

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institutes of Health**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; An Evaluation of the National Cancer Institute Science Enrichment Program**

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve the information collection listed below. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on July 8, 1998, page 36925 and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment. The National Institutes of Health may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond

to, an information collection that has been extended, revised or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**Proposed Collection**

*Title:* An Evaluation of the NCI Science Enrichment Program (SEP).  
*Type of Information Collection Request:* NEW. *Need and use of Information Collection:* This Evaluation will include a survey of the parents whose children attend the National Cancer Institute (NCI) SEP. The survey is part of an evaluation of the program. The SEP was developed as an intervention program to respond to the problem of under-representation of scientists from minority and under-served populations. The program targets high school students from such populations with the primary goal of encouraging their interest in science, mathematics, or research career. The parent survey will gather parents' perceptions of changes in their children's interest or

commitment to science and the benefits of the program to their children. The results of the survey are needed as part of the annual evaluation reports that will assess the extent to which SEP has been implemented as planned and to determine the effectiveness of the program in encouraging students' short- and long-term interest in science, to understand the specific components that promote or limit the effectiveness of the program, to draw conclusions about how SEP can be improved or made more effective, and ultimately to make decisions regarding continuation and expansion of the program. NCI will use this information to make decisions regarding continuation and expansion of the program. *Frequency of Response:* One time. *Affected Public:* Individuals or households. *Type of Respondents:* Parents of High School and College students. The annualized cost to respondents is estimated at \$200.00.

The annual reporting burden is as follows:

Type of respondents	Number	Number of responses	Avg. hrs.	Annl. hrs.
Parents .....	120	1	167	20

There are no Capitol Costs, Operating Costs, and/or Maintenance Costs to report.

**Request for Comments**

Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies should address one or more of the following points: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms on information technology.

**Direct Comments to OMB**

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the: Office of Management and Budget,

Office of Regulatory Affairs, New Executive Office Building, room 10235, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: Desk Officer for NIH. To request more information on the proposed project or to obtain a copy of the data collection plans and instruments, contact Mr. Frank Jackson, Office of Special Populations Research, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health, Executive Plaza South, Room 320, 6120 Executive Boulevard, Rockville, MD 20852, or call non-toll-free number (301) 496-8589, or E-mail your request, including your address to: fj12i@nih.gov

**Comments Due Date**

Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received on or before September 2, 1999.

Dated: July 23, 1999.

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**Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings**

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* July 28, 1999.

*Time:* 1 to 3 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

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