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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services announces the following advisory committee meeting.

Name: National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS).

Times and Dates: 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., November 12, 1998, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., November 13, 1998.

Place: Conference Room 505A, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201.

Status: Open.

Purpose: The meeting will focus on a variety of health data policy and privacy issues. Department officials will update the Committee on recent activities of the HHS Data Council and the status of HHS activities in implementing the administrative simplification provisions of Pub. L. 104-491, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). The Committee also will be briefed on data needed to support the Initiative to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health as well as Healthy People 2010. Presentations are scheduled on the National Academy of Sciences' new panel study on second generation internet requirements for health applications, and strategies for obtaining public health infrastructure data. In addition, Subcommittee breakout sessions are planned.

All topics are tentative and subject to change. Please check the NCVHS website, where a detailed agenda will be posted prior to the meeting.

Contact Person for More Information:

Substantive information as well as summaries of NCVHS meetings and a roster of committee members may be obtained by visiting the NCVHS website (<http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/ncvhs>) where an agenda for the meeting will be posted when available. Additional information may be obtained by calling James Scanlon, NCVHS Executive Staff Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, DHHS, Room 440-D, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC 20201, telephone (202) 690-7100, or Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, NCHS, CDC, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone 301/436-7050.

Note: In the interest of security, the Department has instituted stringent procedures for entrance to the Hubert H.

Humphrey Building by non-government employees. Thus, individuals without a government identification card may need to have the guard call for an escort to the meeting room.

Dated: October 27, 1998.

James Scanlon,

Director, Division of Data Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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 committee meeting:

Name: Task Group session of the Safety and Occupational Health Study Section (SOHSS), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

Time and date: 1 p.m.-3 p.m., November 18, 1998.

Place: NIOSH/CDC Research Facility, Teleconference Room P-B229, 3040 University Avenue, Morgantown, West Virginia 26505.

Status: Open 1 p.m.-1:30 p.m. November 18, 1998. Closed 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m. November 18, 1998.

Purpose: A Task Group session of the Safety and Occupational Health Study Section will review, discuss, and evaluate grant application(s) received in response to the Institute's numbered solicitation, Request for Application Number 98030 entitled, "Occupational Radiation and Energy-Related Health Research Grants" which pertains to specific aspects of the following endeavors: (a) research to identify and investigate the relationships between health outcomes and occupational exposure to radiation and other hazardous agents; (b) epidemiological methods research relevant to energy-related occupational health research; and (c) research related to assessing occupational exposures. The focus of the proposed research should reflect the following topical areas, emphasizing field research: (1) retrospective exposure assessment; (2) radiation measurement issues; (3) non-cancer morbidity and mortality outcomes; (4) meta-analysis and combined analysis methodologies; (5) uncertainty analysis; (6) effects of measurement error on risk estimates; (7) studies of current workers; and (8) risk communication and worker outreach.

It is the intent of NIOSH to support broad-based research endeavors in keeping with the Institute's program goals which will lead to improved understanding and appreciation for the magnitude of the aggregate health burden associated with occupational injuries and illnesses, as well as to support more focused research projects which will lead to improvements in the delivery of occupational safety and health services and the prevention

of work-related injury and illness. It is anticipated that research funded will promote these program goals.

Matters to be discussed: The meeting will convene in open session from 1-1:30 p.m. on November 18, 1998, to address matters related to the conduct of Study Section business. The remainder of the meeting will proceed in closed session. The purpose of the closed session is for the Task Group of the Safety and Occupational Health Study Section to consider grant applications related to the cited solicitation. This portion of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in section 552(c) (4) and (6) title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Associate Director for Management and Operations, CDC, pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact person for more information:

Pervis C. Major, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Coordination and Special Projects, Office of the Director, NIOSH, 1095 Willowdale Road, Morgantown, West Virginia 26505. Telephone 304/285-5979.

Dated: October 27, 1998.

Carolyn J. Russell,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Notice of Meeting; Safety and Occupational Health Study Section; NIOSH Meetings

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 committee meeting:

Name: Task Group session of the Safety and Occupational Health Study Section (SOHSS), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

Time and date: 1 p.m.-3 p.m., November 20, 1998.

Place: NIOSH/CDC Research Facility, Teleconference Room P-B229, 3040 University Avenue, Morgantown WV, 26505.

Status: Open 1 p.m.-1:30 p.m., November 20, 1998. Closed 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m., November 20, 1998.

Purpose: A Task Group session of the Safety and Occupational Health Study Section will review, discuss, and evaluate grant application(s) received in response to the Institute's numbered solicitation, Request for Application Number 98030 entitled, "Occupational Radiation and Energy-Related Health Research Grants" which pertains to specific aspects of the following endeavors: