NIST, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding defining each agency or organization's role in developing, establishing, and enforcing standards or guidelines for responders' respiratory protective devices. NIST has initiated Interagency Agreements with NIOSH and RDECOM to aid in the development of appropriate protection standards or guidelines. NIOSH has the lead in developing standards or guidelines to test, evaluate, and approve respirators.

NIOSH, RDECOM, and NIST have hosted public meetings on April 17 and 18, 2001; June 18 and 19, 2002; October 16 and 17, 2002; April 29, 2003; June 25, 2003; October 16, 2003; and May 4, 2004, presenting their progress in assessing respiratory protection needs of responders to CBRN incidents. The methods or models for developing hazard and exposure estimates and the status in evaluating test methods and performance standards that may be applicable as future CBRN respirator standards or guidelines were discussed at these meetings.

Three NIOSH CBRN respirator standards and several NFPA standards for ensembles, SCBA, and protective clothing were the first adopted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). On February 26, 2004, DHS adopted, as DHS standards, three NIOSH criteria for testing and certifying respirators for protection against CBRN exposures. NIOSH uses the criteria to test (1) SCBA for use by emergency responders against CBRN, (2) APR for use by emergency responders against CBRN exposures, and (3) escape respirators for protection against CBRN.

Status: This meeting is hosted by NIOSH and will be open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room will accommodate approximately 150 people.

Interested parties should make hotel reservations directly with the Sheraton Station Square (412) 261–2000 / 1–888–325-3535) before the cut-off date of November 30, 2004. A special group rate of $85 per night for meeting guests has been negotiated for this meeting. The NIOSH/NPPTL Public Meeting must be referenced to receive this special rate. Interested parties should confirm their attendance at this meeting by completing a registration form and forwarding it by e-mail (*npptlevents@cdc.gov*) or fax (304–225–2003) to the NPPTL Event Management Office. A registration form may be obtained from the NIOSH Homepage (*http://www.cdc.gov/niosh*) by selecting conferences and then the event.

An opportunity to make presentations regarding the discussions of concepts for standards and testing processes for PAPR standards and for Closed Circuit, Self-Contained, Breathing Apparatus standards suitable for respiratory protection against CBRN agents will be given. Requests to make such presentations at the public meeting should be made by e-mail to the NPPTL Event Management Office (*npptlevents@cdc.gov*). All requests to present should include the name, address, telephone number, relevant business affiliations of the presenter, a brief summary of the presentation, and the approximate time requested for the presentation. Oral presentations should be limited to 15 minutes.

After reviewing the requests for presentations, NPPTL Event Management will notify each presenter of the approximate time that their presentation is scheduled to begin. If a participant is not present when their presentation is scheduled to begin, the remaining participants will be heard in order. At the conclusion of the meeting, an attempt will be made to allow presentations by any scheduled participants who missed their assigned times. Attendees who wish to speak but did not submit a request for the opportunity to make a presentation may be given this opportunity at the conclusion of the meeting, at the discretion of the presiding officer.

Comments on the topics presented in this notice and at the meeting should be mailed to the NIOSH Docket Office, Robert Taft Laboratories, M/S C34, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226, Telephone 513–533–8303, Fax 513–533–8285. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to *niocindocket@cdc.gov.* E-mail attachments should be formatted in Microsoft Word. Comments should be submitted to NIOSH no later than January 31, 2005. Comments regarding CBRN PAPR should reference Docket Number NIOSH–010 in the subject heading; and comments regarding the CBRN Closed Circuit, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus should reference Docket Number NIOSH–039.

Contact for Additional Information: NPPTL Event Management, 3604 Collins Ferry Road, Suite 100, Morgantown, West Virginia 26505–2353, Telephone 304–599–5941 x138, Fax 304–225–2003, E-mail *npptlevents@cdc.gov.*

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign Federal Register Notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: November 12, 2004.

