

### B. Purpose

The system is designed to process individual applications for the Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer program, and to assess a candidate's suitability for a position in the program.

## II. Authority for Maintenance of the System

Public Health Service Act, Section 203, "Commissioned Corps" and Section 207, "Appointment of Personnel" (42 U.S.C. 204, 209).

## III. Proposed Routine Use Disclosures of Data in the System

Disclosure may be made to a congressional office from the record of an individual in response to a verified inquiry from the congressional office made at the written request of that individual.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) may disclose information from this system of records to the Department of Justice, or to a court or other tribunal, when: (a) HHS, or any component thereof; or (b) any HHS employee in his or her official capacity; or (c) any HHS employee in his or her individual capacity where the Department of Justice (or HHS, where it is authorized to do so) has agreed to represent the employee; or (d) the United States or any agency thereof where HHS determines that the litigation is likely to affect HHS or any of its components, is a party to litigation or has an interest in such litigation, and HHS determines that the use of such records by the Department of Justice, the court or other tribunal is relevant and necessary to the litigation and would help in the effective representation of the governmental party, provided, however, that in each case, HHS determines that such disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected.

Records may be collected to appropriate federal agencies and Department contractors that have a need to know the information for the purpose of assisting the Department's efforts to respond to a suspected or confirmed breach of the security or confidentiality of information disclosed is relevant and necessary for that assistance.

## IV. Effects of the Proposed System of Records on Individual Rights

The first routine use permits an individual may learn if a record exists about himself or herself by contacting the system manager at the address above. Requesters in person must provide driver's license or other positive identification. Individuals who do not appear in person must either: (1) submit

a notarized request to verify their identity; or (2) certify that they are the individuals they claim to be and that they understand that the knowing and willful request for or acquisition of a record pertaining to an individual under false pretenses is a criminal offense under the Privacy Act subject to a \$5,000 fine.

Same as notification procedures. Requesters should also reasonably specify the record contents being sought. An accounting of disclosures that have been made of the record, if any, may be requested.

## V. Safeguards

The records in this System are stored in the file folders, computer tapes/disks, and CD-ROMs. The records are retrieved by name.

The records in this System have the following safeguards in place to maintain and protect the information as it relates to Authorized users, physical and procedural safeguards:

**Authorized users**—Access is granted to only a limited number of physicians, scientists, statisticians, and designated support staff of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as authorized by the system manager to accomplish the stated purposes for which the data in this system have been collected.

**Physical Safeguards**—Hardcopy records are kept in locked cabinets in locked rooms, security guard service in buildings, personnel screening of visitors, copies of files stored in a separate secure off-site location.

**Procedural Safeguards**—The OWCD Local Area Network (LAN) uses security packages to control unauthorized access to the system. Attempts to gain access by unauthorized individuals are automatically recorded and reviewed on a daily basis. Protection for computerized records both on the mainframe and the OWCD LAN include programmed verification of valid user identification code and password prior to logging on to the system, mandatory password changes, limited log-ins, virus protection, and user rights/file attribute restrictions. Password protection imposes user name and password log-in requirements to prevent unauthorized access. Each user name is assigned limited access rights to files and directories at varying levels to control file sharing. There are routine daily backup procedures and secure off-site storage is available for backup tapes. CDC employees who maintain records are instructed to check with the system manager prior to making disclosures of data.

**Implementation Guidelines:** The safeguards outlined above are in accordance with the HHS Information Security Program Policy and FIPS Pub 200, "Minimum Security Requirements for Federal Information and Information Systems." Data maintained on CDC's Mainframe and the OWCD LAN are in compliance with OMB Circular A-130, Appendix III. Security is provided for information collection, processing, transmission, storage, and dissemination in general support systems and major applications.

## VI. OMB Control Numbers, Expiration Dates, and Titles of Information Collection

A. **Full Title:** "Epidemic Intelligence Service officers Files, HHS/CDC/OWCD."

OMB Control Number: 09-20-0138.  
Expiration Date: TBD.

## VII. Supporting Documentation

A. Preamble and Proposed Notice of System for publication in the **Federal Register**.

B. **Agency Rules:** None.

C. **Exemption Requested:** None.

D. **Computer Matching Report:** The new system does not require a matching report in accordance with the computer matching provisions of the Privacy Act.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

### Privacy Act of 1974; Report of Modified or Altered System of Records

**AGENCY:** Division of Surveillance, Hazard Evaluation, and Field Studies (DSHEFS), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

**ACTION:** Notification of Proposed Altered System of Records.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Health and Human Services proposes to alter System of Records, 09-20-0147, "Occupational Health Epidemiological Studies and EEOICPA Program Records, HHS/CDC/NIOSH." HHS is proposing to add the following Breach Response Routine Use Language to comply with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memoranda (M) 07-16, Safeguarding Against and responding to the Breach of Personally Identifiable Information:

To appropriate Federal agencies and Department contractors that have a need to know the information for the purpose of assisting the Department's efforts to respond to a suspected or confirmed breach of the security or confidentiality of information disclosed is relevant and necessary for that assistance.

These records will be maintained by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 24, 2011. The proposed altered System of Records will be effective 40 days from the date submitted to the OMB, unless NIOSH receives comments that would result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by the Privacy Act System of Record Number 09–20–0147:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* Include PA SOR number 09–20–0147 in the subject line of the message.

- *Phone:* 770/488–8660 (not a toll-free number).

- *Fax:* 770/488–8659.

- *Mail:* HHS/CDC Senior Official for Privacy (SOP), Office of the Chief Information Security Officer (OCISO), 4770 Buford Highway—M/S: F–35, Chamblee, GA 30341.

- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* HHS/CDC Senior Official for Privacy (SOP), Office of the Chief Information Security Officer (OCISO), 4770 Buford Highway—M/S: F–35, Chamblee, GA 30341.

- Comments received will be available for inspection and copying at this same address from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, Federal holidays excepted.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NIOSH proposes to alter System of Records, No. 09–20–0147, “Occupational health Epidemiological Studies and EEOICPA Program Records, HHS/CDC/NIOSH.” Studies carried out under this system are to evaluate mortality and morbidity of occupationally related diseases and injuries, to determine their causes, and to lead toward prevention of occupationally related diseases and injuries in the future. EEOICPA records are maintained to enable NIOSH to fulfill its dose reconstruction responsibilities under the Act.

This System of Record Notice is being altered to add the Breach Response Routine Use Language to comply with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) memorandum dated May 22, 2007.

The following notice is written in the present tense, rather than the future

tense, in order to avoid the unnecessary expenditure of public funds to republish the notice after the System has become effective.

Dated: December 11, 2009.

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*Chief Information Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

## **Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)**

*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)*

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

### **Occupational Health Epidemiological Studies and EEOICPA Program Records—Report of Modified or Altered System of Records**

#### **Narrative Statement**

#### **I. Background and Purpose of the System**

##### *A. Background*

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To appropriate Federal agencies and Department contractors that have a need to know the information for the purpose of assisting the Department's efforts to respond to a suspected or confirmed breach of the security or confidentiality of information disclosed is relevant and necessary for that assistance.

##### *B. Purpose*

Studies carried out under this system are to evaluate mortality and morbidity of occupationally related diseases and injuries, to determine their causes, and to lead toward prevention of occupationally related diseases and injuries in the future. EEOICPA records are maintained to enable NIOSH to fulfill its dose reconstruction responsibilities under the Act.

