

With respect to item (2), FTC Form 14 is excluded from the PRA's definition of "information" because the form asks only for the respondent's name, address, a description of the records and the number of copies requested. See 5 CFR 3(h)(1) (the definition of "information" excludes an "affidavit" or "certification" that merely asks the respondent for identifying information such as his or her name, address, the date, and the nature of the instrument), OMB Implementing Guidance to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Preliminary Draft), February 3, 1997. Deleting this item eliminates another 1,000 of 2,300 hours.

With respect to item (4), the "law enforcement" exception of the PRA excludes this category, because it involves collecting information during the conduct of a Federal investigation, civil action, administrative action, investigation, or audit with respect to a specific party, or subsequent adjudicative or judicial proceedings designed to determine fines or other penalties. See 5 CFR 1320.4(a)(1)-(3). Deleting this item eliminates another 200 hours of the 2,300 hours previously estimated for this submission.

With respect to item (3), the FTC is requesting an extension for those provisions covered by that category. Several of the Commission's rules contain provisions that allow certain modifications to, or exemptions from, a rule. For example, Part 901 of the Commission's Rules, 16 CFR Part 901, implementing the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. 1692, sets forth the procedures and standards for approving petitions received from a state that is requesting permission to apply state law in lieu of federal standards.

Also, the Commission recently amended Rule 4.11(e), 16 CFR 4.11(e), which establishes procedures for agency review of compulsory process issued to the Commission or its employees in matters to which the agency is not a party. The revised rule requires requesters who seek voluntary testimony by Commission employees to submit a statement in support of their requests. This amendment increases the burden imposed by "FTC Administrative Activities" by 24 hours and \$6,000 per year. On June 11, 1999, the FTC filed an OMB Form 83-C, Paperwork Reduction Act Change Worksheet that reflected those increases.

The FTC also recently received approval from the Office of Government Ethics ("OGE") to use an alternative form (instead of OGE Form 450, OMB clearance No. 3209-0006) for

Commission consultants to report financial and other conflicts of interest. This alternative form, which requires a simple certification instead of a detailed listing of the reporter's financial interests, is appropriate for FTC consultants, most of whom work only on specific projects for short periods of time, and many of whom serve without pay. While this form will save FTC consultants several hours per year in complying with financial disclosure and conflict of interest requirements, it also will increase the burden attributed to the FTC by approximately 2 hours per year because it replaces hours attributable to OGE. There is no significant cost associated with completing the form.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours

Most applications to the Commission generally fall within the "law enforcement exception" discussed above, and those that are not are rare and any burden associated with them is *de minimis*. For example, over the last decade, the Commission has received only one application for an exemption under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act provisions. Staff has estimated that such a submission can be completed well within 50 hours. Applications and notices to the Commission contained in other rules (generally in Parts I, II, and IV of the Commission's Rule of Practice) are also infrequent and difficult to quantify. An example is a request for a waiver of costs for obtaining Commission records. See 16 CFR 4.8(e). Nonetheless, in order to cover any potential "collections of information" for which we have not otherwise requested clearance, we are requesting a total of 100 burden hours as an estimate of the time needed to submit any relevant responses.

Estimated Annual Labor Costs

Based on 124 burden hours, and an hourly rate of \$250 for attorney time, we estimate the annual cost burden to be no more than \$31,000. There is no cost associated with the alternative financial reporting form.

Estimated Capital and Start-Up Costs/Operation and Maintenance

Not applicable

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Notice of a Meeting of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC)

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is given of a meeting of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission. The Commission will address (1) research involving human embryonic stem cells and (2) the international project. Some Commission members may participate by telephone conference. The meeting is open to the public and opportunities for statements by the public will be provided on July 13, 1999 from 11:30 am to 12 noon.

