

Supporting Statement B

**Research Data Center Proposal for Access to Confidential Data
for the
National Center for Health Statistics**

Existing Collection in Use Without an OMB Control Number

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B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods

1. Potential respondent universe and respondent selection method

The Research Data Center (RDC) proposal does not use any statistical methods for collection of information.

The RDC accepts proposals from researchers on a flow basis and the researcher determines when they submit their proposal to the RDC. Researchers self-select whether they will author and submit the proposal and when the proposal is submitted. The researchers are from the public at-large.

2. Procedures for the Collection of Information

The information about the researcher and their project are collected using the RDC proposal. Researchers self-select whether they will author and submit the proposal.

3. Methods to Maximize Response Rates and Deal with Nonresponse

Since researchers self-select whether they will author and submit the proposal, the response rate and nonresponse are not relevant to this information collection.

4. Tests of Procedures or Methods to be Undertaken

The RDC proposal has been in use since 1998 and conforms to the Standard Application drafted by the committee charged with writing the regulation for the Evidence Act Standard Application Process (44 U.S.C. 3583). Tests of procedure and methods are not relevant to this information collection.

5. Individuals consulted on Statistical Aspects and Individuals Collecting and/or Analyzing Data.

There are no statistical aspects or data to analyze within the RDC proposal. The text descriptions of the researchers' projects are reviewed for completeness and specificity by RDC staff, National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) data owners, and the NCHS confidentiality officer.

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