

One Health Harmful Algal Bloom Systems (OHHABS)

(OMB Control No. 0920-1105)

Request for Non-Substantive Change to Currently Approved Data Collection
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Circumstances of Change Request for OMB 0920-1105

CDC uses event definitions for harmful algal blooms (HABs) and case definitions for human cases of illness, and animal cases of illness in order to classify HAB events as either suspect or confirmed and HAB-associated cases of illness as suspect, probable or confirmed.

HAB event and case definition criteria are applied by state and territorial reporting partners when deciding whether to report to the One Health Harmful Algal Bloom System (OHHABS). However, the HAB event definitions and case definitions cannot currently be entered in OHHABS.

CDC is requesting to add data elements to OHHABS which will allow reporting according to existing definitions of HAB events, human cases, and animal cases. This will include fields for the HAB event and case definition criteria. Adding these fields will inform interpretation and use of OHHABS data and support future efforts to evaluate and improve the OHHABS event and case definitions.

In the attached form, all of the proposed additions are found under the “Case Definition” tab.

Description of Changes

CDC is proposing the following changes to OHHABS:

Proposed Changes: OHHABS		
Form	Current Question/Item	Requested Change
Environmental	N/A	Add “HAB Event Definition” field
Environmental		Add “Laboratory-based HAB Data” field
Environmental		Add “Observational or Environmental Data” field
Environmental		Add “Associated Illness” field
Environmental		Add “Event Definition Comments” field
Human		Add “Human Case Definition” field
Human		Add “Exposure” field
Human		Add “Signs/Symptoms” field
Human		Add “Public Health Assessment” field
Human		Add “Professional Medical Diagnosis” field
Human		Add “Other Causes of Illness Ruled Out” field
Human		Add “Observational or

		Environmental Data” field
Human		Add “Laboratory-based HAB Data” field
Human		Add “Clinical Data “field
Human		Add “Human Case Definition Comments” field
Animal		Add “Animal Case Definition” field
Animal		Add “Exposure” field
Animal		Add “Signs/Symptoms” field
Animal		Add “Public Health Assessment” field
Animal		Add “Professional Medical Diagnosis” field
Animal		Add “Other Causes of Illness Ruled Out” field
Animal		Add “Observational or Environmental Data” field
Animal		Add “Laboratory-based HAB Data” field
Animal		Add “Clinical Data” field
Animal		Add “Animal Case Definition Comments” field

Burden

CDC does not anticipate that the addition of these data elements will alter the burden or volume of responses since these fields represent criteria for HAB event and case definitions which are already being used by respondents.

Type of Respondent	Form Name	Number of Respondents	Number of Responses per Respondent	Average Burden per Response (in hours)	Total Burden (in hours)
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State Epidemiologists	One Health Harmful Algal Bloom System (OHHABS) (electronic, year-round)	57	3	20/60	57
Total					57