#### **II. Authority for Maintenance of the System**

Public Health Service Act, Section 301, “Research and Investigation” (42 U.S.C. 241); Occupational Safety and Health Act, Section 20, “Research and Related Activities” (29 U.S.C. 669); the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, Section 501, “Research” (30 U.S.C. 951) and the Energy Employees

Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EEOICPA) (42 U.S.C. 7384, *et seq.*)

#### **III. Proposed Routine Use Disclosures of Data in the System**

The Privacy Act allows us to disclose information without an individual's consent if the information is to be used for a purpose that is compatible with the purpose(s) for which the information was collected. Any such compatible use of data is known as a “routine use.” The routine uses proposed for this System are compatible with the stated purpose of the System and support the agency's evaluation of mortality and morbidity of occupationally related diseases and injuries, determination their causes prevention of occupationally related diseases and injuries in the future, and enable NIOSH to fulfill its dose reconstruction responsibilities under the EEOICPA.

Portions of records (name, Social Security number if known, date of birth, and last known address) may be disclosed to one or more of the sources selected from those listed in Appendix I, as applicable. This may be done for obtaining a determination regarding an individual's health status and last known address. If the sources determine that the individual is dead, NIOSH may obtain death certificates, which state the cause of death, from the appropriate Federal, State or local agency. If the individual is alive, NIOSH may obtain information on health status from disease registries or on last known address in order to contact the individual for a health study or to inform him or her of health findings. This information on health status enables NIOSH to evaluate whether excess occupationally related mortality or morbidity is occurring.

In the event of litigation where the defendant is: (a) The Department, any component of the Department, or any employee of the Department in his or her official capacity; (b) the United States where the Department determines that the claim, if successful, is likely to directly affect the operations of the Department or any of its components; or (c) any Department employee in his or her individual capacity where the Department of Justice has agreed to represent such employee, for example, in defending a claim against the Public Health Service based upon an individual's mental or physical condition and alleged to have arisen because of activities of the Public Health Service in connection with such individual, disclosure may be made to the Department of Justice to enable that Department to present an effective

defense, provided that such disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected.

Records may also be disclosed when deemed desirable or necessary, to the Department of Justice, and/or the Department of Labor, to enable those Departments to effectively represent the Department of Health and Human Services and/or the Department of Labor in litigation involving the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EEOICPA).

Records subject to the Privacy Act are disclosed to private firms for data entry, scientific support services, nosology coding, computer systems analysis and computer programming services. The contractors promptly return data entry records after the contracted work is completed. The contractors are required to maintain Privacy Act safeguards.

Certain diseases or exposures may be reported to State and/or local health departments where the State has a legally constituted reporting program for communicable diseases and which provides for the confidentiality of the information.

In the event of litigation initiated at the request of NIOSH, the Institute may disclose such records as it deems desirable or necessary to the Department of Justice and to the Department of Labor, Office of the Solicitor, where appropriate, to enable the Departments to effectively represent the Institute, provided such disclosure is compatible with the purpose for which the records were collected. The only types of litigation proceedings that NIOSH is authorized to request are: (1) Enforcement of a subpoena issued to an employer to provide relevant information; and (2) administrative search warrants to obtain access to places of employment and relevant information therein and related contempt citations against an employer for failure to comply with a warrant obtained by the Institute; and (3) injunctive relief against employers or mine operators to obtain access to relevant information.

Disclosure may be made to NIOSH collaborating researchers (*e.g.*, NIOSH contractors, grantees, cooperative agreement holders, or other Federal or State scientists) in order to accomplish the research purpose for which the records are collected. The collaborating researchers must agree in writing to comply with the confidentiality provisions of the Privacy Act and NIOSH must have determined that the researchers' data security procedures will protect confidentiality.

Disclosure of epidemiologic study records pertaining to uranium workers may be made to the Department of Justice to be used in determining eligibility for compensation payments to the uranium workers or their survivors.

Records may be disclosed by CDC in connection with public health activities to the Social Security Administration for sources of locating information to accomplish the research or program purposes for which the records were collected.

Disclosure of records or portions of records may be made to a Member of Congress or a Congressional staff member submitting a verified request involving an individual who is entitled to the information and has requested assistance from the Member or staff member. The Member of Congress or Congressional staff member must provide a copy of the individual's written request for assistance.

