

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### The National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH); Meeting

The National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting.

**Name:** Current Status of the Vessel Sanitation Program (VSP) and Experience-to-Date with Program Operations—Public meeting between CDC and the cruise ship industry, private sanitation consultants, and other interested parties.

**Time and Date:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Tuesday, March 11, 2003.

**Place:** Auditorium, Port Everglades Administration Building, 1850 Eller Drive, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33316.

**Status:** Open to the public, limited by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

**Purpose:** During the past 15 years, as part of the restructured VSP, CDC has conducted a series of public meetings with members of the cruise ship industry, private sanitation consultants, and other interested parties.

This meeting is a continuation of that series of public meetings to discuss the current status of the VSP and experience-to-date with program operations.

**Matters to be Discussed:** Agenda items will include a VSP update, 2002 program review, update on the implementation of the VSP Operations Manual 2000, update on disease surveillance and 2002 outbreak investigations, and VSP training seminars.

For a period of 15 days following the meeting, through March 26, 2003, the official record of the meeting will remain open so that additional materials or comments may be submitted to be made part of the record of the meeting.

Advanced registration for the meeting is encouraged. Please provide the following information: Name, title, company name, mailing address, telephone number, facsimile number, and E-mail address to Angela Storms (770) 488-3141, or e-mail: [ASTorms@cdc.gov](mailto:ASTorms@cdc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Forney, Chief, VSP, NCEH, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, M/S F-16, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3724, telephone (770) 488-7333, e-mail: [Dforney@cdc.gov](mailto:Dforney@cdc.gov).

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Dated: January 30, 2003.

**Joseph E. Salter,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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#### Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Health Service Activities and Research at Department of Energy (DOE) Sites: Savannah River Site Health Effects Subcommittee (SRSHES)

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) announce the following meeting.

**Name:** Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Health Service Activities and Research at Department of Energy (DOE) Sites: Savannah River Site Health Effects Subcommittee (SRSHES).

**Times and Dates:** 8 a.m.—5 p.m., March 13, 2003.

8 a.m.—12:30 p.m., March 14, 2003.

**Place:** DoubleTree Guest Suites, 181 Church Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29403, telephone: (843) 577-2644, fax: (843) 577-2697.

**Status:** Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 50 people.

**Background:** Under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in December 1990 with DOE, and replaced by MOUs signed in 1996 and 2000, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) was given the responsibility and resources for conducting analytic epidemiologic investigations of residents of communities in the vicinity of DOE facilities, workers at DOE facilities, and other persons potentially exposed to radiation or to potential hazards from non-nuclear energy production use. HHS delegated program responsibility to CDC.

In addition, a memo was signed in October 1990 and renewed in November 1992, 1996, and in 2000, between ATSDR and DOE. The MOU delineates the responsibilities and procedures for ATSDR's public health activities at DOE sites required under sections 104, 105, 107, and 120 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or "Superfund"). These activities include health consultations and public health assessments at DOE sites listed on, or proposed for, the Superfund National Priorities List and at sites that are the subject of petitions from the public; and other health-related activities such as epidemiologic studies, health surveillance, exposure and disease registries,

health education, substance-specific applied research, emergency response, and preparation of toxicological profiles.

**Purpose:** This subcommittee is charged with providing advice and recommendations to the Director, CDC, and the Administrator ATSDR, regarding community concerns pertaining to CDC's and ATSDR's public health activities and research at this DOE site. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a forum for community interaction and serve as a vehicle for community concerns to be expressed as advice and recommendations to CDC and ATSDR.

**Matters to be Discussed:** Agenda items include a Review of the History of the Savannah River Site; an Advanced Technology Laboratory (ATL) Research Update; a Presentation on Radiological Monitoring by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division; an update on the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health's (NIOSH) Occupational Illness Compensation Program and a NIOSH Health-Related Energy Research Branch Program Update.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

**Contact Person for More Information:** Phillip Green, Executive Secretary, Savannah River Site Health Effects Subcommittee, Radiation Studies Branch, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, National Center for Environmental Health, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE. (E-39), Atlanta, GA 30333, telephone: (404) 498-1800, fax: (404) 498-1811.

