Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, rm. 12A–16, Rockville, MD 20857, approximately 15 working days after the meeting at a cost of 10 cents per page. Transcripts of the public meeting will also be available for review at the Division of Dockets Managment (HFA–305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

During the past decade, an increased awareness of medical technology innovation and its promise and progress has revealed critical problems in the path from discovery through development to delivery. This spring, Secretary of Health and Human Services Tommy G. Thompson appointed a top-level task force to present new ideas on how HHS can coordinate its efforts to help stimulate medical innovation. The task force members include: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Director, Julie Gerberding; Centers for Medicare and Medicaid, Administrator, Mark B. McClellan; Acting Commissioner of Food and Drugs, Lester M. Crawford; and National Institutes of Health, Director, Elias A. Zerhouni. Commissioner Crawford will serve as the task force's Chair.

Secretary Thompson asked the task force to look for opportunities across HHS to promote speedier access to new innovative medical technologies that can improve people's health and save lives. He asked the task force to report to him by the end of the year on ways that better coordination across HHS could streamline the way we do business and make safe, effective medical technologies more quickly and readily available to Americans.

On May 24, 2004, a **Federal Register** notice (69 FR 29544) was published asking for comments on how to stimulate innovation in medical technologies, such as drug and biological products and medical devices.

Comments have been received and are being evaluated and condensed into material suitable for a report. On November 8, 2004, we will not only focus on opportunities presented at the public meeting, but those promising ideas that HHS has already received and plans to highlight. The ideas will be posted 1 week before the public meeting in the electronic docket (Docket No. 2004S–0233) located at *http://www.fda.gov/ohrms/dockets/dockets/04S-0233.htm*.

II. Registration and Presentations

Registration is required to attend the meeting. Seating is limited to 120 people and will be on a first come, first served basis. If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please inform Nancy L. Stanisic by October 29, 2004.

If you wish to present information at the public meeting, submit your electronic request and an abstract of your presentation by close of business on October 29, 2004, to Nancy Stanisic (see *Contact*).

The request to participate should contain the following information: (1) Presenter's name; (2) address; (3) telephone number; (4) e-mail address; (5) affiliation, if any; (6) abstract of the presentation; and (7) approximate amount of time requested for the presentation.

We request that persons and groups having similar interests consolidate their comments and present them through a single representative. We will allocate the time available for the meeting among the persons who request to present. Because of limited time, we will accept only one presenter per organization. We reserve the right to deny requests if the proposed topic is not germane. After reviewing the requests to present and the abstracts, we will schedule each appearance and notify each participant by e-mail or telephone of the time allotted to the person and the approximate time the person's presentation is scheduled to begin. Presenters planning to use electronic presentation in Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Word, or Adobe Acrobat (pdf) must send them to us by close of business on November 4, 2004. Presenters who do not meet this deadline may provide handouts of their presentations at the meeting.

After the meeting, the schedule and presentations will be placed on file in the Division of Dockets Management (see *Addresses*) under the docket number listed in the heading of this document.

III. Comments

Interested persons may submit written or electronic comments to the Division of Dockets Management (see *Addresses*). You must submit two copies of comments identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. The received comments may be seen in the Division of Dockets Management Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

IV. Transcript

Approximately 30 days after the public meeting, you can examine a transcript of the meeting on the Internet at *http://www.fda.gov./ohrms/dockets/default.htm* or at the Division of Dockets Management (see *Addresses*) Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. You may also request a copy of the transcript from the Freedom of Information Office (HFI–35), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, rm. 12A–16, Rockville, MD 20857, at a cost of 10 cents per page or on CD at a cost of $14.25 each.

Dated: October 8, 2004.

Jeffrey Shuren,

Assistant Commissioner for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[30Day–04–0415X]

Proposed Data Collections Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

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) 498–1210 or send an e-mail to *omb@cdc.gov*. Send written comments to CDC Desk Officer, Human Resources and Housing Branch, New Executive Office Building, Room 10235, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395–6974. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Proposed Project

Surveillance for Ciguatera Fish Poisoning in Recreational Fishers Utilizing Texas Gulf Coast Oil Rigs—New—National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

This public health surveillance activity will quantify the scope of ciguatera poisonings in the recreational fishing community of coastal Texas. The Texas Department of Health has received reports of ciguatera-toxic fish caught around Texas offshore oil rigs, but anecdotal reports to researchers at the University of Texas suggest that the incidence of ciguatera fish poisoning is

greater than what has been reported to the Texas Department of Health. We propose to conduct surveillance activities to identify the prevalence of ciguatera fish poisoning around Texas Gulf Coast oil rigs. This study will provide critical data in guiding efforts to characterize the scope of ciguatera poisonings, to identify risk factors, and to prevent an emerging illness associated with reef ecosystems.

A questionnaire will be administered over a one-year period to recreational spear-fishers and to hook-and-line anglers who have consumed fish caught on the reef ecosystems off the Texas Gulf Coast. There are no costs to respondents. The annualized burden is estimated to be 230 hours.

Respondent	No. of respondents	No. of responses/ respondent	Average burden per response (in hours)
Screening study participants	750	1	5/60
Texas Saltwater Fishers	500	1	20/60

Dated: October 7, 2004.

Alvin Hall,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[30 Day–04–0215]

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Proposed Project

Application Form and Related Forms for the Operation of the National Death Index, (0920–0215)—Extension—National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Background

The National Death Index (NDI) is a national data base containing identifying death record information submitted annually to NCHS by all the state vital statistics offices, beginning with deaths in 1979. Searches against the NDI file provide the states with dates of death, and the death certificate numbers of deceased study subjects. Since the implementation of the NDI Plus service, researchers have the option of also receiving cause of death information for deceased subjects, thus reducing the need to request copies of death certificates from the states. The NDI Plus option currently provides the ICD codes for the underlying and multiple causes of death for the years 1979–2002. Health researchers must complete five administrative forms in order to apply for NDI services, and submit records of study subjects for computer matching against the NDI file. While there are five forms, it is rare for an NDI user to complete more than one of each per year; therefore, the burden table addresses respondents and not forms. There are no costs to respondents except for their time. The estimated annualized burden is 228 hours.

Respondents	No. of respondents	No. of responses per respondents	Average burden per response (in hrs.)
Government researchers	48	1	1.9
University researchers	60	1	1.9
Private industry researchers	12	1	1.9

Dated: October 6, 2004.

Alvin Hall,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel: Centers for Construction Safety and Health, Request for Applications (RFA) OH–04–002

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting:

Name: Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Centers for Construction Safety and Health, Request for Applications (RFA) OH–04–002.

Times and Dates: 6 p.m.–6:30 p.m., November 15, 2004 (open). 6:30 p.m.–8 p.m., November 15, 2004 (closed). 8 a.m.–5 p.m., November 16 2004 (closed).

Place: Embassy Suites Hotels, 1900 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, VA 23114, phone 703–684–5900.

Status: Portions of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in section 552b(c) (4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of