

V. What are EPA's Burden and Cost Estimates for this ICR?

Under the PRA, "burden" means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal Agency. For this collection it includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

The ICR provides a detailed explanation of this estimate, which is only briefly summarized in this notice. The annual public burden for this ICR is estimated to be 152,974 hours at an estimated annual cost of \$15,811,872. The following is a summary of the estimates taken from the ICR:

Respondents/affected entities: Not applicable.

Estimated total number of potential respondents: 2,100.

Frequency of response: As needed.

Estimated total/average number of responses for each respondent: 3–5.

Estimated total annual burden hours: 152,974.

Estimated total annual burden costs: \$15,811,872.

VI. Are There Changes in the Estimates from the Last Approval?

The burden hours for the registrant are based on response activities that have not changed since the last ICR approval, nor has the aggregate number of responses changed. The only changes are the respondent costs as reflected by the increase in labor costs adjusted to 2004 dollars, an increase of \$1,603,798 (from \$14,208,074 to \$15,811,872).

VII. What is the Next Step in the Process for this ICR?

EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.12. EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.5(a)(1)(iv) to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB. If you have any

questions about this ICR or the approval process, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Investigator Initiated Grants: Request for Applications

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Requests for Applications.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information on the availability of fiscal year 2005 investigator initiated grants program announcements, in which the areas of research interest, eligibility and submission requirements, evaluation criteria, and implementation schedules are set forth. Grants will be competitively awarded following peer review.

DATES: Receipt dates vary depending on the specific research areas within the solicitations.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In its Requests for Applications (RFA) the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency invites research applications in the following areas of special interest to its mission: (1) Early Indicators of Environmentally-Induced Disease, (2) Computational Toxicology: Environmental Bioinformatics Research Center, (3) Environmental Behavior & Decisionmaking: Benefits of Information Disclosure/Provision, (4) Impact of Climate Change and Variability on Human Health, (5) Climate Change and Public Health Decision Making, (6) Exposure Measurement Tools for Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals in Mixtures, (7) Continuous Measurement Methods for Particulate Matter, (8) Development and Evaluation of Innovative Approaches for the Quantitative Assessment of Pathogens in Drinking Water, (9) Novel Biologically-based Public Health Indicators, (10) Allergenicity of Genetically Modified foods, (11)

Valuation for Environmental Policy, (12) Implications of Tropospheric Air Pollution for Surface UV Exposures, (13) Nonlinear Responses to Global Change in Linked Aquatic and Terrestrial Ecosystems, (14) Ecology and Oceanology of Hazardous Algal Blooms (with NOAA, NSF, ONR and NASA), (15) Development of Predictive Toxicogenomics Approaches with Computational Toxicology, (16) Market Mechanisms and Incentives: Methods for New Markets; Experimental Markets, (17) Lifestyle and Cultural Practices of Tribal Populations and Risks from Toxic Substances in the Environment, (18) Integration of Biomarkers and PBPK & PBPD Modeling, (19) STAR Graduate Fellowships, (20) GRO Graduate & Undergraduate Fellowships.

CONTACTS: (1) Early Indicators of Environmentally-Induced Disease, e-mail: fields.nigel@epa.gov, telephone: 202–343–9767; (2) Computational Toxicology: Environmental Bioinformatics Research Center, e-mail: mustra.david@epa.gov, telephone: 202–343–9616; (3) Environmental Behavior & Decisionmaking: Benefits of Information Disclosure/Provision, e-mail: clark.matthew@epa.gov, telephone: 202–343–9807; (4) Impact of Climate Change and Variability on Human Health, e-mail: winner.darrell@epa.gov, telephone: 202–343–9748; (5) Climate Change and Public Health Decision Making, e-mail: winner.darrell@epa.gov, telephone: 202–343–9748; (6) Exposure Measurement Tools for Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals in Mixtures, e-mail: laessig.susan@epa.gov, telephone: 202–343–9617; (7) Continuous Measurement Methods for Particulate Matter, e-mail: winner.darrell@epa.gov, telephone: 202–343–9748; (8) Development and Evaluation of Innovative Approaches for the Quantitative Assessment of Pathogens in Drinking Water, e-mail: nolt-helms.cynthia@epa.gov, telephone: 202–343–9693; (9) Novel Biologically-based Public Health Indicators, e-mail: turner.vivian@epa.gov, telephone: 202–343–9697; (10) Allergenicity of Genetically Modified Foods, e-mail: turner.vivian@epa.gov, telephone: 202–343–9697; (11) Valuation for Environmental Policy, e-mail: wheeler.william@epa.gov, telephone: 202–564–6842; (12) Implications of Tropospheric Air Pollution for Surface UV Exposures, e-mail: winner.darrell@epa.gov, telephone: 202–343–9748; (13) Nonlinear Responses to Global Change in Linked Aquatic and Terrestrial Ecosystems, e-mail: smith.bernicel@epa.gov, telephone: 202–343–9766; (14) Ecology

