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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Infectious Diseases: Meeting

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: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID).

Times and Dates: 1 p.m.–5:30 p.m., November 29, 2005. 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., November 30, 2005.

Place: CDC, Building 19, 1600 Clifton Road, Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

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

Purpose: The Board of Scientific Counselors, NCID, provides advice and guidance to the Director, CDC, and Director, NCID, in the following areas: Program goals and objectives; strategies; program organization and resources for infectious disease prevention and control; and program priorities.

Matters to Be Discussed: Agenda items will include:

1. Opening Session: NCID Update.
2. CCID Update.
3. Environmental Microbiology.
4. Development of CDC Research Agenda.
5. Veterinary-Human Public Health Interface.
6. Global Disease Detection Initiative.
7. Topic Updates.
 - a. Chronic Wasting Disease.
 - b. Quarantine Update.

Other agenda items include announcements/introductions; follow-up on actions recommended by the Board May 2005; consideration of future directions, goals, and recommendations.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

Written comments are welcome and should be received by the contact person listed below prior to the opening of the meeting.

The **Federal Register** notice is being published less than fifteen days before the date of the meeting.

Contact Person for More Information: Tony Johnson, Office of the Director, NCID, CDC, Mailstop E-51, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30333, e-mail tjohnson3@cdc.gov; telephone 404/498-3249.

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 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

Name: Continued Discussions of Concepts for Standards for Approval of Respirators for Use against Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Agents (CBRN) and Concepts for Standards for Industrial, Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR).

Date and Time: December 13, 2005, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

The meeting will address concepts for standards for CBRN Closed Circuit, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), CBRN PAPR, and Industrial PAPR.

Place: Sheraton Station Square Hotel, 300 W. Station Square Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-1162.

Purpose: NIOSH will continue discussions of concepts for standards and testing processes for PAPR and Closed Circuit, SCBA suitable for respiratory protection against CBRN agents. NIOSH will also continue conceptual discussions for establishing Industrial PAPR requirements. NIOSH, along with the United States Army Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM) and the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST), will present information to attendees concerning the concept development for the CBRN PAPR standard and the CBRN Closed Circuit, SCBA standard. Participants will be given an opportunity to ask questions on these topics and to present individual comments for consideration. Interested participants may obtain a copy of the CBRN PAPR, the Industrial PAPR concept paper, the CBRN Closed Circuit and SCBA concept paper, as well as earlier versions of other concept papers used during the standard development effort, from the NIOSH National Personnel Protective Technology Laboratory (NPPTL) Web site, address: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl>. The November 4, 2005 concept

paper will be used as the basis for discussion at the public meeting. Municipal, state, and Federal responder groups, particularly in locations considered potential terrorism targets, have been developing and modifying response and consequence management plans for domestic security and preparedness issues. Since the World Trade Center and anthrax incidents, most emergency response agencies have operated with a heightened appreciation of the potential scope and sustained resource requirements for coping with such events. The Federal Interagency Board for Equipment Standardization and Interoperability (IAB) has worked to identify personal protective equipment that is already available on the market for responders' use. The IAB has identified the development of standards or guidelines for respiratory protection equipment as a top priority. NIOSH, NIST, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding defining each agency or organization's role in developing, establishing, and enforcing standards or guidelines for responders' respiratory protective devices. NIOSH has initiated Interagency Agreements with NIOSH and RDECOM to aid in the development of appropriate protection standards or guidelines. NIOSH has the lead in developing standards or guidelines to test, evaluate, and approve respirators. NIOSH, RDECOM, and NIST hosted public meetings on April 17 and 18, 2001; June 18 and 19, 2002; October 16 and 17, 2002; April 29, 2003; June 25, 2003; October 16, 2003; May 4, 2004; December 15, 2004; and July 19 and 20, 2005; presenting their progress in assessing respiratory protection needs of responders to CBRN incidents. The methods or models for developing hazard and exposure estimates, and the status in evaluating test methods and performance standards that may be applicable as future CBRN respirator standards or guidelines were discussed at these meetings. Three NIOSH CBRN respirator standards and several NFPA standards for ensembles, SCBA, and protective clothing were the first adopted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). On February 26, 2004, DHS adopted, as DHS standards, three NIOSH criteria for testing and certifying respirators for protection against CBRN exposures. NIOSH uses the criteria to test (1) SCBA for use by emergency responders against CBRN, (2) PAPR for use by emergency responders against CBRN exposures,