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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day-16-0850; Docket No. CDC-2015-
 0093]

Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and
 Prevention (CDC), Department of Health
 and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice with comment period.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease
 Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of
 its continuing efforts to reduce public
 burden and maximize the utility of
 government information, invites the
 general public and other Federal
 agencies to take this opportunity to
 comment on proposed and/or
 continuing information collections, as
 required by the Paperwork Reduction
 Act of 1995. This notice invites
 comment on the proposed extension of
 the Laboratory Response Network
 information collection.

DATES: Written comments must be
 received on or before January 4, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments,
 identified by Docket No. CDC-2015-
 0093 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:*
Regulations.gov. Follow the instructions
 for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Leroy A. Richardson,
 Information Collection Review Office,
 Centers for Disease Control and
 Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE.,
 MS-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Instructions: All submissions received
 must include the agency name and
 Docket Number. All relevant comments
 received will be posted without change
 to Regulations.gov, including any
 personal information provided. For
 access to the docket to read background
 documents or comments received, go to
 Regulations.gov.

Please note: All public comment should be
 submitted through the Federal eRulemaking
 portal (Regulations.gov) or by U.S. mail to the
 address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To
 request more information on the

proposed project or to obtain a copy of
 the information collection plan and
 instruments, contact the Information
 Collection Review Office, Centers for
 Disease Control and Prevention, 1600
 Clifton Road NE., MS-D74, Atlanta,
 Georgia 30329; phone: 404-639-7570;
 Email: omb@cdc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the
 Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA)
 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies
 must obtain approval from the Office of
 Management and Budget (OMB) for each
 collection of information they conduct
 or sponsor. In addition, the PRA also
 requires Federal agencies to provide a
 60-day notice in the **Federal Register**
 concerning each proposed collection of
 information, including each new
 proposed collection, each proposed
 extension of existing collection of
 information, and each reinstatement of
 previously approved information
 collection before submitting the
 collection to OMB for approval. To
 comply with this requirement, we are
 publishing this notice of a proposed
 data collection as described below.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether
 the proposed collection of information
 is necessary for the proper performance
 of the functions of the agency, including
 whether the information shall have
 practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the
 agency's estimate of the burden of the
 proposed collection of information; (c)
 ways to enhance the quality, utility, and
 clarity of the information to be
 collected; (d) ways to minimize the
 burden of the collection of information
 on respondents, including through the
 use of automated collection techniques
 or other forms of information
 technology; and (e) estimates of capital
 or start-up costs and costs of operation,
 maintenance, and purchase of services
 to provide information. Burden means
 the total time, effort, or financial
 resources expended by persons to
 generate, maintain, retain, disclose or
 provide information to or for a Federal
 agency. This includes the time needed
 to review instructions; to develop,
 acquire, install and utilize technology
 and systems for the purpose of
 collecting, validating and verifying
 information, processing and
 maintaining information, and disclosing
 and providing information; to train
 personnel and to be able to respond to
 a collection of information, to search
 data sources, to complete and review
 the collection of information; and to
 transmit or otherwise disclose the
 information.

Proposed Project

Laboratory Response Network—
 Extension—(OMB Control No. 0920-
 0850, expires April 30, 2016), National
 Center for Emerging and Zoonotic
 Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Centers
 for Disease Control and Prevention
 (CDC).

Background and Brief Description

The Laboratory Response Network
 (LRN) was established by the
 Department of Health and Human
 Services (HHS), Centers for Disease
 Control and Prevention (CDC) in
 accordance with Presidential Decision
 Directive 39, which outlined national
 anti-terrorism policies and assigned
 specific missions to Federal
 departments and agencies. The LRN's
 mission is to maintain an integrated
 national and international network of
 laboratories that can respond to
 suspected acts of biological, chemical,
 or radiological threats and other public
 health emergencies.

When Federal, State and local public
 health laboratories voluntarily join the
 LRN, they assume specific
 responsibilities and are required to
 provide information to the LRN Program
 Office at CDC. Each laboratory must
 submit and maintain complete
 information regarding the testing
 capabilities of the laboratory.
 Biennially, laboratories are required to
 review, verify and update their testing
 capability information. Complete testing
 capability information is required in
 order for the LRN Program Office to
 determine the ability of the Network to
 respond to a biological or chemical
 threat event. The sensitivity of all
 information associated with the LRN
 requires the LRN Program Office to
 obtain personal information about all
 individuals accessing the LRN Web site.
 In addition, the LRN Program Office
 must be able to contact all laboratory
 personnel during an event so each
 laboratory staff member that obtains
 access to the restricted LRN Web site
 must provide his or her contact
 information to the LRN Program Office.

As a requirement of membership, LRN
 Laboratories must report all biological
 and chemical testing results to the LRN
 Program at CDC using a CDC developed
 software tool called the LRN Results
 Messenger. This information is essential
 for surveillance of anomalies, to support
 response to an event that may involve
 multiple agencies and to manage limited
 resources. LRN Laboratories must also
 participate in and report results for
 Proficiency Testing Challenges or
 Validation Studies. LRN Laboratories
 participate in multiple Proficiency

Testing Challenges, Exercises and/or Validation Studies every year consisting of five to 500 simulated samples provided by the LRN Program Office. It is necessary to conduct such challenges in order to verify the testing capability of the LRN Laboratories. The rarity of biological or chemical agents perceived to be of bioterrorism concern prevents some LRN Laboratories from maintaining proficiency as a result of day-to-day testing. Simulated samples are therefore distributed to ensure proficiency across the LRN. The results

obtained from testing these simulated samples must also be entered into Results Messenger for evaluation by the LRN Program Office.

During a surge event resulting from a bioterrorism or chemical terrorism attack, LRN Laboratories are also required to submit all testing results using LRN Results Messenger. The LRN Program Office requires these results in order to track the progression of a bioterrorism event and respond in the most efficient and effective way possible and for data sharing with other Federal partners involved in the response. The

number of samples tested during a response to a possible event could range from 10,000 to more than 500,000 samples depending on the length and breadth of the event. Since there is potentially a large range in the number of samples for a surge event, CDC estimates the annualized burden for this event will be 2,250,000 hours or 625 responses per respondent.

There is no cost to the respondents other than their time. The total estimated annualized burden is 2,382,300 hours.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Respondents	Forms	Number of respondents	Average number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (hours)	Total burden hours
Public Health Laboratories	Biennial Requalification	150	1	2	300
Public Health Laboratories	General Surveillance Testing Results.	150	25	24	90,000
Public Health Laboratories	Proficiency Testing/Validation Testing Results.	150	5	56	42,000
Public Health Laboratories	Surge Event Testing Results	150	625	24	2,250,000
Total	2,382,300

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Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice with comment period.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of its continuing efforts to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites

comment on a proposed information collection entitled “Monitoring and Reporting for the Core State Violence and Injury Prevention Program Cooperative Agreement.” CDC will use the information collected to monitor cooperative agreement awardees and to identify challenges to program implementation and achievement of outcomes.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before January 4, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2015-0092 by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: Regulation.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Mail: Leroy A. Richardson, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE., MS-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket Number. All relevant comments received will be posted without change to Regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to Regulations.gov.

Please note: All public comment should be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking portal (Regulations.gov) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, contact the Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE., MS-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; phone: 404-639-7570; Email: *omb@cdc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. In addition, the PRA also requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each new proposed collection, each proposed extension of existing collection of information, and each reinstatement of previously approved information collection before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, we are publishing this notice of a proposed data collection as described below.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the