated time to gather the information and submit this request is 1 hour.

As part of the requirements of the Responsible Official, the Responsible Official is required to conduct regular inspections (at least annually) of the laboratory where select agents or toxins are stored. Results of these self-inspections must be documented (42 CFR 73.9(a)(5)). CDC estimates, that, on average, such documentation will take 1 hour.

As part of the training requirements of this regulation, the entity is required to record the identity of the individual trained, the date of training, and the means used to verify that the employee understood the training (42 CFR 73.15(c)). Estimated time for this documentation is 2 hours per principal investigator.

An individual or entity may request administrative review of a decision denying or revoking certification of registration or an individual may appeal a denial of access approval (42 CFR 73.20). This request must be made in writing and within 30 calendar days after the adverse decision. This request should include a statement of the factual basis for the review. CDC estimates the time to prepare and submit such a request is 4 hours.

Finally, an entity must implement a system to ensure that certain records and databases are accurate and that the authenticity of records may be verified (42 CFR 73.17(b)). The time to implement such a system is estimated to average 4 hours.

The cost to respondents is their time to complete the forms and comply with the reporting and recordkeeping components of the Act plus a one-time purchase of a file cabinet (estimated cost $400) to maintain records. The total estimated annualized burden hours are 7,785.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

CFR reference	Data collection instrument	Number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Average burden per response
73.7(d)	Registration application form	350	1	3.75
73.7(d)	Additional investigators	245	2	45/60
73.7(d)	Additional investigators	53	4	45/60
73.7(d)	Additional investigators	52	9	45/60
73.7(h)(1)	Amendment to registration application	350	2	1
73.19(a)(b)	Report of theft, loss, or release	12	1	1
73.5 & 73.6 (d–e)/ 73.3 & 73.4 (e)(1).	Request for exemption form/exclusion	17	1	1
73.16	Request to transfer	350	2	1.5
73.5 & 73.6 (a)(b)	Report of identification	325	4	1
73.10(e)	Request expedited review	10	1	30/60
73.9(a)(5)	Documentation of self-inspection	350	1	1
73.15(c)	Documentation of training	350	1	2
73.20	Administrative review	15	1	4
73.17	Ensure secure recordkeeping system	350	1	4

Dated: January 18, 2006.

Betsey Dunaway,

Acting Reports Clearance Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Final Effect of Designation of a Class of Employees for Addition to the Special Exposure Cohort

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) gives notice concerning the final effect of the HHS decision to designate a class of employees at the Linde Ceramics Plant, in Tonawanda, New York, as an addition to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. On December 8, 2005, as provided for under 42 U.S.C. 7384q(b), the Secretary of HHS designated the following class of employees as an addition to the SEC:

Atomic weapons employees who worked at the Linde Ceramics Plant from October 1, 1942, through October 31, 1947, and who were employed for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days either solely under this employment or in combination with work days occurring within the parameters (excluding aggregate work day requirements) established for other classes of employees included in the SEC.

This designation became effective on January 7, 2006, as provided for under 42 U.S.C. 7384*l*(14)(C). Hence, beginning on January 7, 2006, members of this class of employees, defined as reported in this notice, became members of the Special Exposure Cohort.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Elliott, Director, Office of Compensation Analysis and Support, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 4676 Columbia Parkway, MS C–46, Cincinnati, OH 45226, Telephone 513–533–6800 (this is not a toll-free number). Information requests can also be submitted by e-mail to *OCAS@CDC.GOV.*

Dated: January 17, 2006.

John Howard,

Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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