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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) has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The notice for the proposed information collection is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information are encouraged. Your comments should address any of the following: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity

of the information to be collected; (d) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses; and (e) Assess information collection costs.

To request additional information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, call (404) 639-7570 or send an email to [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov). Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice should be directed to the Attention: CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-5806. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

### **Proposed Project**

World Trade Center Health Program Petition for the Addition of a New WTC-Related Health Condition for Coverage under the World Trade Center (WTC) Health Program (OMB No. 0920-0929, expiration 04/30/2015) – Revision – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Institutes for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

## Background and Brief Description

Title I of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-347), amended the Public Health Service Act (PHS Act) to add Title XXXIII establishing the WTC Health Program within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). The WTC Health Program provides medical monitoring and treatment benefits to eligible firefighters and related personnel, law enforcement officers, and rescue, recovery, and cleanup workers who responded to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York City, at the Pentagon, and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania (responders), and to eligible persons who were present in the dust or dust cloud on September 11, 2001 or who worked, resided, or attended school, childcare, or adult daycare in the New York City disaster area (survivors).

PHS Act § 3312(a)(3) identifies a list of health conditions for which individuals who are enrolled in the WTC Health Program may be monitored or treated. PHS Act § 3312(a)(6)(B) specifies that interested parties may petition the Administrator of the WTC Health Program to request that a new health condition be added to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions in 42 CFR 88.1. To aid the petitioner, the WTC Health Program provides a petition form to be completed and then sent to the Administrator for review. However, the petitioner is not required to use the

form, and may submit a petition in a different format, provided it contains all of the data elements requested on the form.

Data elements include the interested party's name, contact information, signature, and a statement about the medical basis for the relationship/association between the 9/11 exposure and the proposed health condition, which the Administrator of the WTC Health Program will use to determine whether to propose a rule to add the condition, to not to add the condition, or to seek a recommendation from the Scientific/Technical Advisory Committee (STAC).

The petition form is amended slightly to reflect a WTC Health Program policy change. The current form asks respondents to offer reference to "a peer-reviewed, published, epidemiologic study." The revised form will ask respondents to reference "peer-reviewed, published, epidemiologic and/or direct observational studies."

The submission of a petition is purely voluntary, and is not required or otherwise compelled by NIOSH or the WTC Health Program.

NIOSH expects to receive no more than 20 submissions annually. Petitioners include prospective and enrolled WTC responders, screening-eligible survivors, certified-eligible survivors, or members of groups who advocate on behalf of responders or survivors, such as physicians. It is estimated that an individual spends an average of 40 hours gathering information to substantiate a request to add a health condition and assembling the petition. The total estimated annualized burden hours are 800.

Estimated Annualized Burden Hours

Type of Respondent	Form Name	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per respondent	Average Burden per Response (hours)
Responder/Survivor/Advocate (physician)	Petition for the addition of health conditions	20	1	40

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