activities and feedback on AHRQ's role in supporting research and dissemination.

A survey of the universe of grantees who were funded to carry out the above-described health services research work offers a rational and scientific approach to collecting data on the impact of AHRQ's research in this area that is otherwise not currently available. The survey will be an integral part of AHRQ's overall evaluation, which attempts to describe the research and the pathways through which research findings that it has supported are disseminated and used. The survey interviews principal investigators about their grant research projects and will capture data that systematically track grant outcomes, providing information on: (1) The main substantive findings from the work and the ways they have been communicated; (2) known impacts of the work to date; (3) linkage of work to other research in the field; (4) grantee ratings of the support that AHRQ provided before, during, and after award and how AHRQ services for grantees could be improved; and, (5) grantee perceptions of AHRQ's role in research funding in this area and how sponsor interest influences the topics that are addressed.

**Method of Collection**

A web-based questionnaire will be used to conduct the survey with AHRQ grantees. A self-administered mode was selected for this survey because respondents may need to look up information in order to answer some questions. A self-administered mode allows respondents to complete the survey at their own pace and schedule. If requested, a hardcopy of the questionnaire will be mailed to the respondent.

ESTIMATED ANNUAL RESPONDENT BURDEN

| Form name | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Hours per response | Total burden hours |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AHRQ Grantee Survey | 149 | 1 | 2 | 298 |
| Total | 149 | na | na | 298 |

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED RESPONDENT COST BURDEN

| Form name | Number of respondents | Total burden hours | Average hourly wage rate | Total cost burden |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| AHRQ Grantee Survey | 149 | 298 | $42.98 | $12,808 |
| Total | 149 | 298 | na | 12,808 |

* Based upon the mean of the average wages for teachers (college and university), National Compensation Survey: Occupational Wages in the United States 2005, U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**Estimated Annual Costs to the Federal Government**

The proposed information collection is part of a larger evaluation of the effectiveness of AHRQ's grant-supported research on healthcare costs, productivity, and market forces, which includes a systematic review of the research that AHRQ has funded, in-depth interviews with grantees and grant document review, case studies to assess the effects and dissemination pathways of market forces research, and preparation of reports and briefings. The cost to conduct the survey of identified grantees is $38,962.

**Request for Comments**

In accordance with the above-cited Paperwork Reduction Act legislation, comments on the AHRQ 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 will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and costs) 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. Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval of the proposed information collection. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 5, 2008.

**Carolyn M. Clancy,**

*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

### Notice of Annual Meeting

The Vessel Sanitation Program, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Vessel Sanitation Program: Current Program Status and Experience to Date with Program Operations.

*Time and Date:* 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., April 15, 2008.

*Location:* Auditorium, Port Everglades Administration Building, 1850 Eller Drive, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33316.

*Status:* Open to the public, but limited by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

*Meeting Objectives:* CDC staff, cruise ship industry representatives, private sanitation consultants, and other interested parties will meet to discuss the current status, and experience to date, of the Vessel Sanitation Program. Topics to be discussed include, but are not limited to:

- 2007 Program Review;
- Proposed revisions to the Vessel Sanitation Program Operations Manual 2005;
- Proposed revisions to the Vessel Sanitation Program Construction Guidelines 2005;

• Updates on cruise ship outbreaks; and

• Inspections for WHO Ship Sanitation Certificates.

The official record of this meeting will remain open for 15 days (through April 30, 2008) so that additional materials or comments may be submitted and made part of the record.

Advanced registration is encouraged. To do so, please provide your name, title, company name, mailing address, telephone number, facsimile number, and e-mail address to Stephanie Lawrence at telephone: (770) 488–3141, fax: (770) 488–4127, or e-mail: *slawrence@cdc.gov*. You may also contact her if you need any additional information.

Dated: March 7, 2008.

**James D. Seligman,**

*Chief Information Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

### Notice Regarding Revisions to the Laboratory Protocol To Measure the Quantity of Nicotine Contained in Smokeless Tobacco Products Manufactured, Imported, or Packaged in the United States

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the uniform protocol for the analysis of nicotine, total moisture, and pH in smokeless tobacco products (the ''protocol''). The protocol, originally published in 1999 [**Federal Register**, Vol. 64, No. 55, '' Annual Submission of the Quantity of Nicotine Contained in Smokeless tobacco products manufactured, imported, or packaged in the United States Requirement; Notice,'' 14085–14096 (FR Doc. 99–7022)], implements the requirement of the Comprehensive Smokeless Tobacco Health Education Act (CSTHEA) of 1986 (15 U.S.C. 4401 *et seq*., Pub. L. 99–252) that each entity manufacturing, packaging, or importing smokeless tobacco products shall annually provide the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) with a specification of the quantity of nicotine contained in each smokeless tobacco product.

