

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 2, 1996.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, C Street entrance between 20th and 21st Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Mr. Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; (202) 452-3204. You may call (202) 452-3207, beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before this meeting, for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting.

Dated: September 25, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Health Care Policy and Research

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research's (AHCPR) intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to allow a proposed information collection project. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (c)(2)(A)), AHCPR invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by November 27, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Ruth A. Celtnieks, Reports Clearance Officer, AHCPR, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 500, Rockville, MD 20852-4908.

All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the proposed information collection reinstatement.

In accordance with the above cited legislation, comments on the AHCPR information collection proposal are requested with regard to any of the following: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of 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 the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ruth A. Celtnieks, AHCPR Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 594-1406, ext. 1497.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Project

Conducting the 1997 Medical Expenditure Panel Survey Insurance Component (MEPS-IC).

The AHCPR intends to conduct an annual survey of establishments beginning in 1997 to collect information from employers concerning employer-sponsored health insurance. The MEPS-IC survey will be an integration of two previous surveys that collected similar information:

1. The 1987 Health Insurance Plans Survey (HIPS) sponsored by AHCPR; and
2. The 1994 National Employer Health Insurance Survey (NEHIS) sponsored by AHCPR, the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) and the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA).

This survey will be conducted using a sample of employers, (including both public and private sectors) and health insurance providers. The sample will be comprised of two parts:

1. A list sample of employers selected from sample frames available from the Bureau of the Census; and
2. A group of employers and other health insurance providers identified by respondents to the 1996 MEPS-Household Component (HC). The MEPS-HC is a household survey which collects information concerning health care expenditures and related data for individuals. This household survey collects information similar to the 1987 National Medical Expenditure Survey.

Data to be collected from each employer include a description of the business (e.g., size, industry) and descriptions of health insurance plans available, plan enrollments, total plan costs and costs to employees.

For employers that can be matched to the MEPS-Household Component (HC) respondents, data are also collected indicating the actual plan selected by the MEPS-HC respondent and the plan costs.

Data will be produced in two forms:

- (1) files containing employer information only from the list sample of selected employers; and
- (2) files which can be linked to other information from the same respondent for the employer cases derived from the MEPS-HC.

The data are intended to be used for purposes such as:

- Generating national and State estimates of employer health care offerings;
- Producing aggregate data on national and State estimates of spending on employer-sponsored health insurance for analyzing results of national and State health care policy data to model the demand for health insurance; and
- When pooled with data from the MEPS-HC, providing a valuable source of information concerning household responses regarding choices of health plans and costs and benefits of these plans.

These data provide the basis for researchers to address vitally important questions for employers and policymakers alike.

Method of Collection

The data will be collected using a combination of modes. AHCPR intends to make a first contact of employers by telephone. This contact will provide information on the availability of health insurance from that employer and essential persons to contact. Based upon this information, AHCPR will send a mail questionnaire. In order to assure high response rates, AHCPR will followup with a second mailing at an acceptable interval, followed by a telephone call to collect data from those who have not responded to the mailings.

As part of this process, for larger respondents with high burdens, such as State employers and very large firms, we will, if needed, perform personal visits and do customized collection, such as, acceptance of data in computerized formats.

Data

Type of review: Regular Submission.
Affected Public: Employers.

Estimated Annual Number of Respondents: 38,500.
Estimated Time Per Respondent: .83.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 32,000.
Estimated Annual Total Costs to Government: \$5,700,000.

Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) the necessity of the proposed collection; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of burden (including hours and cost) 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 upon the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection and they will also become a matter of public record.

Copies of these proposed collection plans and instruments can be obtained from the AHCPR Reports Clearance Officer (see above).

Dated: September 23, 1996.

Clifton R. Gaus,

Administrator.

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Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), announcement is made of the following advisory committee scheduled to meet during the month of October 1996:

Name: Health Care Technology Study Section.

Date and Time: October 28-29, 1996, 8 a.m.

Place: Doubletree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Conference Room TBD, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Open October 28, 1996, 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Closed for remainder of meeting.

Purpose: The Study Section is charged with conducting the initial review of health services research grant applications concerned with medical decisionmaking, computers in health care delivery, and the utilization and effects of health care technologies and procedures.

Agenda: The open session of the meeting on October 28, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., will be devoted to a business meeting covering administrative matters and reports. During the closed session, the Study Section will be reviewing and discussing grant applications dealing with health services research issues. In accordance with the

Federal Advisory Committee Act, section 10(d) of 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2 and 5 U.S.C., 552b (c)(6), the Administrator, AHCPR, has made a formal determination that this latter session will be closed because the discussions are likely to reveal personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications. This information is exempt from mandatory disclosure.

Anyone wishing to obtain a roster of members, minutes of the meeting, or other relevant information should contact Karen Rudzinski, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Scientific Affairs, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, Suite 400, Executive Office Center, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20852, Telephone (301) 594-1452 x1610.

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

Dated: September 20, 1996.

Clifton R. Gaus,

Administrator.

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Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

[ATSDR-114]

Quarterly Public Health Assessments and Addendum Completed

AGENCY: Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice is a quarterly announcement that contains a list of sites for which ATSDR has completed a public health assessment or an addendum during the period April-June 1996. This list includes sites that are on, or proposed for inclusion on, the National Priorities List (NPL), and one site for which an assessment was prepared in response to a request from the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert C. Williams, P.E., DEE, Director, Division of Health Assessment and Consultation, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mailstop E-32, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone (404) 639-0610.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The most recent list of completed public health assessments and public health assessments with addenda was published in the Federal Register on July 25, 1996, [61 FR 38754]. The quarterly announcement is the responsibility of ATSDR under the regulation Public Health Assessments and Health Effects Studies of Hazardous

Substances Releases and Facilities [42 CFR Part 90]. This rule sets forth ATSDR's procedures for the conduct of public health assessments under section 104(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) [42 U.S.C. 9604(i)].

Availability

The completed public health assessments and addendum are available for public inspection at the Division of Health Assessment and Consultation, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Building 33, Executive Park Drive, Atlanta, Georgia (not a mailing address), between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday except legal holidays. The completed public health assessments are also available by mail through the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161, or by telephone at (703) 487-4650. NTIS charges for copies of public health assessments and addenda. The NTIS order numbers are listed in parentheses following the site names.

Public Health Assessments and Addendum Completed or Issued

Between April 1, 1996 and June 30, 1996, five public health assessments and one addendum were issued for the sites listed below:

NPL Sites

Kansas—Ace Services Incorporated—Colby—(PB96-183546)
 New Hampshire—Beede Waste Oil—Plaistow—(PB96-182951)
 North Carolina—Cherry Point Marine Corps Air Station—Cherry Point—(PB96-188842)
 South Carolina—Annie Creek Mine Tailings (Reliance Tailings)—Leade—(PB96-188784)
 Virgin Islands—Tutu Wellfield—St. Thomas—(PB96-177183)

Petitioned Site

Ohio—Fields Brook (addendum) (Specifically concerning Radiological Contaminants at Reactive Metals Incorporated)—Ashtabula—(PB96-164975)

Dated: September 20, 1996.

Georgi Jones,

Director, Office of Policy and External Affairs, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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