

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; Designation of a Class of Employees for Addition to 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 of a decision to designate a class of employees at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, California, as an addition to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. On March 3, 2008, the Secretary of HHS designated the following class of employees as an addition to the SEC:

Employees of the Department of Energy (DOE), its predecessor agencies, and DOE contractors or subcontractors who were monitored for radiation exposure while working at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory from January 1, 1950, through December 31, 1973, for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days or in combination with work days within the parameters established for one or more other classes of employees in the Special Exposure Cohort.

This designation will become effective on April 2, 2008, unless Congress provides otherwise prior to the effective date. After this effective date, HHS will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** reporting the addition of this class to the SEC or the result of any provision by Congress regarding the decision by HHS to add the class to the SEC.

**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](mailto:OCAS@CDC.GOV).

Dated: March 5, 2008.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES****National Biodefense Science Board; Notification of a Public Teleconference**

**AGENCY:** Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is hereby giving notice that the National Biodefense Science Board (NBSB) will be holding a public teleconference. The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The NBSB will hold a public teleconference on March 26, 2008. The teleconference will be held from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. EST.

**ADDRESSES:** The conference will be conducted by phone.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:**

Any member of the public wishing to obtain general information concerning this public teleconference should contact CAPT Leigh A. Sawyer, D.V.M., M.P.H., Executive Director, National Biodefense Science Board, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Ave, SW., Room 450G, Washington, DC 20201; via telephone/voice mail: 202-205-3815; fax: 202-690-7412; or e-mail at: [leigh.sawyer@hhs.gov](mailto:leigh.sawyer@hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NBSB was established by section 319M of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 247d-7f) as added by section 402 of the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act (Pub. L. 109-417) to provide advice to the Secretary of Health and Human Services. The NBSB provides expert advice and guidance to the Secretary on scientific, technical and other matters of special interest to the Department of Health and Human Services regarding current and future chemical, biological, nuclear, and radiological (CBRN) agents, whether naturally occurring, accidental, or deliberate.

**Background:** The Office of Preparedness and Emergency Operations within the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has asked the NBSB to provide objective, scientifically based advice and recommendations on the proposed Federal Education and Training Interagency Group (FETIG). The function of the proposed FETIG is to

serve as the coordinating mechanism for public health and medical disaster preparedness and response core curricula, training, and education across executive departments and agencies. The Disaster Medicine Working Group, formed by the National Biodefense Science Board on December 18, 2007, is in the process of reviewing the proposed FETIG draft Charter.

The purpose of the March 26th teleconference is for the NBSB to consider the assessment of the Disaster Medicine Working Group's review of the proposed FETIG draft charter and to provide recommendations to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services regarding the proposed FETIG draft charter and the coordination of core curricula, training, and education for public health and medical disaster preparedness. The public teleconference will include a report from the NBSB Disaster Medicine Working Group.

**Availability of Materials:** The draft agenda and other materials will be posted on the NBSB Web site at <http://www.hhs.gov/aspr/omsph/nbsb/index.html> prior to the meeting.

**Procedures for Providing Public Input:**

Interested members of the public may submit relevant written or oral information for the NBSB to consider. **Oral Statements:** In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public NBSB teleconference will be limited to three minutes per speaker, with no more than a total of one hour for all speakers. To be placed on the public speaker list, interested parties should contact CAPT Leigh A. Sawyer, Executive Director, in writing (preferably via e-mail), by March 19, 2008. **Written Statements:** In general, individuals or groups may file written comments with the committee. All written comments must be received prior to March 19, 2008 and should be sent by e-mail with "NBSB Public Comment" as the subject line or by regular mail to the Contact person listed above. Individuals who wish to participate on the public teleconference and need special assistance should notify the designated contact person by March 19, 2008.

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