

MOU delineates the responsibilities and procedures for ATSDR's public health activities at DOE sites required under sections 104, 105, 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.

Purpose: This Study Team is charged with locating, evaluating, cataloguing, and copying documents that contain information about historical chemical or radionuclide releases from facilities at the Los Alamos National Laboratory since its inception. The purpose of this meeting is to introduce the goals, methods, and schedule of the project; provide a forum for community interaction; and serve as a vehicle for members of the public to express concerns to CDC.

Matters To Be Discussed: Agenda items include presentations from the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) and/or its contractor regarding the information gathering project that is beginning, and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and ATSDR regarding the progress of current studies. There will be time for public input, questions, and comments.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); Meeting.

Name: Meeting to discuss "Developing a National Occupational Research Agenda for Prevention of Musculoskeletal Disorders."

Time and Date: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., March 8, 1999.

Place: Houston Marriott Westside, 13210 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77079. Telephone 281/558-8338.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 70 people. Seating will be limited to approximately 50 people.

Purpose: To request public assistance in identifying research gaps in the area of work-related musculoskeletal disorders. NIOSH and its partners are developing a plan to establish a National Occupational Research Agenda on work-related musculoskeletal disorders. The working team includes members from NIOSH, other government agencies, industries, and academia. In order to obtain maximum input from practitioners, academic and corporate researchers, and organizations sponsoring research, the team adopted a multi-phase approach for seeking input on the national research agenda. The first phase, which has recently been completed, involved three public meetings with industrial practitioners and was performed in Chicago, Seattle, and Washington, D.C. The meetings included representatives from diverse industry sectors, including light and heavy manufacturing; warehouse and transportation; office environments; acute and long-term health care; forest products; construction and maritime; and agriculture and food processing. A list of research gaps was identified. The working team is moving into the second phase and is seeking individual input from academicians, researchers, and others on which research gaps could be completed within five years and if any gaps have been missed.

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Health Care Financing Administration

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. Type of Information Collection Request: New collection; Title of Information Collection: Suggestion Program on Methods to Improve Medicare Efficiency and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 420.410; Form No.: HCFA-R-0255 (OMB# 0938-new); Use: The HCFA-4000 regulation establishes a program to encourage individuals to submit suggestions that could improve the efficiency of the Medicare program. Suggestions must contain a description of an existing problem or need; a suggested method for solving the problem or filling the need; and, if known, an estimate of the