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#### Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH); Meeting

**ACTION:** Publication of closed meeting summary of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

**Committee Purpose:** This board is charged with (a) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS on the development of guidelines under Executive Order 13179; (b) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS on the scientific validity and quality of dose reconstruction

efforts performed for this Program; and (c) upon request by the Secretary, HHS, advise the Secretary on whether there is a class of employees at any Department of Energy facility who were exposed to radiation but for whom it is not feasible to estimate their radiation dose, and on whether there is reasonable likelihood that such radiation doses may have endangered the health of members of this class.

**Background:** The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health met on January 8, 2003, in closed session to discuss the Proposed Independent Government Cost Estimate (IGCE) for a contract. This contract, once awarded, will provide technical support to assist the Board in fulfilling its statutory duty to advise the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the dose reconstruction efforts under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act. A Determination to Close the meeting was approved and published, as required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**Summary of the Meeting:** Attendance was as follows:

**Board Members:**

Paul L. Ziemer, Ph.D., Chair  
 Larry J. Elliott, Executive Secretary  
 Henry A. Anderson, M.D., Member  
 Antonio Andrade, Ph.D., Member  
 Roy L. DeHart, M.D., M.P.H., Member  
 Richard L. Espinosa, Member  
 Michael H. Gibson, Member  
 Mark A. Griffon, Member  
 James M. Melius, M.D., Dr.P.H., Member  
 Robert W. Presley, Member  
 Genevieve S. Roessler, Ph.D., Member

**NIOSH Staff:**

Jim Neton  
 David Naimon  
 Liz Homoki-Titus  
 Martha DiMuzio  
 Cori Homer

Ray S. Green, Court Recorder.

**Summary/Minutes**

Dr. Ziemer called to order the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH) in closed session on January 8, 2003 at 9:45 a.m. The purpose of the closed meeting was to develop the Independent Government Cost Estimate for a contract to provide technical support to the ABRWH review of completed dose reconstructions.

Dr. Ziemer noted that Ms. Wanda Munn and Mr. Leon Owens were not available to attend and could not be connected via conference call due to telephone line security issues.

General topics discussed:

- Closed session procedures.
- Independent Government Cost Estimate.

- Member of Board to be appointed to the Technical Review Panel for this procurement.

Dr. Paul Ziemer adjourned the closed session of the ABRWH meeting at 11:18 a.m. with no further business being conducted by the ABRWH.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health ("the Board") was established under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA) of 2000 to advise the President, through the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), on a variety of policy and technical functions required to implement and effectively manage the new compensation program. Key functions of the Board include providing advice on the development of probability of causation guidelines which have been promulgated by HHS as a final rule, advice on methods of dose reconstruction which have also been promulgated by HHS as a final rule, evaluation of the scientific validity and quality of dose reconstructions conducted by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) for qualified cancer claimants, and advice on the addition of classes of workers to the Special Exposure Cohort.

In December 2000 the President delegated responsibility for funding, staffing, and operating the Board to HHS, which subsequently delegated this authority to the CDC. NIOSH implements this responsibility for CDC. The charter was signed on August 3, 2001 and in November, 2001, the President completed the appointment of an initial roster of 10 Board members. In April, and again in August 2002, the President appointed additional members to ensure more balanced representation on the Board.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Larry Elliott, Executive Secretary, ABRWH, NIOSH, CDC, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226, telephone 513/841-4498, fax 513/458-7125.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services**

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**Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)**

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) (formerly known as the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

We are, however, requesting an emergency review of the information collection referenced below. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. We are requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed before the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR part 1320. This is necessary to ensure compliance with the Trade Act of 2002. We cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures because President of an unanticipated event and public harm.