

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

Public Meeting of the Native American Working Group in Association With the Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Health Service Activities and Research at Department of Energy (DOE) Sites: Hanford Health Effects Subcommittee

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announce the following meeting.

Name: Public Meeting of the Native American Working Group (NAWG), in association with the meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Health Service Activities and Research at Department of Energy Sites: Hanford Health Effects Subcommittee.

Time and Date: 1 p.m.–5 p.m., January 24, 1995.

Place: Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1113 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101, telephone (206) 464-1980, FAX (206) 340-1617.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 50 people.

Background: A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed in October 1990 and renewed in November 1992 between ATSDR and DOE. The MOU delineates the responsibilities and procedures for ATSDR's public health activities at DOE sites required under sections 104, 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, 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 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 NAWG is part of these efforts. NAWG will work with the Hanford Health Effects Subcommittee to provide input on Native American health effects at the Hanford site.

Purpose: The purpose of this meeting of NAWG is to discuss Native American issues

concerning health effects and issues related to site restoration and waste management options at the Hanford, Washington, DOE site.

Matters to be Discussed: Items to be discussed will include: (1) the effects on public health—past, current, and future—of the release of radioactive and hazardous materials into the environment at Hanford, and (2) proposed actions based on the findings of health research and public health activities.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact Person for More Information:

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Dated: January 6, 1995.

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Availability of Draft Health Consultation

AGENCY: Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Public Health Service (PHS), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of Availability and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA), as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) [42 U.S.C. 9604(i)(4)] states that the Administrator of the ATSDR shall provide consultations upon request on health issues relating to exposure to hazardous or toxic substances, on the basis of available information, to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, State officials, and local officials. In response to such a request, ATSDR has developed a chemical-specific health consultation report designed to address specific questions with regard to current drinking water standards. This notice announces, for review and comment, the availability of this chemical-specific health consultation report prepared by ATSDR on 1,4-dioxane.

DATES: To ensure consideration, comments on this health consultation report must be received on or before January 30, 1995. Comments received

after the close of the public comment period will be considered at the discretion of ATSDR based on what is in the best interest of the general public.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the chemical specific health consultation report and comments concerning it should be sent to the attention of Ms. Kim Jenkins, Division of Toxicology, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mailstop E29, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

Requests for the health consultation report must be in writing. ATSDR reserves the right to provide only one free copy of the document to each requestor.

Written comments and other data submitted in response to this notice and the health consultation report must bear the docket control number ATSDR-89. Send one copy of all comments and three copies of all supporting documents to the Division of Toxicology at the above address by the end of the comment period. All written comments and the health consultation report will be available for public inspection at ATSDR, Building 4, Executive Park Drive, Atlanta, Georgia (not a mailing address), from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for legal holidays. Because all public comments are available for public inspection, no confidential business information should be submitted in response to this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kim Jenkins, Division of Toxicology, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mailstop E29, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone (404) 639-6357.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Health consultations are ATSDR actions that provide advice and recommendations on specific, health-related questions associated with actual or potential human exposure to hazardous substances as defined in CERCLA, as amended, or any other associated human health hazards.

Dated: January 6, 1995.

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Acting Deputy Administrator, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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