

Supporting Statement B for Request for Clearance:

Application Form and Related Forms for the
Operation of the National Death Index

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ATTACHMENTS TO SUPPORTING STATEMENT FOR OMB CLEARANCE REQUEST

- A – Authorizing Legislation
- B1 – Published 60-Day Federal Register Notice
- B2 – Public Comment to the 60-Day Federal Register Notice and Program Response
- C – National Death Index Application Form (Electronic Version)
- D1 – NDI User Data Transmittal Form
- D2 – NDI User Data Early Release Transmittal Form
- E1 – Fee Worksheet
- E2 – Early Release Fee Worksheet
- F – Data Destruction Form
- G1 – NDI Data Use Agreement
- G2 – Supplemental NDI Data Use Agreement
- H – National Death Index Advisers
- I – NCHS ERB letter

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods

This collection of information is for administrative purposes and does not employ any statistical methods. It includes the application form(s), transmittal form(s) and the fee worksheet(s) utilized in the operation of the National Death Index (NDI) program. The NDI is a central, computerized index of death record information designed to assist in the mortality ascertainment activities of investigators conducting prospective and retrospective studies in health and medical research. Typically, investigators are based in academic institutions or units of state, local, or territorial health departments or other private research organizations.

The NDI contains identifying information on all U.S. decedents since 1979 and is compiled from computer files submitted to NCHS by the jurisdiction (states and territories) vital statistics offices via contractual agreements.

Investigators use the NDI to determine whether persons in their studies may have died. If so, the NDI user is provided with the names of jurisdictions in which the deaths occurred and the corresponding death certificate numbers and dates of death. The NDI user may then arrange to procure copies of death certificates from the jurisdiction vital statistics offices in order to obtain such statistical information as cause(s) of death. NDI users can avoid procuring copies of certificates if they opt for the NDI Plus service which provides users with the cause(s) of death information in coded form.

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