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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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#### Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is providing opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects. To request more information on the proposed projects or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, call the CDC Reports Clearance Office at (404) 639-7090.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Send comments to Seleda Perryman, CDC Assistant Reports Clearance Officer, 1600 Clifton Road,

MS-D24, Atlanta, GA 30333. Written comments should be received within 60 days of this notice.

#### Proposed Project

Thyroid Disease in Persons Exposed to Radioactive Fallout from Atomic Weapons Testing at the Nevada Test Site: Phase III—NEW—National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), Centers for Disease Control (CDC). In 1997, the National Cancer Institute (NCI) released a report entitled, *Estimated Exposures and Thyroid Doses Received by the American People from I-131 In Fallout Following Nevada Nuclear Bomb Test*. This report provided county-level estimates of the potential radiation doses to the thyroid gland of American citizens resulting from atmospheric nuclear weapons testing at the Nevada Test Site (NTS) in the 1950's and 1960's. The Institute of Medicine (IOM) conducted a formal peer review of the report at the request of the Department of Health and Human Services. In the review, IOM noted that the public might desire an assessment of the potential health impact of nuclear weapons testing on American populations. The IOM also suggested that further studies of the Utah residents who have participated in previous studies of radiation exposure and thyroid disease might provide this information.

The National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) proposes to conduct a study of the relation between exposure to radioactive fallout from atomic weapons testing and the occurrence of thyroid disease on an extension of a cohort study previously conducted by the University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah. This study is designed as a follow-up to a retrospective cohort study begun in 1965. This is the third examination (hence Phase III) of a cohort of

individuals who were children living in Washington County, Utah, and Lincoln County, Nevada, in 1965 (Phase I) and who were presumably exposed to fallout from above-ground nuclear weapons testing at the Nevada Test Site in the 1950s. The cohort also includes a control group who were children living in Graham County, Arizona, in 1966 and presumably unexposed to fallout.

The study headquarters will be at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah. The field teams will spend the majority of their time in the urban areas nearest the original counties if the same pattern of migration holds that was found in Phase II. These urban areas include St. George, Utah, the Wasatch Front in Utah, Las Vegas, Nevada, Phoenix/Tucson, Arizona, and Denver, Colorado. In addition some time will be spent in California as a number of subjects had relocated there at the time of Phase II. The purposes of Phase III are three fold: First to re-examine the participants in Phase II for occurrence of thyroid neoplasia and other diseases since 1986. Residents of the three counties who moved before they could be included in the original cohort will be located and examined. Second, disease incidence will be analyzed in addition to period prevalence as used in the Phase II analysis. Use of incidence will allow for greater power to detect increased risk of disease in the exposed population through the use of person-time. Third, disease specific mortality rates for Washington County, Utah, and a control county, Cache County, Utah, will be compared for people who lived in these two counties during the time of above-ground testing. This comparison will determine if the risk of mortality in Washington County (the exposed group) is significantly greater than Cache County (the control group). CDC/NCEH is requesting a 3-year clearance. There is no costs to respondents.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden response (hrs)	Total burden (in hours)
Exposure Questionnaire .....	2400	1	1	2400
Questionnaire Preparation Booklet .....	2400	1	30/60	1200
Group Member Information .....	4800	1	5/60	384
Consent Forms .....	4800	1	10/60	816
Interview Booklet .....	4800	1	30/60	2400
Medical History Questionnaire (male) .....	2400	1	1	2400
Medical History Questionnaire (female) .....	2400	1	1	2400
Refusal Form .....	48	1	5/60	4
Total hours in burden .....	.....	.....	.....	12004

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#### **Study Team for the Los Alamos Historical Document Retrieval and Assessment Project**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) announce the following meeting:

*Name:* Public Meeting of the Study Team for the Los Alamos Historical Document Retrieval and Assessment Project.

*Time and Date:* 5 p.m.–7 p.m., September 13, 2000.

*Place:* Holiday Inn Express Hotel, 2455 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos, New Mexico, telephone 505/661-1110.

*Status:* Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 50 people.

*Background:* Under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in December 1990 with Department of Energy (DOE) and replaced by an MOU signed in 1996, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is given the responsibility and resources for conducting analytic epidemiologic investigations of residents of communities in the vicinity of DOE facilities, workers at DOE facilities, and other persons potentially exposed to radiation or to potential hazards from non-nuclear energy production use. HHS delegated program responsibility to CDC.

In addition, a memo was signed in October 1990 and renewed in November 1992 between the ATSDR and DOE. The MOU delineates the responsibilities and procedures for ATSDR's public health activities at DOE sites required under sections 104, 105, 107, and 120 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund). These activities include health consultations and public health assessments at DOE sites listed on, or proposed for, the Superfund National Priorities List and at sites that are the subject of petitions from the public; and other health-related activities such as epidemiologic studies, health surveillance, exposure and disease registries, health education, substance-specific applied research, emergency response, and preparation of toxicological profiles.

*Purpose:* This Study Team is charged with locating, evaluating, cataloguing, and copying documents that contain information about historical chemical or radionuclide releases from facilities at the Los Alamos

National Laboratory since its inception. The purposes of this meeting are to review the goals, methods, and schedule of the project, discuss progress to date, provide a forum for community interaction, and serve as a vehicle for members of the public to express concerns and provide advice to CDC.

*Matters to be Discussed:* Agenda items include a presentation from the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) and its contractor regarding an update on the information gathering project that began in February of 1999, including discussion of the project's initial draft report scheduled to be issued in late August. There will be time for public input, questions, and comments.

All agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

*Contact Persons for Additional Information:* Paul G. Renard, Radiation Studies Branch, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, NCEH, CDC, Building 6, Room T-027, Executive Park Drive (E-39), Atlanta, GA 30329, telephone 404/639-2522, fax 404/639-2575.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities for both CDC and ATSDR.

Dated: August 23, 2000.

**Carolyn J. Russell,**

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### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

#### **Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Health Service Activities and Research at Department of Energy (DOE) Sites: Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory Health Effects Subcommittee**

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announce the following meeting.

*Name:* Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Health Service Activities and Research at DOE Sites: Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory Health Effects Subcommittee.

*Times and Dates:* 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., October 18-19, 2000.

*Place:* West Coast Idaho Falls Hotel, 475 River Parkway, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402, telephone, 208/523-8000.

*Status:* Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting

room accommodates approximately 50 people.

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*Purpose:* This subcommittee is charged with providing advice and recommendations to the Director, CDC and the Administrator, ATSDR, regarding community concerns pertaining to CDC's and ATSDR's public health activities and research at this DOE site. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a forum for community interaction and serve as a vehicle for community concern to be expressed as advice and recommendations to CDC and ATSDR.

*Matters to be Discussed:* Agenda items include presentations from the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) and ATSDR on updates regarding progress of current studies. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

*Contact Persons for more Information:* Arthur J. Robinson, Jr., Radiation Studies Branch, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, NCEH, CDC, Building 6, Room T004, Executive Park Drive (E-39), Atlanta, Georgia 30329, telephone 404/639-2509, fax 404/639-2575.