and Oceanology of Hazardous Algal Blooms (with NOAA, NSF, ONR and NASA), e-mail: perovich.gina@epa.gov, telephone: 202-343-9843; (15) Development of Predictive Toxicogenomics Approaches with Computational Toxicology, e-mail: mustra.david@epa.gov, telephone: 202-343-9616; (16) Market Mechanisms and Incentives: Methods for New Markets; Experimental Markets, e-mail: clark.matthew@epa.gov, telephone: 202-343-9807; (17) Lifestyle and Cultural Practices of Tribal Populations and Risks from Toxic Substances in the Environment, e-mail: fields.nigel@epa.gov, telephone: 202-343-9767; (18) Integration of Biomarkers and PBPK & PBPD Modeling, e-mail: saint.chris@epa.gov, telephone: 202-343-3124; (19) STAR Graduate Fellowships, e-mail: willest.stephanie@epa.gov, telephone: 202-343-9737; (20) GRO Graduate & Undergraduate Fellowships, e-mail: willest.stephanie@epa.gov, telephone: 202-343-9737.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The complete program announcement can be accessed on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/ncer>, under "announcements." The required forms for applications with instructions are accessible on the Internet at <http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/forms/download.html>. Forms may be printed from this site.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Pesticides and National Strategies for Health Care Providers; Notice of Funds Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) is soliciting proposals for financial assistance to support a continuing EPA national initiative to improve the training of health care providers in recognition, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of pesticide poisonings among those who work with pesticides. OPP will establish cooperative agreements with two different organizations whose work collectively will cover a range of

activities needed to improve the recognition and management of pesticide-related health conditions. Funded projects will focus on creating significant institutional change in health care providers' educational and practice settings through education, professional training, and the development of new resources and tools on pesticide-related health conditions. The total funding available for award in FY 2005, which represents funding set aside in FY2004, is expected to be approximately \$265,000, with two cooperative agreements being awarded at \$132,500 each. At the conclusion of the first 1 year period of performance and, based on the availability of future funding, incremental funding of up to \$132,500 per cooperative agreement may be made available for each year, allowing the project to continue for a total of five periods of performance (approximately 5 years) and with a total potential funding of up to \$1,325,000 for the 5-year period, depending on the need and the Agency's budget in outlying years.

DATES: Applications must be received by EPA on or before March 28, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Applications may be submitted by mail, fax, or electronically. Please follow the detailed instructions provided in Unit IV. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allie Fields, Field and External Affairs Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 305-7666; fax number: (703) 308-2962; e-mail address: fields.allie@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following listing provides certain key information concerning the funding opportunity.

- **Federal agency name:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- **Funding opportunity title:** Pesticides and National Strategies for Health Care Providers.
- **Funding opportunity number:** OPP-003.
- **Announcement type:** The initial announcement of a funding opportunity.
- **Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number:** This program is included in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under number 66.607 at <http://www.cfda.gov/public/whole.pdf>.
- **Dates:** Applications must be received by EPA on or before March 28, 2005.

I. Funding Opportunity Description

A. Authority

EPA expects to enter into cooperative agreements under the authority provided in FIFRA section 20 which authorizes the Agency to issue grants or cooperative agreements for research, public education, training, monitoring, demonstration and studies. Regulations governing these cooperative agreements are found at 40 CFR part 30 for institutions of higher education, colleges and universities, and non-profit organizations; and 40 CFR part 31 for States and local governments. In addition, the provisions in 40 CFR part 32, governing government wide debarment and suspension; and the provisions in 40 CFR part 34, regarding restrictions on lobbying apply. All costs incurred under this program must be allowable under the applicable OMB Cost Circulars: A-87 (States and local governments), A-122 (nonprofit organizations), or A-21 (universities). Copies of these circulars can be found at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/>. In accordance with EPA policy and the OMB circulars, as appropriate, any recipient of funding must agree not to use assistance funds for lobbying, fund-raising, or political activities (e.g., lobbying members of Congress or lobbying for other Federal grants, cooperative agreements, or contracts). See 40 CFR part 34.

B. Program Description

1. **Purpose and scope.** The cooperative agreements awarded under this program are intended to provide financial assistance for continuation of EPA's national initiative to improve the training of health care providers in recognition, diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of pesticide poisonings among those who work with pesticides. Given that health professionals are educated and trained in different settings, EPA seeks to fund two different organizations whose work collectively will cover a range of activities needed to improve the recognition and management of pesticide-related health conditions. One organization will work with decision-makers and faculty at academic institutions and professional associations/organizations to create institutional change in educational settings (e.g., medical schools, nursing schools, residency and practicum programs) so that students in the health professions are prepared to recognize, manage, and prevent pesticide-related health conditions across the United States. The other organization will work directly with health care providers to change the practice of primary care so