

developed and validated a communication strategy that could be adapted to other technology transfer problems.

First, NIOSH will develop a message-based intervention targeted toward American industrial hygienists. To do this, NIOSH will create and pretest the message, channel, and receiver variables that will compose the intervention. Pretesting of the intervention will occur via mailout surveys and on-site pretesting with industrial hygienists attending conferences sponsored by AIHA (the American Industrial Hygiene Association), ABIH (the American Board of Industrial Hygiene), and ACGIH. Pretesting will occur during the first two years of the project (2000–1), with a total of 1,000 industrial hygienists.

Second, NIOSH will implement the multi-channel, multi-exposure, message-based intervention that was created through pretesting. NIOSH intends to employ the following four channels of: (1) Trade print sources (journal and magazine); (2) web site; (3) direct personalized mailings; and (4) face-to-face interaction through trade show demonstrations. The entire population of American industrial hygienists (approximately 13,000) will be targeted by this intervention. The intervention will occur across four years, applying modifications as needed during the time period.

Finally, NIOSH will conduct annual surveys of randomly selected samples of American industrial hygienists on their self reported use of NIOSH developed

analytical methods for field portable exposure assessment through mail-in surveys based on standard HCRB communication and outcome protocols. During Year 1 (2000), a survey of 700 randomly selected industrial hygienists will be conducted to assess baseline levels of attitudes, knowledge and behaviors with regard to the use of the NIOSH developed analytical methods prior to receiving the intervention. During the next four years (2001–2004), an annual survey of 700 randomly selected industrial hygienists will be conducted to evaluate the impact of the message-based intervention on the use of NIOSH analytical methods (total across all years=2800 respondents).

The total cost to respondents is \$64,770.

Respondents	Number of respondents	Number of responses	Average hour burden per response	Total response burden
Industrial Hygienist	1000 pretesting	1	.33	330
	700 Baseline Survey	1	.25	175
	2800 Annual Survey	1	.5	1,400
Total	1,905

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC): Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting.

Name: Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (Formerly Hospital Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee).

Times and Dates: 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., May 22, 2000. 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m., May 23, 2000.

Place: Atlanta Marriott Century Center, 2000 Century Boulevard, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30345.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available.

Purpose: The Committee is charged with providing advice and guidance to the Secretary, the Assistant Secretary for Health, the Director, CDC, and the Director, National

Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID), regarding (1) the practice of hospital infection control; (2) strategies for surveillance, prevention, and control of infections (e.g., nosocomial infections), antimicrobial resistance, and related events in settings where healthcare is provided; and (3) periodic updating guidelines and other policy statements regarding prevention of healthcare associated infections and healthcare-related conditions.

Matters to be Discussed: Agenda items will include a review proposed revisions to the Guideline for Prevention of Intravascular Device-related Infections, the Guideline for Hand Hygiene, and the Recommendations for Preventing the Spread of Vancomycin Resistance in Hospitals; a discussion of strategies for evaluation of HICPAC guidelines; a review of the fourth draft of the Guideline for Environmental Controls in Healthcare Settings, 2001, and the first draft of the Guideline for Prevention of Nosocomial Pneumonia, 2001; and a review of CDC activities of interest to the Committee, including the Institute of Medicine Report on Medical Errors.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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The Director, Management Analysis and Services office has been delegated the authority to sign **FEDERAL REGISTER** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: Information Collection Items in the Head Start Performance Standards (current rule).

OMB No.: 0970–0148.

Description: The Head Start Performance Standards are regulations which establish standards for Head Start grantee and delegate agencies to follow to administer quality programs as required by law. Local programs are monitored for compliance with these standards. The information collection aspects of the Performance Standards are one part of the many actions that local agencies must take to ensure they administer quality programs. Almost all these information collections items are