

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection: Public Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects (section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announces plans to submit an Information Collection Request (ICR), described below, to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to submitting the ICR to OMB, HRSA seeks comments from the public regarding the burden estimate, below, or any other aspect of the ICR.

DATES: Comments on this Information Collection Request must be received no later than

[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments to paperwork@hrsa.gov or mail the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer, Room 10-29, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and draft instruments, email paperwork@hrsa.gov or call the HRSA Information Collection Clearance Officer at (301) 443-1984.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: When submitting comments or requesting information, please include the information request collection title for reference.

Information Collection Request Title: Radiation Exposure Screening and Education Program
OMB No. 0915-xxxx - New

Abstract: The Radiation Exposure Screening and Education Program (RESEP) is authorized by section 417C of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 285a-9). The purpose of RESEP is to assist individuals who live (or lived) in areas where U.S. nuclear weapons testing occurred and who are diagnosed with cancer and other radiogenic diseases caused by exposure to nuclear fallout or nuclear materials such as uranium. RESEP funds support eligible health care organizations in implementing cancer screening programs; developing education programs; disseminating information on radiogenic diseases and the importance of early detection; screening eligible individuals for cancer and other radiogenic diseases; providing appropriate referrals for medical treatment; and facilitating documentation of Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) claims.

Need and Proposed Use of the Information: For this program, performance measures were

drafted to provide data useful to the program and to enable HRSA to provide aggregate program data required by Congress under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993 (Pub. L. 103-62). These measures cover the principal topic areas of interest to the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy, including: (a) demographics for the RESEP program medical user patient population; (b) medical screening activities for cancers and other radiogenic diseases; (c) exposure and presentation types for eligible radiogenic malignant and non-malignant diseases; (d) referrals for appropriate medical treatment; (e) eligibility counseling and referral assistance for the RECA and Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Act programs; and (f) program outreach and education activities. These measures will speak to the Office's progress toward meeting the goals set.

Likely Respondents: Radiation Exposure Screening and Education Program award recipients.

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: (1) review instructions; (2) 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; (3) train personnel and to be able to respond to a collection of information; (4) search data sources; to complete and review the collection of information; and (5) transmit or otherwise disclose the information. The total annual burden hours estimated for this Information Collection Request are summarized in the table below.

Total Estimated Annualized burden hours:

Form Name	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Total Responses	Average Burden per Response (in hours)	Total Burden Hours
Radiation Exposure Screening and Education Program Performance Measures	50	1	50	24	1200
Total	50	1	50	24	1200

HRSA 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.

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