

Attachment 2A Public Comments from the 60 day FRN

As of 4/28/2020, four comments were received from the 60 day FRN period. Three comments were received expressing support of the proposed project with no feedback requiring agency comment. A fourth comment was received that did not involve comment on the proposed project with no feedback requiring agency comment.

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Comment from (Monica Finley)

This is a Comment on the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Notice: Distribution of Traceable Opioid Material (TOM) Kits across U.S. Laboratories 2020-04083**

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Comment

The use of the Traceable Opioid Material Kits (TOM Kits) in return for a 6 minute survey seems fair and straightforward and a minimally burdensome process for collecting information. In addition, the TOM Kits provide a useful reference tool to laboratories trying to identify a specific opioid contributing to both fatal and non-fatal overdoses. This information seems to be useful to states in their pursuit of prevention and treatment. The data collected can be utilized to provide training to doctor's prescribing opioids and synthetic opioids to their patients. The data can also be used to educate the public on the dangers of opioids and the especially high risks of using any illegally manufactured opioids and synthetic opioids such as fentanyl and the numerous variations being produced currently. Additionally, according to the description of the TOM Kits a reference list of existing and emerging opioids is created and shared with U.S. labs. This list is then utilized to address opioid epidemics on a state and local level.

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I support the proposed data collection of opioids, as it can be helpful for opioid epidemic. Currently, the United States is enduring an opioid epidemic unlike the United States has ever seen. As a Master of Social Work Student and a resident of a large city, I have seen the impact that opioids, especially fentanyl, have done to the community. The amount of deaths and overdoses caused by unknowingly ingesting fentanyl is astounding, and not only has impacted my professional career, but my personal life and the personal life of many others. I believe that research is absolutely essential in learning more about the epidemic and how the United States can prevent this or aide in this crisis.

Using a survey to collect information from the laboratories who would like to use TOM Kits would be incredibly beneficial for those dispensing the kits, as it would bring more awareness of the need of these kits to researchers. If one area seems to be more in need of these kits, the CDC would be able to get this information in a more efficient manner by utilizing the online surveys. The more aware that the CDC is of the needs of the laboratories utilizing TOMS Kits, the more research that could be done to assuage the crisis happening in America.

Research can be difficult, especially if researchers are unable to collect data efficiently. This proposed docket should be supported and passed, as it would not only help researchers, but those impacted by the opioid crisis in the long run.

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Comment

I want to comment on Proposed Data Collection CDC-2020-0025-0001, The Distribution of Traceable Opioid Material (TOM) Kits across U.S. Laboratories 2020-0483. I support the proposed data collection as it will increase laboratories' ability to identify what fentanyl or other opioids are present in a drug, which will ultimately save lives. Fatal and non-fatal opioid drug overdoses have reached a critical level in this country, with extremely dangerous synthetic material incorporated in varying volumes within substance unbeknownst to users. Information on what types and quantities of opioid and synthetic opioids can lead to life-saving initiatives and practices across community, medical, law enforcement, and education platforms. In exchange for the TOM kits, laboratories will submit a six-minute survey on what services are used. This brief, web-based questionnaire seems like a minimal ask, especially given the importance of the data that could be collected. The CDC has outlined the types of laboratories which may be eligible to receive TOM kits. The criteria are broad enough to encompass many types of researchers, while maintaining a high level of control over the quality of information to be collected. I support the proposed data collection from the distribution of Traceable Opioid Material Kits as it can glean valuable information to save lives.

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We all know that back in 2018 the White House disbanded the NSC's pandemic response team. But not everyone is aware that the White House established a new team. The Cockamamie Response Team (CRT) is tasked with damage control following President Trump's off-the-wall ideas.

So earlier in the week when President Trump wondered aloud if disinfectants could be injected or otherwise applied within the body to treat Covid-19, the CRT leaped into action. First CRT head propagandist Kayleigh McEnany counter attacked, saying "Leave it to the media to irresponsibly take President Trump out of context and run with negative headlines."

Unfortunately McEnany's statement was met with hoots and jeers, since millions of people watched Trump's unhinged blithering. Clearly bigger guns were needed. So CRT called on the Very Stable Genius (VSG) himself to rewrite history:

"But I was asking a sarcastic, and a very sarcastic question to the reporters in the room about disinfectant on the inside... That was done in the form of a sarcastic question to the reporters." - President Trump, VSG

This one left even Fox News viewers scratching their heads. But sarcasm-as-defense is a brilliant strategy. When Trump said that he would be very presidential, that we would get tired of winning, that he would only hire "the best people," that Mexico would pay for the Wall, that he would erase the national debt in 8 years, etc. -- he was just being sarcastic. And it worked, because he successfully goaded reporters into writing negative headlines. Genius! And very stable.

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