

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Center for Injury Prevention and Control/Initial Review Group

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) announces the following meeting of the aforementioned review group:

Name: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control/Initial Review Group, (NCIPC/IRG).

Time and Date: 11 a.m.–12 noon, July 10, 2008 (closed).

Place: Teleconference.

Status: Portions of the meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in Section 552b(c) (4) and (6), Title 5, U.S.C., and the Determination of the Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Section 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463.

Purpose: This group is charged with providing advice and guidance to the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, and the Director, CDC, concerning the scientific and technical merit of grant and cooperative agreement applications received from academic institutions and other public and private profit and nonprofit organizations, including State and local government agencies, to conduct research on environmental exposures to hazardous substances.

Matters to be Discussed: The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of cooperative agreement applications submitted in response to Fiscal Year 2008 Requests for Applications related to the following individual research announcement: TS-08-003. This funding opportunity announcement solicits from the Association of Minority Health Professions Schools, a grant application to conduct substance-specific research to address research needs identified by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry for priority hazardous substances and to apply these findings to positively affect public health and environmental medicine in low-income and/or minority communities.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: J Felix Rogers, PhD., M.P.H., Telephone (770) 488-4334, NCIPC/ERPO, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE., M/S F62, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3724.

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: June 10, 2008.

Elaine L. Baker,

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

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[Docket Number 139]

The Potential Modification of the NIOSH Statement of Standard for a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Full Facepiece Air-Purifying Respirator (APR)

AGENCY: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of document available for public comment.

SUMMARY: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the opportunity for manufacturers and stakeholders to provide NIOSH with input on the potential modification of the NIOSH Statement of Standard for a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Full Facepiece Air-Purifying Respirator (APR), which would permit an alternative to the single standard 40-mm screw mounted canister for the Department of Defense. Authority: Occupational Safety and Health Act, 29 U.S.C. 651 *et seq.*

Public Comment Period: Submit input to the NIOSH Docket Office within 120 days from June 18, 2008.

Status: Written comments may be submitted to the NIOSH Docket Office, Robert A. Taft Laboratories, 4676 Columbia Parkway, M/S C 34, CBRN APR Mechanical Connector Design, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226, telephone (513) 533-8303, Facsimile (513) 533-8285.

All material submitted should reference NIOSH Docket number 139. Comments may be e-mailed to nioshdocket@cdc.gov. All electronic comments should be formatted as Microsoft Word.

All information received in response to this notice will be available for public examination and copies available at the NIOSH Docket Office, Room 111, 4674 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226.

Background: The National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory (NPPTL) is currently seeking stakeholder input regarding a request from the Department of Defense (DoD). The request is for a proposed modification to the CBRN APR Statement of Standard to allow for mechanical connectors other than the specified single 40-mm thread connector. The DoD is seeking modification of the standard to allow DoD first responders to use a newly developed respirator, the Joint Service General Protective Mask (JSGPM), for respiratory protection on military installations in the United States, or when called upon to support civil authorities. The JSGPM uses a bayonet mounted, dual filter design instead of the single standard 40-mm screw mounted canister. DoD's request is to supplement the existing NIOSH standard with an alternate design for DoD application. The DoD request to NIOSH for modification of the NIOSH Statement of Standard may be obtained from the NIOSH Docket Office using the contact information available above.

Because of their experiences in responding to the terrorist events of 2001, emergency responders identified the need for the interoperability of canisters and facepieces as a respirator user issue that NIOSH needed to address.

During the evolution of the CBRN Statement of Standard, NIOSH identified a single mechanical connector design requirement to support interchangeability of CBRN certified canisters and masks. The user community strongly encouraged requiring interoperable capability at all three public meetings held that discussed the requirements for the CBRN APR, and interoperability was strongly recommended in the 2002 Rand Report entitled, "Protecting Emergency Responders Lessons Learned from Terrorist Attacks." Through a collaborative approach with multiple partnerships, applicable military and industrial technologies were integrated by NIOSH in the CBRN APR standard to provide the full range of protection needed by emergency responders.

