

General Administrative Procedures: Citizen Petitions; Petition for Reconsideration or Stay of
Action; Advisory Opinions
OMB Control Number -- 0910-0183

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

A. Justification

1. Circumstances Making the Collection of Information Necessary

The Administrative Procedures Act at 5 U.S.C. 552(a)(1)(C) states that agencies shall make available to the public information on the rules, format, and content required of all papers, reports or examinations pertaining to agency rules, opinions, orders, records, and proceedings. Further, the Administrative Procedures Act at 5 U.S.C. 553(c) and 5 U.S.C. 553(e) states that agencies shall give interested persons an opportunity to participate in rulemaking through the submission and subsequent follow-up submissions of written data, views, or arguments with or without the opportunity for oral presentation; and, that each agency shall give an interested person the right to petition for the issuance, amendment, or repeal of a rule.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is seeking OMB approval for the regulations that implement these statutory provisions at 21 CFR 10.30, 10.33, 10.35, and 10.85 (Citizen Petitions, Petition for Administrative Reconsideration of Action, Petition for Administrative Stay of Action, and Advisory Opinions).

2. Purpose and Use of the Information Collection

In the case of §10.85, the information is used by the agency to determine whether there is sufficient public interest on a matter of general applicability to justify the issuance of a formal advisory opinion which the agency is obligated to follow unless there is an immediate and significant danger to health. Pertaining to §§10.30, 10.33, and 10.35 the agency uses the information to determine if it is feasible to grant the reconsideration or stay of action.

3. Use of Improved Information Technology and Burden Reduction

FDA plans to develop ways individuals can submit petitions and requests electronically.

4. Efforts to Identify Duplication and Use of Similar Information

No duplication of effort by Federal agencies has been identified and there is no similar data that can be used or modified for use.

5. Impact on Small Businesses or Other Small Entities

This information collection does not impact on small businesses.

6. Consequences of Collecting the Information Less Frequently

There is no collection frequency involved in this information collection.

7. Special Circumstances Relating to the Guidelines of 5 CFR 1320.5

There are no special circumstances for the collection of the information.

8. Comments in Response to the Federal Register Notice and Efforts to Consult Outside the Agency

In accordance with 5 CFR 1320.8(d), on December 30, 2008 (73 FR 79885), a 60-day notice for public comment was published in the Federal Register. No comments were received.

9. Explanation of Any Payment or Gift to Respondents

No payment or gift will be provided to survey respondents.

10. Assurance of Confidentiality Provided to Respondents

No assurance of confidentiality has been provided except as provided in 21 CFR 20.61 and generally considered in reviewing data and information submitted to FDA. Petitions received by the agency are publicly available.

11. Justification for Sensitive Questions

No questions will be asked that are of a personal or sensitive nature.

12. Estimates of Annualized Burden Hours and Costs

The total annual estimated burden imposed by this collection of information is 6,108 hours annually.

Table 1. – Estimated Annual Reporting Burden ¹					
21 CFR Section	No. of Respondents	Annual Frequency per Response	Total Annual Responses	Hours per Response	Total Hours
10.30	162	3	486	12	5,832
10.33	4	2	8	10	80
10.35	7	2	14	10	140
10.85	2	1	2	16	32
Total					6,084

13. Estimates of Other Total Annual Cost Burden to Respondents and Recordkeepers

There are no capital costs or operating and maintenance costs associated with this collection.

14. Annualized Cost to the Federal Government

The estimated cost to the Federal government is that incurred in reviewing the requests for advisory opinions, citizen petitions, and petitions for reconsideration or stay of action, as well as preparing the agency's response. The agency estimates that the cost of a fully supported professional employee (GS-13/5) required to review such requests and petitions, and prepare the response is \$44 per hour.

21 CFR Section	Total Hours	Total Cost to Federal Government
10.30	5,832	\$256,608
10.33	80	3,520
10.35	140	6,160
10.85	32	1,408
TOTAL	6,084	\$267,696

15. Explanation for Program Changes or Adjustments

The decrease in overall burden hours is due to fewer petitions received by the public.

16. Plans for Tabulation and Publication and Project Time Schedule

There are no tabulated results for this information collection.

17. Reason(s) for Display of OMB Expiration Date is Inappropriate

FDA is requesting no exemption.

18. Exceptions to “Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions”

N/A.