DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; Decision To Evaluate a Petition To Designate a Class of Employees at the Nevada Test Site, Mercury, NV, To Be Included in the Special Exposure Cohort

AGENCY: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) gives notice as required by 42 CFR 83.12(e) of a decision to evaluate a petition to designate a class of employees at the Nevada Test Site, Mercury, Nevada, to be included in the Special Exposure Cohort under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. The initial proposed definition for the class being evaluated, subject to revision as warranted by the evaluation, is as follows:

- **Facility:** Nevada Test Site.
- **Location:** Mercury, Nevada.
- **Job Titles and/or Job Duties:** All workers at the Rainier Mesa, including areas 12, 16, and 20.
- **Period of Employment:** March 1, 1966 through December 31, 1990.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Elliott, Director, Office of Compensation Analysis and Support, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), 4676 Columbia Parkway, MS C–46, Cincinnati, OH 45226, Telephone 513–533–6800 (this is not a toll-free number). Information requests can also be submitted by e-mail to OCAS@CDC.GOV.


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Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the intention of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) allow the proposed information collection project: “Improving Quality of Care in Long Term Care.” In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), AHRQ invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection.

This proposed information collection was previously published in the Federal Register on January 16, 2007 and allowed 60 days for public comment. No public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment.

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 24, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to: Karen Matsuoka by fax at (202) 395–6794 (attention: AHRQ’s desk officer) or by e-mail at AHRQ_submission@omb.eop.gov (attention: AHRQ’s desk officer). Copies of the proposed collection plans, data collection instruments, and specific details on the estimated burden can be obtained from AHRQ’s Reports Clearance Officer.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Doris Lefkowitz, AHRQ, Reports Clearance Officer, (301) 427–1477.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Project

“Improving Quality of Care in Long Term Care”

The proposed project will design, implement, and evaluate an intervention program to prevent injurious falls in assisted living facilities. The project involves four major activities: (1) Adapting a multifaceted, evidence-based falls prevention program to a protocol tailored to the assisted living environment; (2) implementing the pilot protocol and collecting clinical and process data pre- and post-intervention; (3) evaluating the results of the intervention; and (4) widely disseminating the protocol (revised as needed based on the evaluation), training materials, and research findings.

The project design is a multi-component falls intervention program that will include medication review, resident assessment, environmental modification, and exercise. Its goal will be to reduce risk factors for falls, as well as fall and fracture rates, among