Working with the partnerships from Federal government agencies, the private sector, and user groups, NIOSH expedited development and publication of new testing and certification standards for voluntary use by

emergency responders in CBRN terrorist attacks. Information about the public meetings that discussed the conceptual requirements for the CBRN APR is available through this link: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/standardsdev/cbrn/meetings.html>.

The NIOSH Statement of Standard and supporting concept papers for the CBRN APR are available through this link: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/standardsdev/cbrn/apr/>.

Since the Standard was established in 2003, multiple models of CBRN APRs from multiple manufacturers have been certified to the Statement of Standard.

The DoD's request is to supplement the existing NIOSH standard with an alternate permissible design for DoD applications. DoD requirements for the JSGPM require availability of replacement filters in the mask carrier worn on the individual and field level logistic support for additional filters. Neither of these are requirements for commercial mask applications. For the DoD user, the advantages of the bayonet attachment on the JSGPM does not compromise the interoperability considerations for emergency responders outside of the DoD.

DoD Instruction 6055.1 indicates that in non-military unique workplaces where OSHA standards or other Federal safety standards apply but do not cover, or only partially cover, existing conditions, the DoD Components shall use appropriate national safety and occupational health consensus standards under Public Law 104-113. When there is no relevant OSHA or national consensus standard, the DoD Components may develop other protective measures to ensure the safety and health of DoD personnel. Also, the DoD Components may prescribe more stringent exposure limits or monitoring frequencies than those in the basic OSHA standards. Requesting NIOSH to

include another mechanical connector design for DoD applications that may allow for NIOSH certification of the JSGPM meets this intent.

Through this announcement, NIOSH/NPPTL is seeking input from stakeholders and manufacturers to determine the following:

1. Opinions on the current design requirement for the single 40-mm thread canister mechanical connector.
2. Rationale and data to maintain the current design requirement.
3. Rationale and data to support adding an alternative design for DoD applications for canister mechanical connectors.
4. Identification of alternative approaches to implement the alternative design concept for the canister mechanical connector.
5. Other comments on the subject.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

Proposed Projects

Title: Generic Clearance to Conduct Qualitative Data Collections.
OMB No.: New Collection.

Description: The Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for a generic clearance that will allow OPRE to conduct a variety of qualitative data collections. Over the next three years, OPRE anticipates undertaking a variety of new research projects in the fields of cash welfare, employment and self-sufficiency, Head Start, child care, healthy marriage and responsible fatherhood, and child welfare. In order to inform the development of OPRE research, to maintain a research agenda that is rigorous and relevant, and to ensure that research products are as current as possible, OPRE will engage in a variety of qualitative data collections in concert with researchers and practitioners throughout the field. OPRE envisions using a variety of techniques including semi-structured discussions, focus groups, telephone interviews, and in-person observations and site visits, in order to integrate the perspectives of program operators, policy officials and members of the research community.

Following standard Office of Management and Budget (OMB) requirements, OPRE will submit a change request to OMB individually for every group of data collection activities undertaken under this generic clearance. OPRE will provide OMB with a copy of the individual instruments or questionnaires (if one is used), as well as other materials describing the project.

Respondents: Administrators or staff of State and local agencies or programs in the relevant fields; academic researchers; and policymakers at various levels of government.

ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

| Instrument | Number of respondents | Number of responses per respondent | Average burden hours per response | Total annual burden hours |
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| Semi-Structured Discussion and Information-Gathering Protocol | 600 | 1 | .5 | 300 |
| Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours | | | | 300 |

Additional Information:

Copies of the proposed collection may be obtained by writing to the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, Attn: ACF Reports Clearance

Officer. E-mail address: OPREInfoCollection@acf.hhs.gov. All requests should be identified by the title of the information collection.

OMB Comment:

OMB is required to make a decision concerning the collection of information between 30 and 60 days after publication of this document in the

Federal Register. Therefore, a comment is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication. Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent directly to the following: