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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[60Day-16-0850; Docket No. CDC-2015-  
0093]

#### Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and  
Prevention (CDC), Department of Health  
and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice with comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of  
its continuing efforts to reduce public  
burden and maximize the utility of  
government information, invites the  
general public and other Federal  
agencies to take this opportunity to  
comment on proposed and/or  
continuing information collections, as  
required by the Paperwork Reduction  
Act of 1995. This notice invites  
comment on the proposed extension of  
the Laboratory Response Network  
information collection.

**DATES:** Written comments must be  
received on or before January 4, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments,  
identified by Docket No. CDC-2015-  
0093 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:*  
*Regulations.gov.* Follow the instructions  
for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Leroy A. Richardson,  
Information Collection Review Office,  
Centers for Disease Control and  
Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE.,  
MS-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

*Instructions:* All submissions received  
must include the agency name and  
Docket Number. All relevant comments  
received will be posted without change  
to Regulations.gov, including any  
personal information provided. For  
access to the docket to read background  
documents or comments received, go to  
Regulations.gov.

**Please note:** All public comment should be  
submitted through the Federal eRulemaking  
portal (Regulations.gov) or by U.S. mail to the  
address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To  
request more information on the

proposed project or to obtain a copy of  
the information collection plan and  
instruments, contact the Information  
Collection Review Office, Centers for  
Disease Control and Prevention, 1600  
Clifton Road NE., MS-D74, Atlanta,  
Georgia 30329; phone: 404-639-7570;  
Email: [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the  
Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA)  
(44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies  
must obtain approval from the Office of  
Management and Budget (OMB) for each  
collection of information they conduct  
or sponsor. In addition, the PRA also  
requires Federal agencies to provide a  
60-day notice in the **Federal Register**  
concerning each proposed collection of  
information, including each new  
proposed collection, each proposed  
extension of existing collection of  
information, and each reinstatement of  
previously approved information  
collection before submitting the  
collection to OMB for approval. To  
comply with this requirement, we are  
publishing this notice of a proposed  
data collection as described below.

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether  
the proposed collection of information  
is necessary for the proper performance  
of the functions of the agency, including  
whether the information shall have  
practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the  
agency's estimate of the burden of the  
proposed collection of information; (c)  
ways to enhance the quality, utility, and  
clarity of the information to be  
collected; (d) ways to minimize the  
burden of the collection of information  
on respondents, including through the  
use of automated collection techniques  
or other forms of information  
technology; and (e) estimates of capital  
or start-up costs and costs of operation,  
maintenance, and purchase of services  
to provide information. Burden means  
the total time, effort, or financial  
resources expended by persons to  
generate, maintain, retain, disclose or  
provide information to or for a Federal  
agency. This includes the time needed  
to review instructions; to develop,  
acquire, install and utilize technology  
and systems for the purpose of  
collecting, validating and verifying  
information, processing and  
maintaining information, and disclosing  
and providing information; to train  
personnel and to be able to respond to  
a collection of information, to search  
data sources, to complete and review  
the collection of information; and to  
transmit or otherwise disclose the  
information.

#### Proposed Project

Laboratory Response Network—  
Extension—(OMB Control No. 0920-  
0850, expires April 30, 2016), National  
Center for Emerging and Zoonotic  
Infectious Diseases (NCEZID), Centers  
for Disease Control and Prevention  
(CDC).

#### *Background and Brief Description*

The Laboratory Response Network  
(LRN) was established by the  
Department of Health and Human  
Services (HHS), Centers for Disease  
Control and Prevention (CDC) in  
accordance with Presidential Decision  
Directive 39, which outlined national  
anti-terrorism policies and assigned  
specific missions to Federal  
departments and agencies. The LRN's  
mission is to maintain an integrated  
national and international network of  
laboratories that can respond to  
suspected acts of biological, chemical,  
or radiological threats and other public  
health emergencies.

When Federal, State and local public  
health laboratories voluntarily join the  
LRN, they assume specific  
responsibilities and are required to  
provide information to the LRN Program  
Office at CDC. Each laboratory must  
submit and maintain complete  
information regarding the testing  
capabilities of the laboratory.  
Biennially, laboratories are required to  
review, verify and update their testing  
capability information. Complete testing  
capability information is required in  
order for the LRN Program Office to  
determine the ability of the Network to  
respond to a biological or chemical  
threat event. The sensitivity of all  
information associated with the LRN  
requires the LRN Program Office to  
obtain personal information about all  
individuals accessing the LRN Web site.  
In addition, the LRN Program Office  
must be able to contact all laboratory  
personnel during an event so each  
laboratory staff member that obtains  
access to the restricted LRN Web site  
must provide his or her contact  
information to the LRN Program Office.

As a requirement of membership, LRN  
Laboratories must report all biological  
and chemical testing results to the LRN  
Program at CDC using a CDC developed  
software tool called the LRN Results  
Messenger. This information is essential  
for surveillance of anomalies, to support  
response to an event that may involve  
multiple agencies and to manage limited  
resources. LRN Laboratories must also  
participate in and report results for  
Proficiency Testing Challenges or  
Validation Studies. LRN Laboratories  
participate in multiple Proficiency

Testing Challenges, Exercises and/or Validation Studies every year consisting of five to 500 simulated samples provided by the LRN Program Office. It is necessary to conduct such challenges in order to verify the testing capability of the LRN Laboratories. The rarity of biological or chemical agents perceived to be of bioterrorism concern prevents some LRN Laboratories from maintaining proficiency as a result of day-to-day testing. Simulated samples are therefore distributed to ensure proficiency across the LRN. The results

obtained from testing these simulated samples must also be entered into Results Messenger for evaluation by the LRN Program Office.

During a surge event resulting from a bioterrorism or chemical terrorism attack, LRN Laboratories are also required to submit all testing results using LRN Results Messenger. The LRN Program Office requires these results in order to track the progression of a bioterrorism event and respond in the most efficient and effective way possible and for data sharing with other Federal partners involved in the response. The

number of samples tested during a response to a possible event could range from 10,000 to more than 500,000 samples depending on the length and breadth of the event. Since there is potentially a large range in the number of samples for a surge event, CDC estimates the annualized burden for this event will be 2,250,000 hours or 625 responses per respondent.

There is no cost to the respondents other than their time. The total estimated annualized burden is 2,382,300 hours.

ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS

Respondents	Forms	Number of respondents	Average number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response (hours)	Total burden hours
Public Health Laboratories .....	Biennial Requalification .....	150	1	2	300
Public Health Laboratories .....	General Surveillance Testing Results.	150	25	24	90,000
Public Health Laboratories .....	Proficiency Testing/Validation Testing Results.	150	5	56	42,000
Public Health Laboratories .....	Surge Event Testing Results .....	150	625	24	2,250,000
Total .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,382,300

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**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

[60Day-16-16BX; Docket No. CDC-2015-0092]

**Proposed Data Collection Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations**

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice with comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as part of its continuing efforts to reduce public burden and maximize the utility of government information, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This notice invites

comment on a proposed information collection entitled “Monitoring and Reporting for the Core State Violence and Injury Prevention Program Cooperative Agreement.” CDC will use the information collected to monitor cooperative agreement awardees and to identify challenges to program implementation and achievement of outcomes.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before January 4, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2015-0092 by any of the following methods:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Regulation.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

*Mail:* Leroy A. Richardson, Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE., MS-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329.

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**Please note:** All public comment should be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking portal (Regulations.gov) or by U.S. mail to the address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the information collection plan and instruments, contact the Information Collection Review Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE., MS-D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329; phone: 404-639-7570; Email: omb@cdc.gov.

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Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the