

Frequency: Annually.

Obtaining Copies: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0010, Progress Payments, SF 1443, in all correspondence.

Dated: April 24, 2018.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Docket No. CDC-2018-0041]

Vessel Sanitation Program: Annual Program Status Meeting; Request for Comment

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the 2018 annual Vessel Sanitation Program (VSP) public meeting. The annual meeting serves as a forum for HHS/CDC to update interested persons on work completed in 2017 and plans for future activities. HHS/CDC is also opening a public docket so that additional comments and materials may be submitted. The official record of this meeting will remain open through July 26, 2018 so that additional materials or comments may be submitted and made part of the record.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before July 26, 2018.

The meeting will be held on June 20, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Ballroom at the DoubleTree Grand Hotel Biscayne Bay, 1717 North Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL 33132. Information regarding logistics is available on the VSP website (www.cdc.gov/nceh/vsp).

Deadline for Requests for Special Accommodations: Persons wishing to participate in the public meeting who need special accommodations should

contact CDR Aimee Treffiletti (vsp@cdc.gov or 954-356-6650 or 770-488-3141) by Monday, May 20, 2018.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2018-0041 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:*

www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* Vessel Sanitation Program,

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Highway NE, MS F-58, Atlanta, Georgia 30341.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CDR Aimee Treffiletti, Vessel Sanitation Program, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Highway NE, MS F-58, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, email: vsp@cdc.gov, phone: 954-356-6650 or 770-488-3141.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public of VSP's activities in assisting the cruise industry to prevent the introduction and spread of gastrointestinal (GI) illness to U.S. ports from ships under VSP's jurisdiction (ships with 13 or more passengers and an itinerary that includes foreign and U.S. ports).

The meeting will include a review of HHS/CDC's public health support activities from 2017, provide perspective on VSP's approach to vessel sanitation, and offer industry the opportunity to provide input regarding industry efforts to exceed VSP requirements. Presentations will clarify the roles and responsibilities of VSP, cruise line public health management, and shipyards constructing cruise ships. Presentations will also include initiatives for improved epidemiologic study of disease outbreaks and strategic approaches to public health risk reduction for 2019 and the future.

Matters to be discussed:

- VSP year in review: operational and construction inspections, budget, and vessel sanitation training
- GI illness data and epidemiology projects: VSP review and progress report
- VSP 2018 Operations Manual and Construction Guidelines: implementation of the new guidance
- Shipyard construction: how to strengthen public health through engineering controls

Meeting Accessibility: The meeting is open to the public, but space is limited to approximately 70 people. Advanced registration is encouraged. Information regarding logistics is available on the VSP website (www.cdc.gov/nceh/vsp). Attendees at the annual meeting normally include cruise ship industry officials, private sanitation consultants, and other interested parties.

Dated: April 19, 2018.

Sandra Cashman,

Executive Secretary, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Docket No. CDC-2017-0115]

Availability of Vessel Sanitation Program (VSP) Operations Manual and VSP Construction Guidelines

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), located within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the availability of the 2018 Vessel Sanitation Program (VSP) Operations Manual and the VSP Construction Guidelines.

DATES: The final documents are available April 27, 2018.

ADDRESSES: The final documents are found in the docket at www.regulations.gov, Docket No. CDC-2017-0115 and at www.cdc.gov/nceh/vsp/.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Commander Aimee Treffiletti, Chief, Vessel Sanitation Program, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Highway NE, MS F-59, Chamblee, Georgia 30341-3717; phone: 800-323-2132 or 954-356-6650; email: vsp@cdc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 4, 2017, CDC published a notice in the **Federal Register** (82 FR 57272) requesting public comment on the draft versions of the VSP Operations Manual and VSP Construction Guidelines. In these drafts, VSP revised the VSP Operations Manual to reflect new technologies, current food science, disease patterns and trends, and

emerging pathogens. VSP also revised the VSP Construction Guidelines as a framework of consistent construction and design guidelines related to public health, including vessel facilities related to food storage, preparation, and service and water bunkering, storage, disinfection, and distribution.

CDC received five comments on the document from industry and the public. Comments related to document format (highlighted versions), height requirements for handwashing stations, requirements for chlorine and pH monitoring of production water, language in specific sections of the Operations Manual, and a general comment about the effectiveness of the program.

In response to the comments, CDC has provided highlighted versions of the 2018 Operations Manual and Construction Guidelines and included requirements for handwashing station height and chlorine and pH monitoring. Regarding the comment suggesting language changes, CDC developed the draft 2018 Operations Manual through a cooperative change request system with industry. In 2015, CDC provided change request forms and instructions to industry partners, then held in-person and web-based meetings with partners over 2 years to review the change requests they submitted. Proposed substantive changes would need to be accepted through the same process before CDC could consider including them in the draft 2018 Operations Manual. CDC took no action in response to the general comment about the program being ineffective. CDC carefully reviewed and considered all comments in development of the final documents.

Dated: April 23, 2018.

Sandra Cashman,

Executive Secretary, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifiers: CMS-838]

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 publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information (including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information) and to allow 60 days for public comment on the proposed action. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding our burden estimates or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

DATES: Comments must be received by June 26, 2018.

ADDRESSES: When commenting, please reference the document identifier or OMB control number. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted in any one of the following ways:

1. *Electronically.* You may send your comments electronically to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for "Comment or Submission" or "More Search Options" to find the information collection document(s) that are accepting comments.

2. *By regular mail.* You may mail written comments to the following address: CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development, Attention: Document Identifier/OMB Control Number _____, Room C4-26-05, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:

1. Access CMS' website address at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing.html>.

2. Email your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov.

3. Call the Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

William Parham at (410) 786-4669.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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This notice sets out a summary of the use and burden associated with the following information collections. More detailed information can be found in each collection's supporting statement and associated materials (see **ADDRESSES**).

CMS-838 Medicare Credit Balance Reporting Requirements

Under the 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. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA requires federal agencies to publish a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice.

Information Collection

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Medicare Credit Balance Reporting Requirements; *Use:* Quarterly credit balance reporting is needed to monitor and control the identification and timely collection of improper payments. Credit balances are mainly attributable to provider billing practices and cannot be eliminated by program functions; they will continue to occur. The OIG issued a Management Advisory Report (MAR) on their extended review of credit balances (See Attachment). They state that approximately 90 percent of credit balances result from providers: (1) Billing Medicare and a private insurer for the same service, (2) submitting duplicate billings for services in a manner which cannot be detected by system edits, and (3) billing for services not performed. The MAR recommends that CMS continue its plan of recovery by requiring hospitals to report Medicare credit balances to contractors on a quarterly basis. *Form Number:* CMS-838 (OMB control number: 0938-0600); *Frequency:* Quarterly; *Affected Public:* Private sector (Business or other For-profits); *Number of Respondents:* 52,582; *Total Annual Responses:*