

comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

Proposed Project: Mechanisms of Foodborne Infectious Disease Outbreaks—New—Epidemiology Program Office (EPO), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

This study will systematically determine how local and state health departments find out about disease outbreaks. While it is assumed that speed and accuracy of outbreak detection can be improved, there is little reported analysis of current detection methods at the state and local levels. Great attention is being focused on improving infectious disease outbreak detection in the United States (U.S.),

heightened by concerns of U.S. vulnerability to bioterrorist attack, and the inclusion of the development of enhanced syndromic surveillance systems. This information can be used to identify ineffective successful methods, and to motivate investments in alternative methods for outbreak detection.

The investigation will consist of a collection of available documentation about the outbreak and administration of a questionnaire to the local or state health department representative who identified each of 250 different outbreaks, which are sampled from the Electronic Foodborne Outbreak Reporting System (EFORS) database.

The questionnaire will consist of both closed- and open-ended items, and will be administered via Web-form or telephone interview. The initial 250 outbreak sample will be stratified by State, partly in order to reasonably distribute survey burden. With an anticipated 80% response rate, the final sample will be approximately 200 outbreaks (and respondents).

Additional efforts to reduce survey burden will include completion of as many of the questionnaire items as possible prior to administration (based on supporting documents), and Web-form or telephone administration options. There will be no cost to respondents.

Respondents	No. of respondents	No. of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)	Total burden (in hours)
State and Local Health Departments Representatives	200	1	1	200
Total	200

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

Advisory Committees; Filing of Annual Reports

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing, as required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that the agency has filed with the Library of Congress the annual reports of those FDA advisory committees that held closed meetings during fiscal year 2003.

ADDRESSES: Copies are available from the Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-6860.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 13 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2) and 21 CFR 14.60(c), FDA has filed with the Library of Congress the annual reports for the following FDA advisory committees through September 30, 2003:

Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research

Biological Response Modifiers Advisory Committee

Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee

Center for Drug Evaluation and Research
Anti-Infective Drugs Advisory Committee

Arthritis Advisory Committee

Cardiovascular and Renal Drug Advisory Committee

Gastrointestinal Drug Advisory Committee

National Center for Toxicological Research

Science Advisory Board to the National Center for Toxicological Research

Advisory Committee on Special Studies Relating to the Possible Long-Term Health Effects of Phenoxy Herbicides and Contaminants (Ranch Hand Advisory Committee)

Center for Devices and Radiological Health

Medical Devices Advisory Committee (consisting of reports for the Circulatory System Devices Panel;

Gastroenterology and Urology Devices Panel; General and Plastic Surgery Devices Panel; Dental Products Panel; Obstetrics and Gynecology Devices Panel; Neurological Devices Panel; Ophthalmic Devices Panel; Orthopaedic and Rehabilitation Devices Panel; Radiological Devices Panel)

Annual reports are available for public inspections between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at the following locations:

1. The Library of Congress, Madison Bldg., Newspaper and Current Periodical Reading Room, 101 Independence Ave. SE., rm. 133, Washington, DC; and

2. The Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Government-Owned Inventions; Availability for Licensing

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, DHHS.