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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) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Announces the Following Meetings

*Name:* Setting a National Occupational Research Agenda: Occupational Safety and Health Community Working Group Meeting.

*Time and Date:* 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., January 24, 1996.

*Place:* The Latham Hotel, Presidential Ballroom, 3000 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

*Status:* Open to the public, limited only by the space available.

*Name:* Setting a National Occupational Research Agenda: Health Professional Working Group Meeting.

*Time and Date:* 9:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., January 30, 1996.

*Place:* Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008.

*Status:* Open to the public, limited only by the space available.

*Purpose:* NIOSH will sponsor two meetings of groups with different expertise to assist in the development of a national agenda for occupational safety and health research for the next decade. At each meeting, invited participants will discuss and contribute their perspectives in work sessions open to the public. A limited amount of time will be reserved to provide members of the public attending these work group meetings the opportunity to comment.

The tentative agenda of the meetings will include: Discussion of the process being used to develop the list of research priorities and the agenda and evaluation of the list of research priorities included in this announcement for potential inclusion into the national occupational research agenda. Research priorities for consideration include health effects, hazardous exposures, work environments, industries, occupations, and populations associated with significant occupational disease, injury, disability, fatalities, or topics of growing importance in the future.

*Matters to be Discussed:* As the lead federal health agency for research into the causes and prevention of work injuries and diseases, NIOSH has a responsibility to continually assess the state of existing knowledge and define future research needs and priorities. The development of a national research agenda will assist NIOSH and the occupational safety and health research community in establishing priorities and targeting some of the scientific needs of the next decade that offer the greatest potential for advancing the safety and health of workers. Establishing these priorities is especially important in light of increasing fiscal constraints on occupational safety and health research in both the public and private sectors. The agenda is intended to serve decision-makers and scientists working throughout the field, employed in government, corporate, labor, university, and private research programs for planning and implementing occupational health research and prevention activities.

Prior to the public meetings, together with external experts, NIOSH developed a discussion list of approximately 50 potential research priorities for the national occupational research agenda. The discussion list has been expanded with input received through written comments and oral presentations given at a public meeting on November 30, 1995, and at a working group meeting of researchers held on December 12, 1995. The expanded list of potential research priorities are:

#### Health Response

- Traumatic Injury
- Amputation injuries
- Eye Injury
- Electrocutions
- Falls
- Inhalation Injury
  - Musculoskeletal disorders of the neck, shoulder & other upper extremities
  - Musculoskeletal disorders of the low back
    - Fertility and pregnancy outcomes
    - Occupational Asthma
    - Pneumoconioses
    - Hypersensitivity Lung Disease
    - Occupational Chronic Diseases (Selected)
      - Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease
      - Chronic Renal Disease
      - Ischemic Heart Disease
      - Neurodegenerative Disease (Cognitive & Movement Disorders)
      - Anxiety and Depression
        - Psychological disorders other than Anxiety and Depression
        - Occupational Infectious Diseases
        - Immune Dysfunction
        - Neuroimmune Function
        - Hearing Loss due to noise and nonauditory exposures
          - Occupational Dermatitis
          - Premature Disability

- Latex allergy
- Chemical Mixtures (Including Hazardous Waste)
  - Pesticides
  - Solvents
  - Oils their Substitutes and Related derivatives (e.g., Cutting Fluids, Diesel)
    - Indoor Environment
    - Thermal stresses
    - Mineral and Synthetic Fibers
    - Silica
    - Metals and Related Compounds
    - Hormonally Active Substances
    - Violence/Assaults
    - Motor Vehicles
    - Heavy Machinery (including Farm equipment)
      - Hand Tools
      - Biomechanical Stressors (including manual material handling)
      - Noise
      - Electric and Magnetic Fields
      - Behavioral Risk Factors
      - Falling objects
      - Lead
      - Pharmaceuticals (manufacture and administration)
        - Robots
        - Interactions

#### Work Environment and the Workforce

- Work Organization
- Extended work shift
- Shift work
  - Changing Economy and Workforce
  - Emerging Technologies and Problems
  - Vulnerable Populations
- aging workforce
- child labor (including adolescents)
- home work
- migrant workers
- temporary/contingent workforce
- minorities
  - Psychosocial factors
  - Costs of occupational disease and injury (economic and social)
    - Social inequality & health
    - Environmental justice
    - Occupational health/occupational disease & injury costs and benefits of prevention

#### Research Process

- Intervention Research
- Effectiveness Research (e.g. training)
- Economic Analysis: Cost benefit and workers' compensation
  - International Occupational Health Research
    - Clinical Methods Research
- Develop methods for occupational disease and practice guidelines
  - Engineering and Technological Solutions
  - Exposure Assessment Methods

#### Development

- Hazard Surveillance
- Disease Surveillance
- Injury Surveillance

- Risk Assessment Methods Development
- Identification of Molecular Correlates of Cancer and other Chronic Diseases
- Health Services Research (in a changing health care & workplace environment)
- Respirator research & other personal protective equipment research
- Information dissemination & Health communication
- Community & region-based studies
- Strategies for worker/employer empowerment
- Barriers to implementation of prevention efforts
- Sector focussed research

## Sector

- Construction
- Agriculture
- Small Businesses
- Service workers
- Health Care
- Mining
- Transportation
- Hotel/restaurant workers

From this list and additional items that are recommended, NIOSH anticipates producing a final agenda of 15–25 of the highest scientific priorities for research to advance safety and health.

