

Justification for Change 0920-0004

For the Addition of The Harmful Algal Bloom-related Illness Surveillance System (HABISS)

The currently approved OMB/PRA information collection for CDC's broad surveillance program covers a number of surveillance investigations being conducted by a number of CDC's National Centers. The National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) is requesting this change due to the need for adding yet another surveillance investigation to this overall information collection. Many of the elements of this new program are similar to those in the existing surveillance package. As in the original package, intensive surveillance was needed for a number of public health conditions because there were a number of unknown factors for those areas, and they were considered important public health concerns. This is the case for harmful algal bloom-related illnesses.