

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

Public Meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Public Health Service (PHS) Activities and Research at Department of Energy (DOE) Sites: Oak Ridge Reservation Health Effects Subcommittee

Name: Public meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee on PHS Activities and Research at DOE Sites: Oak Ridge Reservation Health Effects Subcommittee (ORRHES).

Time and Date: 6 p.m.–8 p.m., June 7, 2004. 12 p.m.–6:30 p.m., June 8, 2004.

Place: DOE Information Center, 475 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Oak Ridge, TN. Telephone: (865) 241-4780.

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

Background: A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in October 1990 and renewed in September 2000 between ATSDR and DOE, the 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.

In addition, under an MOU signed in December 1990 with DOE and replaced by an MOU signed in 2000, 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 has 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 the ORRHES is part of these efforts.

Purpose: The purpose of this meeting is to address issues that are unique to community involvement with the ORRHES, and agency updates.

Matters to be Discussed: Agenda items will include a presentation and discussion on the ORRHES Web-site; EPA and ATSDR special presentation; Cancer Incidence Review document discussion and presentation; updates and recommendations from the Public Health Assessment, Communications and Outreach, Agenda, Guidelines and Procedures; the Health Education Needs Assessment Workgroups; and agency updates.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both CDC and ATSDR.

Dated: May 5, 2004.

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

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Quality Assurance of HIV and HIV/AIDS-Related Testing; Notice of Intent To Fund Single Eligibility Award

A. Purpose

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the intent to fund fiscal year (FY) 2004 funds for a cooperative agreement program for to improve the quality of laboratory testing services in support of HIV prevention, surveillance, care and treatment programs in Zimbabwe. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number for this program is 93.939.

B. Eligible Applicant

Assistance will be provided only to the Zimbabwe National Quality Assurance Program (ZINQAP). ZINQAP is uniquely qualified to be the recipient organization for the following reasons:

a. ZINQAP is the only laboratory quality assurance body in Zimbabwe and has been in existence since 1995 with the mission of assisting laboratories to attain and maintain a high standard of performance. ZINQAP has sole government authority by Zimbabwe's Health Professions Authority (HPA) to certify laboratories.

b. ZINQAP coordinated the development of Zimbabwe's national standards for medical laboratories and test sites. These standards require laboratories and test sites to implement and maintain quality assurance activities. Laboratories adhering to these standards will be approved by ZINQAP. It is anticipated that laboratories and test sites meeting these standards will be recognized by the HPA as meeting the legal requirements for operating a medical laboratory service.

c. ZINQAP currently provides a limited proficiency-testing program for approximately 90 laboratories and test sites within the country; and, as such, has established relationships with district, provincial, and regional laboratories within the country. This is the only existing in-country quality assurance program and, with minimal time, it can expand its capabilities.

d. ZINQAP has established relationships with U.S.-based scientists, international quality assurance experts, and local governmental public health officials. ZINQAP routinely interfaces with appropriate officials on issues affecting the quality of Zimbabwe's laboratory test results.

C. Funding

Approximately \$200,000 is available in FY 2004 to fund this award. It is expected that the award will begin on or before July 15, 2004, and will be made for a 12-month budget period within a project period of up to three years. Funding estimates may change.

D. Where To Obtain Additional Information

For general comments or questions about this announcement, contact: Technical Information Management, CDC Procurement and Grants Office, 2920 Brandywine Road, Atlanta, GA 30341-4146, Telephone: 770-488-2700.

For program technical assistance, contact: Shannon Hader, M.D., Director, CDC Zimbabwe, 38 Samora Machel Avenue, Harare ZIMBABWE,