**DATES:** The first report of information is due June 30, 2008, with subsequent submissions due by March 31 of each year.

**ADDRESSES:** The information shall be submitted to: Matthew McKenna, M.D., Director, Office on Smoking and Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 4770 Buford Highway, NE., Atlanta, GA 30341–3724.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Matthew McKenna, M.D., Director, Office on Smoking and Health, telephone: (770) 488–5701.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Several smokeless tobacco product categories have entered the U.S. smokeless tobacco market since the implementation of the protocol in 1999 including snus, low moisture snuff sold in portion pouches, and smokeless tobacco sold in a compressed, pellet form. Some of the new smokeless tobacco product categories differ physically from previous smokeless tobacco categories.

TABLE 1.—SUMMARY OF PH LEVELS FOUND IN SEVEN TYPES OF SMOKELESS TOBACCO PRODUCTS: PLUG; LOOSE LEAF OR SCRAP; TWIST; DRY SNUFF-LOW MOISTURE/NO POUCH; DRY SNUFF-LOW MOISTURE/POUCH; SNUS; AND MOIST SNUFF

| Category | Smokeless tobacco product | pH [a] | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Condition A 10 mL [b] | | | Condition B 20 mL [b] | | | pH change | Percent change |
| | | Mean [c] | | SD [d] | Mean [c] | | SD [d] | | |
| Plug | Days O Work Chew | 5.06 | ± | 0.02 | 5.11 | ± | 0.03 | 0.048 | 0.95 |
| | Conwood Company's Sun Cured | 5.12 | ± | 0.02 | 5.19 | ± | 0.02 | 0.067 | 1.30 |
| | Levi Garrett Plug Chew | 5.83 | ± | 0.02 | 5.91 | ± | 0.03 | 0.074 | 1.26 |
| | Taylor's Pride Plug Chew | 5.92 | ± | 0.03 | 5.97 | ± | 0.03 | 0.052 | 0.89 |
| Loose Leaf | Beech-Nut Chew | 5.56 | ± | 0.01 | 5.62 | ± | 0.01 | 0.062 | 1.11 |
| | Redman Chew | 5.93 | ± | 0.01 | 5.99 | ± | 0.04 | 0.067 | 1.12 |
| Twist | Cumberland | 5.68 | ± | 0.01 | 5.79 | ± | 0.02 | 0.107 | 1.88 |
| Dry Snuff/No Pouch | Tube Rose Sweet Scotch Snuff | 5.64 | ± | 0.00 | 5.69 | ± | 0.02 | 0.051 | 0.90 |
| | RailRoad Mills Sweet Scotch Snuff | 5.91 | ± | 0.02 | 6.02 | ± | 0.00 | 0.115 | 1.95 |
| Dry Snuff/Pouch | Taboka | 6.44 | ± | 0.01 | 6.52 | ± | 0.00 | 0.081 | 1.26 |
| | Skoal Dry Cinnamon | 6.78 | ± | 0.00 | 6.83 | ± | 0.01 | 0.056 | 0.83 |
| Snus | Camel Snus Original | 7.43 | ± | 0.00 | 7.44 | ± | 0.00 | 0.010 | 0.13 |
| Moist Snuff | Renegades Wintergreen | 6.45 | ± | 0.03 | 6.53 | ± | 0.03 | 0.079 | 1.22 |
| | Copenhagen Regular | 7.61 | ± | 0.02 | 7.52 | ± | 0.01 | −0.090 | −1.18 |
| | Kodiak Ice Long Cut Regular | 8.13 | ± | 0.04 | 8.13 | ± | 0.01 | 0.001 | 0.01 |

[a] The standard protocol published in the FEDERAL REGISTER to measure pH in smokeless tobacco products is as follows: 10 mL of deionized distilled water is added to 2.00 grams of smokeless tobacco product measuring pH at 5, 15, 30 and 60 minute intervals. Recently introduced low moisture dry snuff smokeless tobacco products packed in pouches had a thick paste-like consistency when prepared in 10 mL of deionized distilled water. When 2.00 grams [e] of low moisture dry snuff smokeless tobacco products packed in pouches were prepared in 20 mL of deionized distilled water, the sample remains suspended in liquid and is well mixed.

[b] n = 1.

[c] Average pH from four measured intervals.

[d] Standard Deviation.

[e] Accurately weighed: 2.000 ±.0005 grams.