

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

National Drug Intelligence Center SENTRY/Emerging Drug Tracking System

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A. JUSTIFICATION

1. Title IX Section 9078 of Public Law 102-396, established the National Drug Intelligence Center, with the responsibility to coordinate and consolidate drug intelligence from all a national security and law enforcement agencies.
2. Under the 2004 National Synthetic Drugs Action Plan, NDIC was designated the lead agency for an early warning and response system. The purpose of the collection is for NDIC to fulfill its responsibilities in this capacity. Sentry was developed to proactively assess and monitor new, emerging issues related to the abuse, availability, transportation, and/or distribution of synthetic drugs such as LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide), MDMA (3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine, also known as ecstasy), and methamphetamine. This system also is intended to monitor prescription drugs, over-the-counter medication, botanical substances and extracts, and chemicals and products involved in the manufacturing of synthetic drugs. Data obtained from Sentry will support the implementation of effective strategies to mitigate the impact of synthetic drugs in the United States. This system is intended to provide interested parties and others affiliated with prevention, treatment, law enforcement authorities, and policymakers with information to assist in developing plans for allocating resources in the fight against illegal drugs. The interested parties may include, but are not limited to: Federal, state, and local law enforcement; health and human services/providers including a variety of treatment professionals (i.e., physicians specializing in drug abuse issues, medical service personnel, emergency medical technicians); education providers (i.e., teachers, administrators, school resource officers, school nurses), and chemists. The information from the initial groups will present a broad-based picture of possible trends in facets of illicit drug attributes.
3. The use of the SENTRY System provides the most efficient means for collecting and processing the required data. Providing electronic submission as the sole method of response is reliable based on the initial groups that are expected to submit tips to the system.
4. There is no similar information available currently that can be used for this purpose.
5. This collection of information does not have an impact on small businesses or entities.
6. The use of this information provides several benefits to both the provider and NDIC. The information received is analyzed and may be included in an

intelligence product that is shared, thus providing a sense of potential illicit drug activity.

7. There are no special circumstances applicable to this information collection.
8. By notice in the Federal register on April 27, 2007 at 72FR81, the National Drug Intelligence Center notified the public that was collecting information for the SENTRY/Emerging Drug Tracking System. The notice allowed for a 60-day public comment period. The NDIC has received no public comments.
9. NDIC does not provide payment to respondents.
10. There is some assurance of confidentiality.
11. Responses to questions may contain law enforcement sensitive information. Sensitive information will be included in the analytical process but not be reference in the final public document.

12. Annual Reporting Burden

a. Number of Respondents	300
b. Number of Responses per Respondent	1
c. Total Annual Response	300
d. Hours per Response	0.25
e. Total Annual Report Burden	75
f. Total Public Cost	\$1,175

The collection of information is estimated to average 0.25 hour per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed and completing and reviewing the information collection.

Total Annual Reporting Burden

Total annual reporting burden hours is .75. This figure was derived by multiplying the number of respondents (300) x frequency of response (1) x 0.25 hours per response. The estimate time for response is a conservative estimate. The technology available to the respondent will further reduce response time.

Public Cost

The estimated public cost is \$1,175. This is based on the number of respondents (300) x 0.25 x \$15.00 per hour.

- 13. Capital or start-up costs associated with this information collection are \$162,265. There is no fee charge associated with this information collection.

14. Annualized Cost Analysis

Printing/Mailing Cost	\$ 0
Collections and Processing/Staff Support Costs	\$115,000
Total Cost to Government	\$115,000

Government Cost

The estimated cost to the Government is \$115,000. This figure includes an estimate of one full time equivalent staff position for one year to provide information technology, analytical, and clerical support (estimated at \$100,000 to include overhead) and cost of verification and follow-up activities performed by NDIC Intelligence Analysts (estimated at \$15,000 based on 300 hours (1.0 hours x 300 respondents) at \$50 per hour).

- 15. This is a new collection under OMB Number 1105-NEW. Therefore, this collection represents no increase in the current inventory.
- 16. NDIC intends to incorporate the tips submitted to the system into quarterly and annual reports. In addition, appropriate Watch and Warning Bulletins will be produced as warranted, which will be available to all respondents and the public.
- 17. NDIC has no objections to displaying the expiration date of this information collection.
- 18. NDIC does not request an exception to the certification of this information collection. See attached Item 19 of Form 83-I