Records may be disclosed to appropriate Federal agencies and Department contractors that have a need to know the information for the purpose of assisting the Department's efforts to respond to a suspected or confirmed breach of the security or confidentiality of information disclosed is relevant and necessary for that assistance.

#### **The Following Routine Uses Apply Only to EEOICPA Program Records**

Disclosure of dose reconstructions, epidemiologic study records and employment and medical information pertaining to Department of Energy employees and other cancer-related claimants covered under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act may be made to the Department of Labor to be used in determining eligibility for compensation payments to such claimants and in defending its determinations under the Act.

Disclosure of personal identifying information associated with cancer-related claims under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act may be made to the Department of Energy, other Federal agencies, other government or private entities and to private-sector employers to permit these entities to retrieve records required to reconstruct radiation doses and to enable NIOSH to evaluate petitions for inclusion in the Special Exposure Cohort.

Completed dose reconstruction reports for cancer-related claims under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act may be released to the Department of Energy and the Department of Labor to permit these entities to fulfill EEOICPA and

HHS dose reconstruction regulation requirements to notify claimants of their dose reconstruction results.

Disclosure of personal identifying information associated with cancer-related claims under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act may be made to identified witnesses as designated by the Office of Compensation Analysis and Support to assist NIOSH in obtaining information required to complete the dose reconstruction process and to enable NIOSH to evaluate petitions for inclusion in the Special Exposure Cohort.

#### **IV. Effects of the Proposed System of Records on Individual Rights**

The routine uses proposed for this System are compatible with the stated purpose of the System and support the agency's evaluation of mortality and morbidity of occupationally related diseases and injuries, determination their causes prevention of occupationally related diseases and injuries in the future, and enable NIOSH to fulfill its dose reconstruction responsibilities under the EEOICPA.

An individual may learn if a record exists about himself or herself by contacting the system manager at the above address. Requesters in person must provide driver's license or other positive identification. Individuals who do not appear in person must either: (1) Submit a notarized request to verify their identity; or (2) certify that they are the individuals they claim to be and that they understand that the knowing and willful request for or acquisition of a record pertaining to an individual under false pretenses is a criminal offense under the Privacy Act subject to a \$5,000 fine.

An individual who requests notification of or access to medical records shall, at the time the request is made, designate in writing a responsible representative who is willing to review the record and inform the subject individual of its contents. A subject individual will be granted direct access to a medical record if the system manager determines direct access is not likely to have adverse effect on the subject individual.

The following information must be provided when requesting notification: (1) Full name; (2) the approximate date and place of the study, if known; and (3) nature of the questionnaire or study in which the requester participated.

Same as notification procedures. Requesters should also reasonably specify the record contents being sought. An accounting of disclosures

that have been made of the record, if any, may be requested.

## V. Safeguards

The records in this System are retained and disposed of in the following way: Records are retained and disposed of according to the provisions of the CDC Electronic Records Control Schedule for NIOSH records. Records are maintained in agency for three years after the close of the study. Records transferred to the Federal Records Center when no longer needed for evaluation and analysis are destroyed after 75 years for epidemiologic studies, unless needed for further study. Records from health hazard evaluations will be retained at least 20 years. EEOICPA program records are transferred to the Federal Records Center 15 years after the case file becomes inactive and are destroyed after 75 years. Paper files that have been scanned to create electronic copies are disposed of after the copies are verified. Disposal methods include erasing computer tapes and burning or shredding paper materials.

The records in this System have the following safeguards in place to maintain and protect the information as it relates to Authorized users, physical and procedural safeguards:

**Authorized users**—A database software security package is utilized to control unauthorized access to the system. Access is granted to only a limited number of physicians, scientists, statisticians, and designated support staff or contractors, as authorized by the system manager to accomplish the stated purposes for which the data in this system have been collected.

**Physical Safeguards**—Hard copy records are kept in locked cabinets in locked rooms. Guard service in buildings provides screening of visitors. The limited access, secured computer room contains fire extinguishers and an overhead sprinkler system. Computer workstations and automated records are located in secured areas. Electronic anti-intrusion devices are in operation at the Federal Records Center.

