

equity, improve quality, and help eliminate health care disparities. The National CLAS Standards, revised in 2013, are comprised of 15 Standards that provide health and health care organizations with a blueprint for successfully implementing and maintaining culturally and linguistically appropriate services.

Despite increased recognition of the National CLAS Standards as a fundamental tool for health and health care organizations to use in their efforts

to become more culturally and linguistically competent, neither the original nor the enhanced National CLAS Standards have been systematically evaluated in terms of public awareness, organizational adoption and implementation, or impact on health services outcomes. There is a need, then, to collect information from health and health care organizations to understand how and to what extent the *National CLAS Standards* have been

utilized by its intended audiences.

*Likely Respondents:*

The information to be collected as part of this assessment will come from five categories of respondents: Training and Development Specialists and Managers; Other Management; Health and Health Care Organization Executives and Managers; Health and Health Care Providers, Managers, and Support Staff; Health Care Practitioners; and Technical Staff.

TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN—HOURS

Form name	Type of respondent	Number of respondent	Number responses per respondent	Average burden per response (hours)	Total burden (hours)
<i>National CLAS Standards Stakeholder Interview.</i>	Training and Development Specialists and Managers; Other Management Occupations.	21	1	45/60	16
CLAS Stakeholder Interview .....	Training and Development Specialists and Managers; Other Management Occupations.	21	1	1	21
Health and Health Care Organization Leadership Interview.	Health and Health Care Organization Executives and Managers.	140	1	1	140
Health and Health Care Organization Staff Survey.	Health and Health Care Providers, Managers, and Support Staff.	2,500	1	15/60	625
Health and Health Care Organization Screener Survey.	Health and Health Care Organization Executives.	50,000	1	5/60	4,167
<i>National CLAS Standards Experience Form.</i>	Health Care Practitioners and Technical Occupations.	240,000	1	10/60	40,000
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	44,969

OS specifically requests comments on (1) the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden, (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Decision To Evaluate a Petition To Designate a Class of Employees From the Idaho National Laboratory in Idaho Falls, Idaho, To Be Included in the Special Exposure Cohort**

**AGENCY:** National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** NIOSH gives notice as required by 42 C.F.R. § 83.12(e) of a decision to evaluate a petition to designate a class of employees from the Idaho National Laboratory in Idaho Falls, Idaho, to be included in the Special Exposure Cohort under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. The initial proposed definition for the class being evaluated, subject to revision as warranted by the evaluation, is as follows:

*Facility:* Idaho National Laboratory.

*Location:* Idaho Falls, Idaho.

*Job Titles and/or Job Duties:* All employees who worked in any area.

*Period of Employment:* January 1, 1949 through December 31, 1970.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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Information requests can also be submitted by email to [DCAS@CDC.GOV](mailto:DCAS@CDC.GOV).

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

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**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), federal agencies are required to