Supporting Statement B for Request for Clearance:

Application Form and Related Forms

for the Operation of the National Death Index

Extension

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##### B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods

##### The collection of information is for administrative purposes and does not employ any statistical

##### methods. The NDI is a central, computerized index of death record information designed to assist

##### in the mortality ascertainment activities of investigators conducting prospective and retrospective

##### studies in health and medical research. The NDI contains identifying information on all U.S.

##### decedents since 1979 and is compiled from computer files submitted to NCHS by the state vital

##### statistics offices via contractual agreements.

##### Investigators use the NDI to determine whether persons in their studies may have died. If so, the

##### NDI user is provided with the names of states in which the deaths occurred and the

##### corresponding death certificate numbers. The NDI user then arranges to procure copies of death

##### certificates from the state vital statistics offices in order to obtain such statistical information as

##### cause of death. NDI users can now avoid procuring copies of certificates if they opt for the NDI

##### Plus service which provides users with the cause of death information in coded form.

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ATTACHMENTS TO SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR OMB CLEARANCE REQUEST

A - Section 306 of the Public Health Service Act 42 USC 243k.

B - National Death Index Application Form

C - Request for a Repeat NDI File Search

D - NDI User Data Transmittal Form

E1 - 60-Day Federal Register Notice

E2- Comment to 60 Day Federal Register Notice

F - National Death Index Advisers

G – NCHS ERB letter