

March 17, 2008

Dear _____:

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) invites you to participate in a public meeting to be held at the Sheraton Cincinnati Airport Hotel (on the grounds of the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport), Hebron, Kentucky on April 30, 2008 to discuss a planned national safety and health survey of healthcare workers and a planned national survey of healthcare employers' health and safety practices. The purpose of this meeting will be to obtain stakeholder input on the content and conduct of these surveys. NIOSH has identified you as a key participant whose knowledge and expertise will help ensure that the surveys will address data needs for the healthcare industry.

The worker survey will collect information describing hazards, exposures, safety and health practices, and use of exposure controls for these same chemical agents. The management survey will collect information describing facility-based health and safety resources, safety and health management programs, policies and practices. The primary focus of the surveys will be on antineoplastic agents, chemical sterilants, high level disinfectants, surgical smoke, anesthetic gases, aerosolized medications and cleaning and disinfection agents. Special emphasis will be placed during general and break-out sessions on discussion of the following:

- (1) Content of the survey
- (2) Appropriate methods for conducting such a survey

These surveys are expected to yield important information on health and safety practices from worker and management perspectives that will be provided to healthcare stakeholders. In addition, the surveys will assist the healthcare industry and the research community in formulating strategies for health and safety interventions and future research.

NIOSH is organizing this public meeting to give interested stakeholders the opportunity to comment on the content and operational aspects of the survey. The meeting will be held on April 30, 2008 at the Sheraton Cincinnati Airport Hotel, 2826 Terminal Drive, Hebron, Kentucky 41048. Please RSVP to Kim Collins at (513)-841-4211 or kycollins@cdc.gov by April 15, 2008 to let her know whether or not you plan to attend.

A block of sleeping rooms is being held until 5:00 PM EDT April 8, 2008 for this meeting. Sleeping rooms will be available at the Sheraton for \$95.00 per night (prevailing government rate) plus tax. Room reservations may be made directly with the hotel by calling (888) 627-8418. In order to receive the special room rate, you will need to indicate that you will be attending the *NIOSH meeting*. Complimentary shuttle service to and from the hotel and the terminals is available. Complimentary parking at the hotel is also available.

We look forward to your participation in the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Kim Collins at (513) 841-4211 or kycollins@cdc.gov. You may also contact the NIOSH Project Manager, Jim Boiano, at (513) 841-4246 or jboiano@cdc.gov.

Sincerely,

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