

herbicides following the merger. As a result, the transaction increased the likelihood that Nufarm could unilaterally exercise market power and raise prices in each of the relevant markets.

#### V. Terms of the Proposed Decision and Order

The Consent Agreement preserves competition in each of the relevant markets alleged in the complaint by requiring that Nufarm divest certain A.H. Marks assets to new entrants and take additional measures to restore competition in the markets for MCPA, MCPP-p, and 2,4DB. Specifically, Nufarm has agreed to sell A.H. Marks' EPA registration and task force seat for MCPA to Albaugh Inc., and A.H. Marks' EPA registration and task force seat for MCPP-p to PBI Gordon Corp. Nufarm has also agreed to modify its contractual agreements with Dow and Aceto relating to MCPA and 2,4-DB, which restricted these firms' competitive activities in the markets for MCPA and 2,4-DB. Staff has evaluated the proposed divestitures and modifications and concluded that these measures are sufficient to remedy the anticompetitive effects resulting from the transaction.

For both MCPA and MCPP-p, the purchase of a task force seat and EPA registration will permit each divestiture purchaser to enter and compete in these markets. By acquiring A.H. Mark's task force seat and EPA registration, the divestiture purchasers will obtain EPA approval to distribute the herbicide in the United States and certify additional manufacturing sources of the herbicides. In addition to the task force seat and EPA registration, Nufarm is required to enter into supply agreements with each divestiture purchaser to permit these purchasers to compete with Nufarm as wholesale suppliers of the herbicides while new manufacturing sources are developed.

With respect to MCPA, Nufarm would divest AH Mark's MCPA Task Force Seat and EPA registrations relating to MCPA to Albaugh. Albaugh is a qualified divestiture candidate that is uniquely situated to use the A.H. Marks assets and supply contract to compete with Nufarm in the market for MCPA. Albaugh is the largest privately-owned formulator of crop protection products. Albaugh is headquartered in Ankeny, Iowa and sells exclusively in the United States. Within the crop protection industry, Albaugh has extensive relationships with firms at every level of distribution. Given Albaugh's position, commitment, and experience in the MCPA market, staff believes that divestiture of A.H. Marks' MCPA assets

will enable Albaugh to restore the competition lost as a result of the transaction.

With respect to MCPP-p, Nufarm would divest A.H. Mark's MCPP-p Task Force Seat and EPA registrations relating to MCPP-p to PBI Gordon and enter a three-year supply arrangement. PBI Gordon, headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, is a privately held company founded in 1947. PBI Gordon is a long-standing player in the turf care industry. Its primary business is the development, manufacture, and marketing of herbicides, pest management, and related products to the lawn, garden, professional turf, and specialty agricultural markets. It has an extensive distribution network and a wide customer base. PBI Gordon's presence in the market, combined with its expertise with herbicides, will ensure it will use the assets to compete with Nufarm in the market for MCPP-p.

The Consent Agreement also addresses concerns regarding Nufarm's agreements with Dow and Aceto by preventing Nufarm from enforcing agreements which may limit or restrict competitive entry in the MCPA and 2,4DB markets. Pursuant to Section V of the proposed Decision and Order, Nufarm agreed not to enforce any provision, or otherwise take any future action, restricting competition in the manufacture or sale of MCPA, 2,4DB or MCPP-p. Nufarm's compliance with these provisions will enable Dow and Aceto to enter these respective markets, as manufacturers and/or wholesalers, and compete with Nufarm for sales. Equally important, Dow and Aceto will be able to use their task force seats and registrations to sponsor new entrants to the United States markets for these herbicides. The resulting entry, or threat of entry, is likely to serve as an additional competitive constraint in both the MCPA and 2,4DB markets. Lastly the Consent Agreement contains several other significant provisions. Section IV of the proposed Order permits Nufarm's customers to terminate their contracts with Nufarm with respect to the products. Section VII requires Nufarm to notify the Commission if it: (a) acquires any task force seat or registration with respect to the products or (b) enters into any agreements with task force members or registrants that contain non-compete, joint-marketing or other provisions restricting competition. Section VIII requires Nufarm to divest the MCPA and MCPP-p assets to a trustee in the event Nufarm fails to comply with the divestiture obligations for these assets in the proposed Order.

The purpose of this analysis is to facilitate public comment on the proposed Decision and Order. This analysis is not intended to constitute an official interpretation of the Consent Agreement and the proposed Decision and Order.

By direction of the Commission, Commissioner Ramirez recused.