B. Kathy Skipper,

Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

Public Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Health Service Activities and Research at Department of Energy Sites: Oak Ridge Reservation Health Effects Subcommittee

Name: Public meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee on PHS Activities and Research at DOE Sites: Oak Ridge Reservation Health Effects Subcommittee (ORRHES).

Time and Date: 6 p.m.–8 p.m., November 30, 2004.

Place: Oak Ridge Mall, Alpine Meeting Room, 333 East Main Street, Oak Ridge, TN Telephone: (865) 482–2008.

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 October 1990 and renewed in September 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. In addition, under an MOU signed in December 1990 with DOE and replaced by an MOU signed in

2000, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has been 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 and use. HHS has delegated program responsibility to CDC. Community involvement is a critical part of ATSDR's and CDC's energy-related research and activities and input from members of the ORRHES is part of these efforts.

Purpose: The purpose of this meeting is to address issues that are unique to community involvement with the ORRHES, and agency updates.

Matters to be Discussed: Agenda items will include a brief discussion on the ATSDR project management plan and the schedule of Public Health Assessments to be released in FY2005–2006, and updates and recommendations from the Exposure Evaluation, Community Concerns and Communications, and the Health Outcome Data Workgroups, and agency updates.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved, the **Federal Register** notice is being published less than fifteen days before the date of the meeting.

Contact Persons for More Information: Marilyn Horton, Designated Federal Official and Committee Management Specialist, Division of Health Assessment and Consultation, ATSDR, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., M/S E–32 Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 1–888–42–ATSDR (28737), fax (404) 498–1744.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both CDC and ATDSR.

Dated: November 10, 2004.

Alvin Hall,

Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Procedures and Costs for Use of the Research Data Center

AGENCY: National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This notice provides information about the Research Data Center (RDC) operated by the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Research Data Center was established in 1998 to provide a mechanism whereby researchers can access detailed data files in a secure environment, without jeopardizing the confidentiality of respondents. Historically, the data files accessed in the RDC have consisted of NCHS survey data. RDC has recently begun accepting data files that were not produced from NCHS survey data. In order to assure that all data files are processed in a consistent manner, the original guidelines for accessing files in the RDC are being reviewed and revised as necessary. As part of the revision process, potential users are being given the opportunity to provide input on how the procedures of the RDC can best serve their research needs. This notice describes how to submit proposals requesting use of the data, mechanisms to access the RDC, requirements, use of outside data sets, costs for using the RDC, and other pertinent topics. We are seeking comments on these procedures and will post the final procedures on the NCHS Web site.

DATES: Submit comments on or before December 9, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Send comments concerning this notice to Ken Harris, National Center for Health Statistics, 3311 Toledo Road, Room 3210, Hyattsville, MD 20782, or e-mail to *kwharris@cdc.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Harris at (301) 458–4262.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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Operational Procedures for the Use of the Research Data Center, National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS); Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Purpose

This document provides information about the National Center for Health Statistics' (NCHS) Research Data Center (RDC), including how to submit proposals requesting use of data, mechanisms to access the RDC, requirements, use of outside data sets, costs for using the RDC, and other pertinent topics. The Guidelines pertain to use of data produced by NCHS and non-NCHS entities. If, after reading these guidelines, you have further questions, you may seek clarification through e-mail *(RDCA@cdc.gov)* or by contacting Ken Harris at (301) 458–4262 or by e-mail at *kwharris@cdc.gov.* The procedures described for use of the RDC are under constant review to improve RDC operations and to be responsive to changes in the environment that affect confidentiality protections. Please check the NCHS Web site or contact the RDC to determine if modifications have been made.

Background

In order to advance knowledge on the health and well-being of the nation and its health care system, NCHS and other organizational entities in the Department of Health and Human Services release statistical micro data containing health and related variables. These files allow outside researchers and analysts to develop statistics and conduct independent research. However, any release of data, whether micro data files or the results of statistical analyses, must be consistent with the confidentiality provisions under which the data were collected. For the case of data collected or