NIOSH is seeking public comment until March 6, 1996, to assure that the final agenda includes input from the broadest base of occupational safety and health expertise. In addition to the two working group meetings described in this announcement and the working group meeting held on December 12, 1995, the process for receipt of public comment includes the following elements: (1) Corporate and worker liaison committees and a broader-based stakeholders outreach committee will assist NIOSH in obtaining involvement and input from employers, employees, health officials, health professionals, scientists, and public health, advocacy, scientific, industry and labor organizations; (2) A public meeting was held on November 30, 1995, to obtain early input on the research priorities, criteria for selection of priorities, and the process for developing the agenda; (3) Regional public meetings will be held in Chicago, Boston and Seattle to increase the opportunities for input from employers, employees, scientists, and other public stakeholders across the United States; (4) A final public meeting will be held on March 1, 1996, in Washington, DC, to present a draft research agenda and provide the opportunity for public review and comment; and (5) Public input throughout the process; the public is encouraged to provide oral comments at the public meetings, and written comments as soon as possible. The last date for submission of public comments is close of business, March 6, 1996.

The final agenda will be presented at a scientific symposium commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Occupational Safety and Health Act on April 29, 1996.

NIOSH encourages the public to provide recommendations on research priorities, criteria for determining priorities, and the process of developing the research agenda throughout the process. To attend these meetings, or to receive additional

information, please contact Mr. Chris Olenec as indicated below. On-site registration will be available; however, to assist in planning for the meeting, advance registration is requested.

**ADDRESSES:** Written public comments on the National Occupational Research Agenda should be mailed to Ms. Diane Manning, NIOSH, CDC, Robert A. Taft Laboratories, M/S C34, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Mr. Chris Olenec, NIOSH, CDC, 200 Independence Avenue, room 317B, Washington, DC 20201, telephone 202/205–2640 or by FAX 202/260–1898.

Dated: January 12, 1996.

Nancy C. Hirsch,

*Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).*

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**Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Health Service Activities and Research at Department of Energy (DOE) Sites, Savannah River Site Health Effects Subcommittee; Cancellation of Meeting**

This notice announces the cancellation of a previously announced meeting.

*Federal Notice Citation of Previous Announcement:* 60 FR 66552–66553, December 22, 1995.

*Previously Announced Times and Dates:* 9 a.m.–5 p.m., January 11, 1996, 9 a.m.–12 noon, January 12, 1996.

*Change in the Meeting:* This meeting has been cancelled.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Paul G. Renard or Nadine Dickerson, Radiation Studies Branch, Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Highway, NE, (F–35), Atlanta, Georgia 30341–3724, telephone 770/488–7040.

Dated: January 11, 1996.

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

**[Public Notice 2317]**

**Overseas Schools Advisory Council; Notice of Re-Scheduling of Meeting**

The Executive Committee Meeting of the Overseas Schools Advisory Council of the Department of State has been re-scheduled for Thursday, February 22, 1996 in Conference Room 1105, Department of State, 2201 C Street NW., Washington, DC at 9:30 a.m. For details of the meeting, please refer to the announcement which appeared in Public Notice 2297 published on Monday, December 11, 1995 (60 FR 63564).

If you need further information, please contact the office of Dr. Ernest N. Mannino, Department of State, Office of Overseas Schools, SA–29, room 245, Washington, DC 20522–2902, telephone 703–875–7800.

Dated: January 16, 1996.

Ernest N. Mannino,

*Executive Secretary, Overseas Schools Advisory Council.*

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**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD**

**[Finance Docket No. 32837]<sup>1</sup>**

**Grand Trunk Western Railroad Inc.—Trackage Rights Exemption—Consolidated Rail Corporation**

Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) has agreed to grant an aggregate of 24.1 miles of additional trackage rights to Grand Trunk Western Railroad Inc. (GTW), as follows: (1) Approximately 7.6 miles of track between the Conrail/GTW connection at CP–Vinewood, Detroit, MI, and the Conrail/GTW connection at Mill Street, Ecorse, MI; (2) approximately 11.2 miles of track between the Conrail/GTW connection at Mill Street to the loop track owned by CSX Transportation, Inc., at Windsor, Ont.; and (3) approximately 5.3 miles from the Conrail/GTW connection at CP–

<sup>1</sup> This was a pending proceeding with the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) on December 29, 1995, when President Clinton signed into law, the ICC Termination Act of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104–88, 109 Stat. 803 (the Act). The Act, which took effect January 1, 1996, abolished the ICC and transferred certain functions and proceedings to the Surface Transportation Board (Board). Section 204(b)(1) of the Act provides, in general, that proceedings transferred from the ICC to the Board shall be decided under the law in effect prior to January 1, 1996. All statutory references in this decision will be to the former Interstate Commerce Act provisions.