



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. FDA-2019-N-6098]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for Office of Management and Budget Review; Comment Request; Focus Groups as Used by the Food and Drug Administration (All Food and Drug Administration-Regulated Products)

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing that a proposed collection of information has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Submit written comments (including recommendations) on the collection of information by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

ADDRESSES: To ensure that comments on the information collection are received, OMB recommends that written comments be submitted to <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under Review--Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function. The OMB control number for this information collection is 0910-0497. Also include the FDA docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In compliance with 44 U.S.C. 3507, FDA has submitted the following proposed collection of information to OMB for review and clearance.

Focus Groups as Used by the Food and Drug Administration (All FDA-Regulated Products)

OMB Control Number 0910-0497--Extension

FDA conducts focus group interviews on a variety of topics involving FDA-regulated products, including drugs, biologics, devices, food, tobacco, and veterinary medicine.

Focus groups provide an important role in gathering information because they allow for a more indepth understanding of consumers' attitudes, beliefs, motivations, and feelings than do quantitative studies. Focus groups serve the narrowly defined need for direct and informal opinion on a specific topic and as a qualitative research tool have three major purposes:

- to obtain consumer information that is useful for developing variables and measures for quantitative studies,
- to better understand consumers' attitudes and emotions in response to topics and concepts, and
- to further explore findings obtained from quantitative studies.

FDA will use focus group findings to test and refine their ideas but will generally conduct further research before making important decisions such as adopting new policies and allocating or redirecting significant resources to support these policies.

Respondents to this collection of information will include members of the general public, healthcare professionals, the industry, and other stakeholders who are related to a product under FDA's jurisdiction. Inclusion and exclusion criteria will vary depending on the research topic.

In the *Federal Register* of January 8, 2020 (85 FR 916), we published a 60-day notice requesting public comment on the proposed collection of information. FDA received three comments. FDA thanks the commenters for their comments and provides our response below. The first and second comments strongly support the proposed information collection related to focus groups used by the FDA. The third comment was not responsive to the four collection of information topics solicited and therefore will not be discussed in this document.

FDA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows:

Table 1.--Estimated Annual Reporting Burden<sup>1</sup>

Activity	No. of Respondents	No. of Responses per Respondent	Total Annual Responses	Average Burden per Response	Total Hours
Focus Group Interviews	8,800	1	8,800	1.75	15,400

<sup>1</sup> There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection of information.

Based on a review of the information collection since our last request for OMB approval, we have made no adjustments to our burden estimate.

Dated: August 14, 2020.

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Principal Associate Commissioner for Policy.