

2. *Title:* Certificate of Identity.

*OMB Number:* 1530–0026.

*Form Number:* FS Form 0385.

*Abstract:* The information on the completed form is used to establish an individual's identity in a claim for payment of United States savings and retirement securities.

*Current Actions:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or Households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 330.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 10 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 55.

3. *Title:* Special Form of Request for Payment of US Savings and Retirement Securities Where Use of a Detached Request is Authorized.

*OMB Number:* 1530–0028.

*Form Number:* FS Form 1522.

*Abstract:* The information on the completed form is submitted by the owner, co-owner, surviving beneficiary, or legal representative of the estate of a deceased or incompetent owner, persons entitled to the estate of a deceased registrant, or such other persons to request payment of United States Savings Bonds, Savings Notes, Retirement Plan Bonds, and Individual Retirement Bonds.

*Current Actions:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Type of Review:* Regular.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 6,000.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 15 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,500.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Multiple Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Departmental Offices, U.S. Department of the Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury will submit the following

information collection requests to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The public is invited to submit comments on these requests.

**DATES:** Comments should be received on or before August 25, 2023 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Copies of the submissions may be obtained from Melody Braswell by emailing [PRA@treasury.gov](mailto:PRA@treasury.gov), calling (202) 622–1035, or viewing the entire information collection request at [www.reginfo.gov](http://www.reginfo.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Internal Revenue Service (IRS)

1. *Title:* W–2 (Wage and Tax Statement), W–2c (Corrected Wage and Tax Statement), W–2AS (American Samoa Wage and Tax Statement), W–2GU (Guam Wage and Tax Statement), W–2VI (U.S. Virgin Islands Wage and Tax Statement), W–3 (Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements), W–3c (Transmittal of Corrected Wage and Tax Statements), W–3PR (Informe de Comprobantes de Retención Transmittal of Withholding Statements), W–3c PR (Transmisión de Comprobantes de Retención Corregidos, Transmittal of Corrected Wage and Tax Statements), and W–3SS (Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements).

*OMB Number:* 1545–0008.

*Form Numbers:* W–2, W–2c, W–2AS, W–2GU, W–2VI, W–3, W–3PR, W–3c, W–3cPR, and W–3SS.

*Abstract:* Employers report income and withholding information on Form W–2. Individuals use Form W–2 to prepare their income tax returns. Forms W–2AS, W–2GU and W–2VI are variations of Form W–2 for use in U.S. possessions. The Form W–3 series is used to transmit W–2 series forms to the Social Security Administration. Forms W–2c, W–3c and W–3cPR are used to correct previously filed Forms W–2, W–3, and W–3PR.

*Current Actions:* There are no material changes in the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB. However, the estimated number of responses has

increase based on the number of taxpayers filing the forms.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations and individuals, or households, not-for-profit institutions, farms, and Federal, state local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 301,441,008.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* varies.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 150,594,103.

2. *Title:* Application to Use LIFO Inventory Method.

*OMB Number:* 1545–0042.

*Form Number:* Form 970.

*Abstract:* Taxpayers file Form 970 to elect to use the last-in, first-out (LIFO) inventory method or to extend the LIFO method to additional goods. The IRS uses Form 970 to determine if the election was properly made. The estimates in this notice are for estates, trusts, and tax-exempt organizations filing Form 970.

*Current Actions:* There is no change to the existing collection. However, the estimated number of responses was reduced to eliminate duplication of burden estimates. The estimated burden for individuals filing Form 970 is approved under OMB control number 1545–0074, and the estimated burden for businesses filing Form 970 is approved under OMB control number 1545–0123.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Private sector.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 100.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 21 hours, 6 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2,111.

3. *Title:* Investment Credit.

*OMB Number:* 1545–0155.

*Form Number:* 3468.

*Abstract:* Form 3468 is used to compute Taxpayers' credit against their income tax for certain expenses incurred for their trades or businesses. The information collected is used by the IRS to verify that the credit has been correctly computed.

*Current Actions:* There are no changes to burden.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2,109.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 35 hours, 57 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 75,107.

4. *Title:* General Business Credit.  
*OMB Number:* 1545–0895.  
*Form Number:* Form 3800.

*Abstract:* Internal Revenue Code section 38 permits taxpayers to reduce their income tax liability by the amount of their general business credit, which is an aggregation of their investment credit, work opportunity credit, welfare-to-work credit, alcohol fuel credit, research credit, low-income housing credit, disabled access credit, enhanced oil recovery credit, etc. Form 3800 is used to figure the correct credit.

