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**Title:** Environmental Health Specialists Network (EHS-Net) Program OMB Generic Package  
**Project Id:** 0900f3eb81c8e66b  
**Accession #:** NCEH-WFEHSB-2/2/21-8e66b  
**Project Contact:** Laura G Brown  
**Organization:** NCEH/ATSDR/DEHSP/WFEHSB  
**Status:** Pending Clearance : PRA Revision  
**Intended Use:** Project Determination  
**Estimated Start Date:** 09/01/2021  
**Estimated Completion Date:** 08/31/2024  
**CDC/ATSDR HRPO/IRB Protocol #:**  
**OMB Control #:** 0920-0792

## Determinations

Determination	Justification	Completed	Entered By & Role
HSC: Does NOT Require HRPO Review	Research Not Involving Human Subjects <i>45 CFR 46.102(e)</i>	7/20/21	Davis_Stephanie I. (sgd8) CIO HSC
PRA: PRA Applies		3/19/21	Abel_Jason A. (jza5) CIO OMB / PRA
ICRO: Returned with No Decision		3/19/21	Zirger_Jeffrey (wtj5) ICRO Reviewer

## Description & Funding

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**Priority:** Standard  
**Date Needed:** 04/01/2021  
**Determination Start Date:** 06/25/21

**Description:** This is the OMB package for the EHS-Net food safety research program generic clearance. Generic clearance is the OMB terminology for a 'blanket' clearance for several studies. Our 8 EHS-Net funded sites conduct 2 or 3 multisite data collections in restaurants per funding cycle. This generic clearance allows for a shortened clearance process (i.e., 6 months) for these data collections. If we did not obtain generic clearance for these EHS-Net studies, clearance for each individual study would take at least 12 months, compared to the 6 months it would take with a generic clearance. The current generic clearance expires 8/31/2021.

**IMS/CIO/Epi-Aid/Chemical Exposure Submission:** No

**IMS Activation Name:** Not selected

**Primary Priority of the Project:** Not selected

**Secondary Priority(s) of the Project:** Not selected

**Task Force Associated with the Response:** Not selected

**CIO Emergency Response Name:** Not selected

**Epi-Aid Name:** Not selected

**Assessment of Chemical Exposure Name:** Not selected

**Goals/Purpose** The goal of this food safety research program (called EHS-Net) is to collect data in retail food establishments that will identify and address environmental factors (e.g., manager food safety certification, equipment condition, etc.) associated with retail-related foodborne illness and outbreaks.

**Objective:** The information collected from establishments will be used by CDC to develop food safety prevention and intervention recommendations for environmental public health/food safety programs and the retail food establishment industry.

**Does this project include interventions, services, or policy change work aimed at improving the health of groups who have** Not Selected

been excluded or marginalized and/or decreasing disparities?:

Project does not incorporate elements of health equity science: Not Selected

Measuring Disparities: Not Selected

Studying Social Determinants of Health (SDOH): Not Selected

Assessing Impact: Not Selected

Methods to Improve Health Equity Research and Practice: Not Selected

Other: Not Selected

Activities or Tasks: New Collection of Information, Data, or Biospecimens

Target Populations to be Included/Represented: Businesses

Tags/Keywords: food safety

CDC's Role: Activity originated and designed by CDC staff, or conducted at the specific request of CDC, or CDC staff will approve study design and data collection as a condition of any funding provided

Method Categories: Individual Interview (Quantitative); Observation

Methods: interviews/assessments with restaurant staff; observations of restaurant kitchen environments and food workers preparing food

Collection of Info, Data or Biospecimen: interviews/assessments with restaurant staff; observations of restaurant kitchen environments and food workers preparing food

Expected Use of Findings/Results: The information collected from establishments will be used by CDC to develop food safety prevention and intervention recommendations for environmental public health/food safety programs and the retail food establishment industry.

Could Individuals potentially be identified based on Information Collected? No

## Funding

Funding Type	Funding Title	Funding #	Original Budget Yr	# Years Award	Budget Amount
CDC Cooperative Agreement	Environmental Health Specialists Network - \$1,540,000 annually	EH-20-001	2020	5	

## HSC Review

### HSC Attributes

Non-Human/Non-Animal Material Yes

## Regulation and Policy

Do you anticipate this project will be submitted to the IRB office Yes

Estimated number of study participants 376 restaurants per study

Population - Children N/A

Population - Minors N/A

Population - Prisoners N/A

Population - Pregnant Women N/A

Population - Emancipated Minors N/A

Suggested level of risk to subjects Minimal Do you anticipate this project will be exempt research or non-exempt research Exempt

Category 1: Educational Practices No Selection

Category 2: Educational tests, surveys, interviews, or observation of public behavior No Selection

Category 3: Benign Behavioral Interventions and Collection of Information No Selection

Category 4: Secondary Research for Which Consent is not Required No Selection

Category 5: Research and Demonstration Projects No Selection

Category 6: Taste and Food Quality Evaluation and Consumer Acceptance Studies No Selection

Category 7: Storage or Maintenance for Secondary Use for Which Broad Consent is Required No Selection

Category 8: Secondary Research for Which Broad Consent is Required No Selection

## Institutions & Staff

### Institutions

Name	FWA #	FWA Exp Date	IRB Title	IRB Exp Date	Funding #
Harris County, Texas Department of Health					EH-20-001
Franklin County, OH Department of Health					EH-20-001
Fund for Public Health NY	FWA00023694	12/09/20	New York City Dept of Hlth & Mental Hygiene IRB #1	08/06/23	EH-20-001
Minnesota Department of Health	FWA00000072	03/24/22			EH-20-001
New York State Dept of Hlth	FWA00003700	03/11/26			EH-20-001
Rhode Island Department of Health	FWA00006141	09/09/25	RHODE ISLAND STE DEPT HLTH IRB #1	04/03/22	EH-20-001
Southern Nevada Health District	FWA00023704	10/23/24	U of Nevada, Las Vegas IRB #1 -- Biomedical Sciences	01/03/23	EH-20-001
Tennessee Department of Health	FWA00000379	02/07/22			EH-20-001

### Staff

Staff Member	SIQT Exp. Date	CITI Biomedical Exp. Date	CITI Social & Behavioral Exp. Date	CITI Good Clinical Practice Exp. Date	Staff Role	Email	Phone	Organization
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## Data

### DMP

Proposed Data Collection Start Date: 1/1/22

Proposed Data Collection End Date: 8/31/24

Proposed Public Access Level: Public

Public Access Justification: These data will be anonymous so can be shared.

How Access Will Be Provided for Data: We will release data files from the studies with our publications through CDC Stacks.

Plans for Archival and Long Term Preservation: We will archive for 10 years in CDC Stacks.

### Spatiality

Country	State/Province	County/Region
United States		

### Dataset

Dataset Title	Dataset Description	Data Publisher/Owner	Public Access Level	Public Access Justification	External Access URL	Download URL	Type of Data Released	Collection Start Date	Collection End Date
Dataset yet to be added...									



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