**Donald S. Clark**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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#### Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 639-5960 or send an e-mail to [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov). Send written comments to CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395-5806. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

#### Proposed Project

National Occupational Safety and Health Professional Workforce Assessment: Employer and Education Provider Survey Data Collection—New—National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

#### Background and Brief Description

The mission of the NIOSH is to generate new knowledge in the field of occupational safety and health (OS&H) and to transfer that knowledge into practice for the betterment of workers. Developing and supporting a new generation of practitioners is critical to the future of occupational safety and health. As part of its mission to increase safety and protect worker health, NIOSH funds programs to support occupational safety and health education through 17 regional university-based Education and Research Centers and 31 Training Project grants that train occupational safety and health professionals to meet

the increasing demand for these professionals.

Because of this central role NIOSH plays in the education and training of OS&H workers and because of the continually changing nature of the workplace, over the last 38 years NIOSH has sponsored 3 OS&H workforce assessments. These were conducted in 1977 and 1985 by NIOSH; and, in 2000 the Institute of Medicine conducted a workforce assessment at NIOSH's request. NIOSH is planning to perform another assessment to examine the current and anticipated future professional OS&H workforce. The assessment will attempt to collect information from two groups—employers of OS&H professionals and providers of training programs for OS&H professionals.

The information collected from employers will concern the current supply and future demand for OS&H professionals; and the desired professional competencies (*i.e.*, knowledge, skills, and abilities) required for the coming decade.

To ensure that the overall proposed methodology for collecting information from employers is successful in collecting the information required, we will conduct a phase I study with a small group of employers. Should any needed methodological changes be

identified, NIOSH will submit a request for modification to OMB. If no substantive methodological changes are required, the phase II study will proceed and the phase I data will be included in the phase II study data set. It is expected that approximately 744 employers will have to be screened in Phase I and 6,681 in Phase II to yield approximately 400 employer responses (40 in the employer phase I, 360 in the employer phase II study).

The initial step in the study of employers will be to sample the total number of establishments needed for screening. The phase I portion of employers then will be conducted using approximately 744 of the establishments sampled and the following methodology:

- A telephone screening to identify employers of OS&H professionals will be conducted. During the screening to identify employers of OS&H professionals we will also obtain contact information for the most appropriate respondent(s).
- A letter will be mailed to all eligible phase I establishments describing the study, inviting them to participate, and providing web access information.
- Data collection then will be primarily by web questionnaire. After two weeks, all non-respondents will receive a special delivery service

envelope containing another copy of the invitation letter. Two weeks later, telephone contact with non-respondents will begin. Up to 7 attempts to contact each potential respondent by telephone will be made. (When contact is made, respondents will be encouraged to complete the questionnaire on the web or by telephone at that time.)

Assuming no methodological changes result from the phase I study, the phase II employer study then will begin with telephone screening of an additional 6,681 establishments. The data collection methodology will be identical to that described for the phase I study of employers.

The study of educational providers will be a census of the approximately 400 educational providers identified and listed as part of this effort. There will be no sampling or screening activities. The information collected will be similar to that collected from employers. Beginning with the invitation letter, the data collection methodology for educational providers will be identical to that of the phase II study of the employers. We expect 180 educational providers to respond to either the Web or telephone questionnaire.

There is no cost to any respondents other than their time. The total estimated annual burden hours are 898.

**ESTIMATED ANNUALIZED BURDEN HOURS**

Type of respondent	Form name	Number of respondents	Average number of responses per respondent	Average burden per response in hours
Employer .....	Employer Screening .....	7425	1	5/60
Employer .....	Employer Questionnaire (Web or Telephone) .....	400	1	32/60
Provider .....	Provider Questionnaire (Web or Telephone) .....	180	1	22/60

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

Periodically, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) will publish a summary of information collection requests under

OMB review, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these documents, call the SAMHSA Reports Clearance Officer on (240) 276-1243.

**Project: Registration for Behavioral Health Web Site and Resources—NEW**

SAMHSA is authorized under section 501(d)(16) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290aa(d)(16)) to develop and distribute materials for the prevention, treatment, and recovery from substance abuse and mental health disorders. To improve the way the public locates and obtains these materials, SAMHSA is integrating the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) and the National Mental Health Information Center (NMHIC) into one online

resource for behavioral health information. A part of building this new product Web site is SAMHSA's development of a voluntary registration process that will allow customers to create accounts that will save their order histories and shipping addresses. During the Web site registration process, SAMHSA will also ask customers for optional demographic information that will include organization affiliation, SAMHSA grantee identification information, and reasons for interest in behavioral health information. SAMHSA will use this information to conduct customer analyses that will inform materials development, assist in forecasting inventory needs, and identify ways that SAMHSA can improve its customer service. SAMHSA will request the same optional