*Current Actions:* We have made no changes to Form 3800 at this time.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, farms, and individuals.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 65,000.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 33.38 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2,169,700.

5. *Title:* Reporting Requirements for Recipients of Points Paid on Residential Mortgages and Mortgage Interest Statement.

*OMB Number:* 1545–1380.  
*Form Number:* Form 1098.

*Regulation Project Number:* TD 8191 as amended by TD 8507, TD 8571, TD 8734, and TD 9849.

*Abstract:* Section 6050H provides that an information return must be made by any person who is engaged in a trade or business and who, during that trade or business, receives from any individual \$600 or more of interest on any mortgage in a calendar year. Any person required to make an information return under section 6050H also must furnish a statement to the payor of record on or before January 31 of the year following the calendar year in which the interest was received. Form 1098, *Mortgage Interest Statement*, is used to report mortgage interest (including points) received during the year.

*Current Actions:* There is an increase in the estimated number of respondents previously approved by OMB. IRS has increased the number of respondents by 16,708,000 based on the projected number of filers from IRS Publication 6961. This update to the agency estimate has increased the burden by 4,187,000 hours.

*Type of Review:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 96,140,044.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 97,358,960.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 25 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 24,318,656.

6. *Title:* Improving Customer Experience (OMB Circular A–11, Section 280 (Implementation)).

*OMB Number:* 1545–2290.

*Abstract:* A modern, streamlined and responsive customer experience means: raising government-wide customer experience to the average of the private sector service industry; developing indicators for high-impact Federal programs to monitor progress towards excellent customer experience and mature digital services; and providing the structure (including increasing transparency) and resources to ensure customer experience is a focal point for agency leadership. This information collection activity provides a means to garner customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner in accordance with the Administration's commitment to improving customer service delivery as discussed in Section 280 of OMB Circular A–11 at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/06/s280.pdf>.

As discussed in OMB guidance, agencies should identify their highest-impact customer journeys (using customer volume, annual program cost, and/or knowledge of customer priority as weighting factors) and select touchpoints/transactions within those journeys to collect feedback. These results will be used to improve the delivery of Federal services and programs. It will also provide government-wide data on customer experience that can be displayed on [www.performance.gov](http://www.performance.gov) to help build transparency and accountability of Federal programs to the customers they serve.

As a general matter, these information collections will not result in any new system of records containing privacy information and will not ask questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private.

The Internal Revenue Service will only submit collections if they meet the following criteria.

- The collections are voluntary;
- The collections are low-burden for respondents (based on considerations of total burden hours or burden-hours per respondent) and are low-cost for both the respondents and the Federal Government;
- The collections are non-controversial and do not raise issues of concern to other Federal agencies;

- Any collection is targeted to the solicitation of opinions from respondents who have experience with the program or may have experience with the program in the near future;

- Personally identifiable information (PII) is collected only to the extent necessary and is not retained;

- Information gathered is intended to be used for general service improvement and program management purposes.

Upon agreement between OMB and the agency all or a subset of information may be released as part of A–11, Section 280 requirements only on *performance.gov*. Summaries of customer research and user testing activities may be included in public-facing customer journey maps and summaries. Additional release of data must be done coordinated with OMB.

These collections will allow for ongoing, collaborative and actionable communications between the Agency, its customers and stakeholders, and OMB as it monitors agency compliance on Section 280. These responses will inform efforts to improve or maintain the quality of service offered to the public. If this information is not collected, vital feedback from customers and stakeholders on services will be unavailable.

*Current Actions:* IRS is requesting an increase in the bank of burden hours to cover existing and planned surveys.  
*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.  
*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; businesses or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; State, local or tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,011,000.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 9 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 150,000.

*Title:* Advanced Manufacturing Production Credit.

7. *OMB Number:* 1545–2306.  
*Form Number:* Form 7207.

*Abstract:* This form is used to claim the advanced manufacturing production credit under section 45x for eligible components produced by the taxpayer and sold during the tax year in the taxpayer's trade or business to an unrelated person.

*Current Actions:* IRS is revising the form and instructions to include Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 provisions for Tax Year 2024.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.  
*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,000.

*Estimated Time per Respondent:* 3 hours and 56 mins.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 3,930 hours.

*Authority:* 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Notice of Plans for the Department of Veterans Affairs To Assess the Current Scientific Literature and Historical Detailed Claims Data Regarding Certain Medical Conditions Associated With Military Environmental Exposures and To Solicit Public Comment

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announces its plan to assess the scientific literature and historical claims data regarding certain medical conditions associated with military environmental exposures. This assessment will consider the possibility of a relationship between the following medical conditions—acute leukemias, chronic leukemias and multiple myeloma—and exposure to fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) from airborne hazards and open burn pits for service members who were deployed in the Southwest Asia theater of operations, Somalia, Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, and Uzbekistan. Multiple myeloma, when it originates in the head or neck, is considered a presumptive condition pursuant to the PACT Act. However, cases of multiple myeloma originating outside of the head and neck have not yet been evaluated for association with exposure to PM<sub>2.5</sub> from airborne hazards and open burn pits in the Southwest Asia theater of operations, Somalia, Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, and Uzbekistan. Additionally, a scientific review of acute leukemias, chronic leukemias, and multiple myeloma and exposure to PM<sub>2.5</sub> and its associated chemical composition from airborne hazards and open burn pits in the Southwest Asia theater of operations, Somalia, Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, and Uzbekistan would provide an opportunity to review an organ system (blood) not included in the PACT Act. VA solicits public comment on the importance of completing this assessment of scientific

literature and historical claims data for these conditions or others. Once the conclusions of this scientific assessment have been peer reviewed, they may be used to inform decisions regarding veteran's qualifying period of service, such as those who served on active military, naval, or air service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Persian Gulf War, as well as Somalia, Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, or Uzbekistan from September 11, 2001, until the present time.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before August 25, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be submitted through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Except as provided below, comments received before the close of the comment period will be available at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) for public viewing, inspection, or copying, including any personally identifiable or confidential business information that is included in a comment. We post the comments received before the close of the comment period on the following website as soon as possible after they have been received: <http://www.regulations.gov>. VA will not post on [Regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) public comments that make threats to individuals or institutions or suggest that the commenter will take actions to harm the individual. VA encourages individuals not to submit duplicative comments. We will post acceptable comments from multiple unique commenters even if the content is identical or nearly identical to other comments. Any public comment received after the comment period's closing date is considered late and will not be considered in any potential future rulemaking.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Health Outcomes Military Exposures, Director of Policy, Peter D. Rumm, MD, Master of Public Health, at 202-461-7297.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 38 U.S.C. 1172, as created by section 202 of the *Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act of 2022* (also known as the PACT Act), VA is publishing this notice about its planned scientific assessment of the possibility of a relationship between the following medical conditions—acute leukemias, chronic leukemias and multiple myeloma outside of the head and neck—and exposure to PM<sub>2.5</sub> from airborne hazards and open burn pits in the Southwest Asia theater of operations, Somalia, Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, and Uzbekistan.

VA is also soliciting public comment about other conditions that would benefit from review of the possible association, the conditions, and health outcomes related to them.

The rationale for the selection of acute leukemias, chronic leukemias, and multiple myeloma outside of the head and neck is based on their biological properties that may suggest correlation between these diseases and the described exposures. Lymphomas already are included in the PACT Act, and leukemias. Leukemias and multiple myeloma represent the remaining types of cancer of blood forming tissues. The latest classifications of these cancer types recognize that some leukemias and lymphomas are different forms of the same disease, as chronic lymphocytic leukemia and small lymphocytic lymphoma. The bone marrow can be sensitive to the toxicity of specific chemicals including waste that may have been disposed of in open burn pits, including, among others, arsenic, lead, and mercury. Acute leukemias, chronic leukemias, and multiple myeloma outside of the head and neck have not been previously evaluated for association with exposure to PM<sub>2.5</sub> from airborne hazards and open burn pits in the Southwest Asia theater of operations, Somalia, Afghanistan, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, and Uzbekistan.

VA continues to review and assess information about military environmental exposure incidents, emerging scientific evidence regarding toxic substances, and health outcomes in deployed and non-deployed cohorts. Additionally, active epidemiological surveillance and ongoing monitoring of military exposures in collaboration with the Department of Defense continues. VA's involvement in surveillance, monitoring, and research covers a wide variety of areas from garrison specific, such as Karshi Khanabad (K-2) Air Base, to exposure specific, such as perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, to military occupation specific, such as missileers. Additional information is available at [Military Exposures—Public Health \(va.gov\)](http://MilitaryExposures-PublicHealth.va.gov). When the scientific review concludes that there is a statistically significant signal or possible association of military environment exposure and health outcomes, this may trigger an investigation that may lead to additional research or may be subject to a **Federal Register** notice and comment process required under section 202 of the PACT Act. Additional notices of this type will be published as VA moves forward in the review of conditions and their possible association with military