Dates/Times	Location
July 13, 1999, 8:30 am-5:00 pm.	Jerome C. Hunsaker Room, University Park Hotel, 20 Sidney Street, Cam- bridge, Massachusetts.
July 14, 1999, 8:30 am-12 Noon.	Same Location as Above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President established the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC) on October 3, 1995 by Executive Order 12975 as amended. The mission of the NBAC is to advise and make recommendations to the National Science and Technology Council, its Chair, the President, and other entities on bioethical issues arising from the research on human biology and behavior, and from the applications of that research.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public with attendance limited by the availability of space on a first come, first serve basis. Members of the public who wish to present oral statements should contact Ms. Patricia Norris by telephone, fax machine, or mail as shown below and as soon as possible at least 4 days before the meeting. The Chair will reserve time for presentations by persons requesting to speak and asks that oral statements be limited to five minutes. The order of persons wanting to make a statement will be assigned in the order in which requests are received. Individuals unable to make oral presentations can mail or fax their written comments to the NBAC staff office at least five business days prior to the meeting for distribution to the Commission and inclusion in the public record. The Commission also accepts general comments at its website at

bioethics.gov. Persons needing special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other special accommodations, should contact NBAC staff at the address or telephone number listed below as soon as possible.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Patricia Norris, National Bioethics Advisory Commission, 6100 Executive Boulevard, Suite 5B01, Rockville, Maryland 20892-7508, telephone 301-402-4242, fax number 301-480-6900.

Dated: July 1, 1999.

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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) 639-7090. Send written comments to CDC, Desk Officer; Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235; Washington, DC 20503. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

1. *Young People in Alternative Education Settings: Preventing HIV and Other STDs*—New—The National

Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP), Division of Adolescent and School Health—The purpose of this request is to obtain OMB clearance to conduct a randomized trial of a curriculum to reduce behaviors related to HIV/STD transmission among 14 to 18 year old students in 30 court and community schools in Northern California. Participants will respond to surveys of attitudes, knowledge, and behavior related to HIV/STD transmission and prevention at baseline and at 6, 12, and 18 month post-tests. Reduction of behaviors among adolescents related to HIV and STD transmission, and reduction of the prevalence of STDs is the focus of at least seven objectives in *Healthy People 2000: Midcourse Review and 1995 Revisions*. There have been few studies assessing the effectiveness of curricula to reduce HIV/STD related risk behaviors in this high-risk adolescent population. Data gathered from this study will provide information about how HIV/STD risk behavior may be effectively reduced among alternative school students. The total annual burden hours are 7,680.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses/respondent	Average burden/response (in hrs.)
Alternative school students	1,920	4	1.0

2. *Evaluation of Customer Satisfaction of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) Internet Home Page and Links*—New—ATSDR proposes to conduct consumer satisfaction research around its Internet site. Information on the site focuses on prevention of exposure and adverse human health effects and diminished quality of life associated with exposure to hazardous substances from waste sites, unplanned releases, and other

sources of pollution present in the environment. The site is designed to serve the general public, persons at risk for exposure to hazardous substances, and health professionals. This research will ensure that these audiences find the information easy to access, clear, informative, and useful. Specifically, the research will examine whether the information is presented in an appropriate technological format and whether it meets the needs, wants, and

preferences of visitors or “customers” to the Internet site.

The initial 60 day **Federal Register** Notice was solely for the evaluation of the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP) web-site, but after an internal meeting the instrument has been modified for use on the ATSDR web-site. The total annual burden hours are 2,000.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (in hrs.)
Visitors to ATSDR Internet Site	12,000	1	0.1667

3. *Use of Laboratory Information Systems (LIS) to Transmit Infectious Diseases Test Results (HL7 Messages) to Public Health Agencies*—New—Public Health Program Office (PHPO), Division of Laboratory Systems. CDC proposes to gather data through the use of a mail/telephone survey of all United States vendors of LIS used for recording and processing microbiology data. The

use of a mail/telephone-assisted survey instrument will be an efficient, cost-effective approach for performing the data collection. No computerized data collection systems have been developed for this survey because the number of respondents is small. Instead, trained telephone interviewers knowledgeable about LIS and about the specific messages that CDC is interested in

transmitting will gather data. The interviewers will have the flexibility to answer technical questions, probe for further information and provide explanations of coding vocabularies, security needs and other issues that may not be readily understood by the LIS vendors.

The data will provide the government, LIS vendors, laboratory practitioners,