

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.

2. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Mr. Joseph R. Coyne, Assistant to the Board; (202) 452-3204. You may call (202) 452-3207, beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before this meeting, for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting.

Dated: December 13, 1996.

Jennifer J. Johnson,

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

**TIME AND DATE:** 10:00 a.m., Friday, December 20, 1996.

**PLACE:** Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, C Street entrance between 20th and 21st Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551.

**STATUS:** Open.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:***Summary Agenda*

Because of its routine nature, no discussion of the following item is anticipated. This matter will be voted on without discussion unless a member of the Board requests that the item be moved to the discussion agenda.

1. Publication for comment of proposed revisions to Regulation B (Equal Credit Opportunity) to implement amendments to the Equal Credit Opportunity Act regarding "self-testing."

*Discussion Agenda*

2. Proposal to increase the limitation on the amount of revenue derived from underwriting and dealing in bank-ineligible securities by section 20 subsidiaries of bank holding companies (proposed earlier for public comment; Docket No. R-0841).

3. Proposed amendment to Regulation B (Equal Credit Opportunity) regarding data collection on all types of credit (proposed earlier for public comment; Docket No. R-0876).

4. Any items carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

Note: This meeting will be recorded for the benefit of those unable to attend. Cassettes will be available for listening in the Board's Freedom of Information Office, and copies may be ordered for \$5 per cassette by calling (202) 452-3684 or by writing to: Freedom of Information Office, Board of Governors of the

Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. 20551.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****Centers for Disease Control and Prevention****National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; Request for Comments on the Proposed NIOSH Document on Guidelines for Protecting the Safety and Health of Health Care Workers**

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

**ACTION:** Request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NIOSH requests comments concerning the updating of the 1988 NIOSH document, Guidelines for Protecting the Safety and Health of Health Care Workers (NIOSH Publication No. 88-119<sup>1</sup>).

**DATES:** Written comments to this notice should be submitted to Diane Manning, NIOSH Docket Office, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Mailstop C-34, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226. Comments or data may be submitted on the following topics (but are not limited to these): (1) Target audience, (2) format, (3) content, and (4) methods of distribution. Comments must be received on or before February 18, 1997. Comments may also be faxed to Diane Manning at (513) 533-8285 or submitted by email to: [dmm2@NIOSDT1.em.cdc.gov](mailto:dmm2@NIOSDT1.em.cdc.gov) as WordPerfect 5.0, 5.1/5.2, 6.0/6.1, or ASCII files.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Technical information may be obtained from John J. Whalen, NIOSH, CDC, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Mailstop C-14, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226, telephone (513) 533-8270.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Sections 20 and 22 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of

<sup>1</sup>This publication (NTIS Publication No. PB-89-148621) is available from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161, telephone (703) 487-4650.

1970 (29 U.S.C. 669 and 671), NIOSH is authorized to gather information and develop recommendations for improving occupational safety and health.

More than 8 million health care workers are employed in the United States, and they constitute about 6 percent of the entire workforce. These workers represent many different occupations and are found in a wide variety of work settings.

Since health care workers have very diverse functions and duties, they are exposed to many hazards. These hazards include radiation, toxic chemicals, biological agents, ergonomic stressors, violence, stress, and physical hazards such as heat and noise.

Few workplaces are as complex as hospitals, where more than 50 percent of health care workers are employed. The number and types of hazards in hospitals are extremely large. For example, maintenance workers may be exposed to solvents, asbestos, and electrical hazards. Housekeepers are exposed to detergents and disinfectants that can cause skin rashes and eye and throat irritation. Also, housekeepers may be exposed to infectious diseases such as hepatitis or acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) from hypodermic needles that have not been properly discarded. Nurses confront such potential hazards as exposure to infectious diseases and toxic substances, back injuries, radiation exposure, and stress.

In 1988, NIOSH published the Guidelines for Protecting the Safety and Health of Health Care Workers. However, since that time, knowledge concerning these hazards has increased, and additional recommendations have been made. For example, CDC recommendations for protecting health care workers from tuberculosis and AIDS have changed significantly, as have NIOSH recommendations concerning relevant respiratory protection.

NIOSH is aware that a number of directions can be taken to update the document; therefore, a draft document outline and list of issues have been prepared by CDC to ascertain the appropriateness of the proposed document content and format. NIOSH is soliciting comments on the document outline provided below:

**I. Document Outline**

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