

for purposes of the compensation program, and advice on petitions to add classes of workers to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC). 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 issued on August 3, 2001, renewed at appropriate intervals, and will expire on July 27, 2007.

*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.

*Matters To Be Discussed:* The agenda for the meeting includes Y-12 (1948–1957) SEC; NIOSH identified SEC classes; Site Profiles for Bethlehem Steel, Rocky Flats, and Savannah River Site; Letter from Steel Workers; SEC Rule rewrite; Task 3 Review of SC&A Contract; Report on additions to the list of 22 Cancers; Conflict of Interest; Dose Reconstruction Reviews; and an update on science issues. The evening public comment sessions are scheduled for January 24 from 5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m. and January 25 from 7 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

The agenda is subject to change as priorities dictate. In the event an individual cannot attend, written comments may be submitted. Any written comments received will be provided at the meeting and should be submitted to the contact person below well in advance of the meeting.

*Contact Person for More Information:* Dr. Lewis V. Wade, Executive Secretary, NIOSH, CDC, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226, telephone 513–533–6825, fax 513–533–6826.

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: December 27, 2005.

**B. Kathy Skipper,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following public meetings and request for information:

*Name:* NIOSH Opportunity to Provide Input for the National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) with a special emphasis on the Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing Sector, and the Health Care and Social Assistance Sector, with regional and multi-sector input.

*Meeting Dates, Times, and Places:* Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing (AFF) Sector, Tuesday, January 17, 2006, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. pst, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Multi-Sector Public Comments, 1 p.m.–5 p.m. AFF Specific Public Comments.

Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI), 2700 24th Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98112–2099. And HealthCare and Social Assistance Sector, Monday, January 23, 2006, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. cst, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Multi-Sector Public Comments, 1 p.m.–5 p.m. HSA Specific Public Comments.

The University of Texas School of Public Health Auditorium, 1200 Herman Pressler, Houston, Texas 77030.

*Status:* Meetings are open to the public, limited only by the space available.

*Background:* A large part of our lives is shaped by the work we do. NORA is a framework to guide occupational safety and health research for the nation. It is an ongoing endeavor to focus research to reduce work-related injury and illness. As the program approaches a ten-year milestone, NIOSH is hosting public meetings to seek input from individuals and organizations on important research issues and agendas. Information about the public meetings and registration can be found on the NORA Web page at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/nora/townhall>.

Given that NORA represents a broad-based partnership involving government, business, the worker community, academia, and others,

public input is essential for planning future directions for the initiative, which will be based on eight different industry sector groups. Each meeting will be structured to provide an opportunity for regional and multi-sector input during the morning, followed where appropriate by an afternoon session to focus on individual sector issues.

All participants are requested to register for the free meeting at the NORA Web page or onsite the day of the meeting. Participants wishing to speak are encouraged to register early. The public meetings are open to everyone, including all workers, professional societies, organized labor, employers, researchers, health professionals, government officials, and elected officials. Broad participation is desired.

*Purpose:* The public meetings will address both regional and sector-specific priorities for research. During the morning session, stakeholders will be invited to speak for 5 minutes on an important occupational safety and health issue, including those that occur in multiple sectors. Where noted in the agenda, the afternoon session will focus on sector-specific problems facing the nation. Again, participants will be asked to make 5-minute presentations describing what they perceive to be the top concerns within their sector or sub-sector. Participants are encouraged to attend both the regional and sector-specific sessions, or they may elect to participate in only one session.

Types of occupational safety and health issues might include diseases, injuries, exposures, populations at risk, and needs of occupational safety and health systems. For example, falls from heights might be a top injury issue for the residential construction industry. Low back pain and related back disorders might be a top disease concern for the urban transit industry. If possible, please include as much information as might be useful for understanding the safety or health research priority you identify. Such information could include characterization of the frequency and severity with which the injury, illness, or hazardous exposure is occurring and of the factors you believe might be causing the health or safety issue. Input is also requested on the types of research that you believe might make a difference and the partners (e.g., specific industry associations, labor organizations, research organizations, governmental agencies) who should be involved in informing research efforts and in solving the problem.

All presentations will be entered into the NORA Docket, which is maintained

by NIOSH. All comments in the NORA Docket will be used to help shape sector-specific and related cross-sector research agendas for the nation.

These events are part of a series of public meetings which will occur in the months preceding the NORA Symposium (April 18–20, 2006 in Washington, DC). Upcoming meetings will include: Wholesale and Retail Trade; Manufacturing; Mining; Services; Regional Issues; and a summary session. Future **Federal Register** announcements will provide more information on these meetings. Previous meetings have discussed Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities, and Construction.

*Contact Person for More Information:* Sid Soderholm, Ph.D., NORA Coordinator, (202) 401-0721.

*Address:* Comments may also be e-mailed to [niocindocket@cdc.gov](mailto:niocindocket@cdc.gov), or sent via postal mail to: Docket NIOSH-047, Robert A. Taft Laboratories (C-34), 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45226.

Stakeholders are also invited to submit comments electronically at the NORA Web page <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/nora>. Comments submitted to the Web page by others can also be viewed there.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Food and Drug Administration**

[Docket No. 2005N-0500]

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Requirements for Collection of Data Relating to the Prevention of Medical Gas Mixups at Health Care Facilities—Survey**

**AGENCY:** Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (the PRA), Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on measures, taken by certain health care medical facilities that use medical oxygen, to prevent mixups with other gases.

**DATES:** Submit written or electronic comments on the collection of information by March 6, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit electronic comments on the collection of information to <http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments>. Submit written comments on the collection of information to the Division of Dockets Management (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, room 1061, Rockville, MD 20852. All comments should be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Nelson, Office of Management Programs (HFA-250), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-827-1482.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, FDA is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information set forth in this document.

With respect to the following collection of information, FDA invites comments on these topics: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of FDA's functions, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of FDA's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques, when appropriate, and other forms of information technology.

**Requirements for Collection of Data Relating to the Prevention of Medical Gas Mixups at Health Care Facilities—Survey (OMB Control Number 0910-0548)—Extension**

FDA has received four reports of medical gas mixups occurring during the past 7 years. These reports were received from hospitals and nursing homes and involved 7 deaths and 15 injuries to patients who were thought to be receiving medical grade oxygen, but who were actually receiving a different gas (e.g., nitrogen, argon) that had been mistakenly connected to the facility's oxygen supply system. In 2001, FDA published guidance making recommendations to help hospitals, nursing homes, and other health care facilities avoid the tragedies that result from medical gas mixups and alerting these facilities to the hazards. This survey is intended to assess the degree of facilities' compliance with safety measures to prevent mixups and to determine if further steps are warranted to ensure the safety of patients.

FDA estimates the burden of this collection of information as follows: