

## How do I sign up?

Go to the NORA Web page and click “town hall meeting.” There you can add yourself to the agenda of presentations. You are encouraged to sign up in advance to present your views.

## What if I can't attend?

We still need your input! There are many ways to share your thoughts even if you cannot attend the meeting.

You can submit your comments electronically at the NORA Web page  
[www.cdc.gov/niosh/nora](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/nora).

You can e-mail them to [niocindocket@cdc.gov](mailto:niocindocket@cdc.gov).

Comments may also be mailed to  
Docket NIOSH-047  
Robert A. Taft Laboratories (C-34)  
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Cincinnati, OH 45226

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Attend a NORA town hall meeting and help shape the future of occupational safety and health research



## What is NORA?

The National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) is a collaborative program to stimulate innovative research in workplace safety and health. Unveiled in 1996 by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), over 500 diverse individuals and organizations contributed to the first agenda. As NORA approaches a 10 year milestone we again are seeking public input to plan for the future of occupational safety and health research for the nation.

## What is a town hall meeting?

It is a public forum where stakeholders and partners are encouraged to present their views about important needs in occupational safety and health.

## What will happen at a town hall meeting?

The public meetings will address both regional and local multi-sector issues. During the morning session of the Salt Lake City meeting, stakeholders will be invited to participate in roundtable discussion groups on the following topics:

Public Involvement in NORA  
Small Business Concerns  
Musculoskeletal Disorders  
Construction  
Mining  
Healthcare and Social Assistance  
Transportation and Utilities  
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing  
Public and Private Services  
Wholesale and Retail Trade  
Manufacturing

Following lunch, the afternoon session will feature five minute presentations by local and

Location	Date*	Topic**
College Park, MD	December 5	Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities
Chicago, IL	December 19	Construction
Seattle, WA	January 17	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing
Houston, TX	January 23	Healthcare and Social Assistance
Tampa, FL	February 13	Wholesale and Retail Trade
Iowa City, IA	February 17	Regional issues
Los Angeles, CA	February 21	Public and Private Services
Salt Lake City, UT	February 27	Regional issues
Pittsburgh, PA	March 1	Mining
Troy, OH	March 6	Manufacturing
Jackson, MS	March TBA	Regional issues
Lowell, MA	March TBA	Regional issues
Washington, DC	March 13	Wrap-up session

\* It is possible that dates and locations may change. Please visit the NORA Web page for the latest information. [www.cdc.gov/niosh/nora](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/nora)

\*\* The morning session of each meeting will be open to all issues. If applicable the afternoon session will focus on sector specific issues as indicated. For more information about the meetings or to register to attend please visit the NORA Web page at [www.cdc.gov/niosh/nora](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/nora).

regional stakeholders on significant occupational safety and health issues pertinent to the geographic area. This will be followed by feedback from NIOSH in response to stakeholders.

Please go to [www.cdc.gov/niosh/nora](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/nora) to register to speak for five minutes.

## When are the town hall meetings?

Meetings will occur from December 2005 to March 2006 in cities around the country. All meetings will discuss regional issues. Some will also focus on specific sector topics, as indicated above.

## Who will be at the town hall meetings?

Participants will include workers, professional societies, organized labor, employers, researchers, health professionals, government officials and elected representatives. Broad participation is

desired. Attendees are encouraged to register to be added to the agenda.

## What kind of information is needed?

NORA is seeking information on important occupational safety and health issues, such as: diseases, injuries, exposures, populations at risk, and needs of the occupational safety and health system. Input is also requested on the types of research and partners needed to make a difference. The following types of information may help identify the areas where new research will make the greatest contributions to preventing work-related injuries, illnesses, and deaths: 1) numbers of workers at risk; 2) seriousness of the issue; and 3) probability that new information and approaches will make a difference.