



June 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, "Zika Emergency Package V: Assessment of Interventions Intended to Protect Pregnant Women in Puerto Rico from Zika Infections" 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 study is to assess the delivery and effects of interventions implemented in Puerto Rico to protect pregnant women from Zika virus infections and the birth defects that Zika virus can cause in their babies. This assessment will be used to help refine interventions that have been conducted to prevent and control Zika virus in Puerto Rico.

CDC cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures because this assessment is vital for showing whether the public health interventions are having the intended or unintended effects. In particular, results gained through this assessment can facilitate program improvement and ensure good stewardship of resources. Therefore, CDC requests a 180-day emergency clearance to begin this study.

Please provide an approval/disapproval determination of this request to collect information under an emergency clearance by close of business June 13, 2016.

Respectfully,

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Zoonotic Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Centers
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