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## Identifying Independent Peer Reviewers

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## STAC's Additional Responsibilities Under Zadroga Reauthorization

### **(F) INDEPENDENT PEER REVIEWS —**

Prior to issuing a final rule to add a health condition to the list in paragraph (3), the WTC Program Administrator shall provide for an independent peer review of the scientific and technical evidence that would be the basis for issuing such final rule.

### **(G) ADDITIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.—**

#### ***(ii) IDENTIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS CONDUCTING INDEPENDENT PEER REVIEWS.***

Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act and not less than every 2 years thereafter, the WTC Program Administrator shall seek recommendations from the Advisory Committee regarding the identification of individuals to conduct the independent peer reviews under subparagraph (F).

## Identifying Independent Peer Reviewers

### A. Public Solicitation

**STAC Recommendation 5.** The Administrator should develop and implement a process to solicit from the public recommendations of scientific experts to perform peer review.

- Administrator Response. The Administrator agrees and will include a Federal Register notice to solicit public input for consideration in the process of identifying potential peer reviewers for the WTC Health Program.
- *Reference to Policy and Procedures for Adding Non-Cancer Health Conditions to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions (P&P).* See Section VI.B. Independent Peer Review.

## Identifying Independent Peer Reviewers

### A. Public Solicitation

**STAC Recommendation 6.a.** A pool of peer reviewers should be formed by NIOSH that can be drawn upon when a peer review is required. This could be done by an open solicitation by which persons could be nominated, a process that could be repeated periodically.

- Administrator Response. The Administrator agrees and will include a Federal Register notice to solicit public input for consideration in the process of identifying potential peer reviewers for the WTC Health Program.
- *Reference to P&P.* See Section VI.B. Independent Peer Review.

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### A. Public Solicitation

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## VI. B. Independent Peer Review

### 1. Selection of Peer Reviewers

a. At least every two years, the Administrator will develop a pool of potential peer reviewers with medical and/or scientific expertise by requesting recommendations from the WTC Health Program STAC regarding the identification of potential independent peer reviewers, and by publishing a *Federal Register* notice soliciting nominees for potential peer reviewers for the Program.

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There is no cost to respondents other than the time to participate. Authorizing legislation comes from Section 301 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 241).

**ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Type of respondents	Form name	Number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Avg. burden per response (in hrs.)	Total burden (in hrs.)
General public .....	Registration .....	25	1	15/60	7
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

[Docket Number NIOSH-294]

**World Trade Center Health Program;  
 Request for Nominations of Scientific  
 Peer Reviewers of Proposed Additions  
 to the List of WTC-Related Health  
 Conditions**

3312(a)(6)(F), prior to issuing a final rule to add a health condition to the List, the Administrator must provide for an independent peer review of the scientific and technical evidence that would be the basis for issuing such final rule.

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**DATES:** Nominations must be submitted (postmarked or electronically received) by February 1, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit a nomination identified by NIOSH Docket 294, by any of the following methods.

- Electronic nominations, including attachments to [nioshdocket@cdc.gov](mailto:nioshdocket@cdc.gov).
- Regular, Express, or Overnight Mail: Written nominations may be submitted

Gastrointestinal, Endocrine, Urinary, Immune, Lymphatic, Muscular, Nervous, Reproductive, Respiratory, Skeletal) Publication list

- Other materials to support the nominee’s ability to perform scientific peer review
- For third-party nominations, affirmation from the nominee that they are aware of and agree to the nomination

A *Curriculum vitae* that includes all of the above information may alternatively be submitted.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act in section 3312(a)(6)(F) requires the Administrator to provide for an independent peer review of the scientific and technical evidence that would be the basis for issuing a final rule to add a health

## Administrator's Charge

- “I invite the Committee to recommend specific individuals who may be expert in various types of health conditions, or make a recommendation about procedures that the Program should use to identify peer reviewers.”

Monitoring and Treatment



WTC Health Program



## Area of Competency

- Medical,
- Epidemiology,
- Exposure assessment,
- Industrial hygiene

## Area of Specialty

- Cardiovascular,
- Integumentary,
- Gastrointestinal,
- Endocrine,
- Urinary,
- Immune,
- Lymphatic,
- Muscular,
- Nervous,
- Reproductive,
- Respiratory,
- Skeletal

## FRN: Additional info

- The Administrator will select peer reviewers for any proposed rule by
- matching the nature of the proposed addition to the List and the nominee's background and expertise, as well as any potential conflict of interest. In selecting peer reviewers, the WTC Program Administrator will consider individuals nominated in response to this **Federal Register** notice, as well as other qualified individuals.