



February 9, 2016

Dominic Mancini
Deputy Director
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
Office of Management and Budget
Washington, DC

Subject: Request for Emergency Review and Clearance

Dear Mr. Mancini:

Pursuant to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) procedures established at 5 CFR Part 1320, *Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public*, I request that the proposed information collection project, "CDC Emergency Operations Center Zika Related Clinical Inquiries and Surveillance" be processed in accordance with section 1320.13, Emergency Processing.

I have determined that this information must be collected prior to the expiration of time periods established under Part 1320, and that this information is essential to the CDC's mission to protect America from health, safety and security threats, both foreign and in the U.S. The purpose of this information collection is to support for State, Territorial, and Local authorities and health facilities with their response to the ongoing zika virus outbreak.

CDC cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures because CDC researchers need to begin surveillance activities related to the zika virus outbreak as quickly as possible. CDC needs to initiate these surveillance activities right away in order to increase the health security of the United States. Therefore, CDC requests a 180-day emergency clearance to operate a call center in the Emergency Operations Center to field clinical inquiries from physicians, health departments, and the general public; formulate a register for pregnant women to monitor the frequency and types of adverse birth outcomes for women infected with zika virus during pregnancy; and carry out a mosquito surveillance survey distributed to vector control professionals, entomologists, and public health biologists in order to gather information on the distribution of *Aedes aegypti* and *Ae. Albopictus*, the vectors that transmit zika virus.

Please provide an approval/disapproval determination of this request to collect information under an emergency clearance by close of business February 16, 2016.

Respectfully,

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Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention (CDC)