**Procedural Safeguards**—Data sets are password protected and/or encrypted. Protection for computerized records both on the mainframe and the NIOSH Local Area Network (LAN) includes programmed verification of valid user identification code and password prior to logging on to the system, mandatory password changes, limited log-ins, virus protection, and user rights/file attribute restrictions. Password protection imposes user name and password log-in requirements to prevent unauthorized access. Each user name is assigned limited access rights to files and

directories at varying levels to control file sharing. There are routine daily backup procedures and secure off-site storage is available for backup tapes. Additional safeguards may be built into the program by the system analyst as warranted by the sensitivity of the data.

Employees and contractor staff who maintain records are instructed to check with the system manager prior to making disclosures of data. When individually identified data are being used in a room, admittance at either government or contractor sites is restricted to specifically authorized personnel. Privacy Act provisions are included in contracts, and the Project Director, contract officers and project officers oversee compliance with these requirements. Upon completion of the contract, all data will be either returned to CDC or destroyed, as specified by the contract.

**Implementation Guidelines:** The safeguards outlined above are in accordance with the HHS Information Security Program Policy and FIPS Pub 200, "Minimum Security Requirements for Federal Information and Information Systems." Data maintained on CDC's Mainframe and the NIOSH LAN are in compliance with OMB Circular A-130, Appendix III. The CDC LAN currently operates under a Microsoft Windows Server and is in compliance with applicable security standards.

## VI. OMB Control Numbers, Expiration Dates, and Titles of Information Collection

A. *Full Title:* "Occupational Health Epidemiological Studies and EEOICPA Program Records, HHS/CDC/NIOSH."

OMB Control Number: 09-20-0147.

Expiration Date: TBD.

## VII. Supporting Documentation

A. Preamble and Proposed Notice of System for publication in the **Federal Register**.

B. *Agency Rules:* None.

C. *Exemption Requested:* None.

D. *Computer Matching Report:* The new system does not require a matching report in accordance with the computer matching provisions of the Privacy Act.

## Appendix I—Potential Sources for Determination of Health Status, Vital Status and/or Last Known Address

Military records  
Appropriate State Motor Vehicle Registration Departments  
Appropriate State Driver's License Departments  
Appropriate State Government Division of: Assistance Payments (Welfare), Social Services, Medical Services, Food Stamp Program, Child Support, Board of Corrections, Aging, Indian Affairs,

Worker's Compensation, Disability Insurance  
Retail Credit Association follow-up  
Veterans Administration files  
Appropriate employee union or association records  
Appropriate company pension or employment records  
Company group insurance records  
Appropriate State Vital Statistics Offices  
Life insurance companies  
Railroad Retirement Board  
Area nursing homes  
Area Indian Trading Posts  
Mailing List Correction Cards (U.S. Postal Service)  
Letters and telephone conversations with former employees of the same establishment as cohort member  
Appropriate local newspaper (obituaries)  
Social Security Administration  
Internal Revenue Service  
National Death Index  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation  
State Disease Registries  
Commercial Telephone Directories  
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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

### Privacy Act of 1974; Report of Modified or Altered System of Records

**AGENCY:** Division of Respiratory Disease Studies (DRDS), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

**ACTION:** Notification of Proposed Altered System of Records.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Health and Human Services proposes to alter System of Records, 09-20-0149, "Morbidity Studies in Coal Mining, Metal and Non-metal Mining and General Industry, HHS/CDC/NIOSH." HHS is proposing to add the following Breach Response Routine Use Language to comply with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memoranda (M) 07-16, Safeguarding Against and Responding to the Breach of Personally Identifiable Information:

To appropriate federal agencies and Department contractors that have a need to know the information for the purpose of assisting the Department's efforts to respond to a suspected or confirmed breach of the security or confidentiality of information disclosed is relevant and necessary for that assistance.

These records will be maintained by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).