

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Center for Injury Prevention and Control/Initial Review Group

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 meeting of the aforementioned review group:

Name: National Center for Injury Prevention and Control/Initial Review Group, (NCIPC/IRG).

Time and Date: 11 a.m.–12 noon, July 10, 2008 (closed).

Place: Teleconference.

Status: Portions of the meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in Section 552b(c) (4) and (6), Title 5, U.S.C., and the Determination of the Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, CDC, pursuant to Section 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463.

Purpose: This group is charged with providing advice and guidance to the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, and the Director, CDC, concerning the scientific and technical merit of grant and cooperative agreement applications received from academic institutions and other public and private profit and nonprofit organizations, including State and local government agencies, to conduct research on environmental exposures to hazardous substances.

Matters to be Discussed: The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of cooperative agreement applications submitted in response to Fiscal Year 2008 Requests for Applications related to the following individual research announcement: TS-08-003. This funding opportunity announcement solicits from the Association of Minority Health Professions Schools, a grant application to conduct substance-specific research to address research needs identified by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry for priority hazardous substances and to apply these findings to positively affect public health and environmental medicine in low-income and/or minority communities.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: J Felix Rogers, PhD., M.P.H., Telephone (770) 488-4334, NCIPC/ERPO, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway, NE., M/S F62, Atlanta, Georgia 30341-3724.

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 the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Dated: June 10, 2008.

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[Docket Number 139]

The Potential Modification of the NIOSH Statement of Standard for a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Full Facepiece Air-Purifying Respirator (APR)

AGENCY: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice of document available for public comment.

SUMMARY: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the opportunity for manufacturers and stakeholders to provide NIOSH with input on the potential modification of the NIOSH Statement of Standard for a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Full Facepiece Air-Purifying Respirator (APR), which would permit an alternative to the single standard 40-mm screw mounted canister for the Department of Defense. Authority: Occupational Safety and Health Act, 29 U.S.C. 651 *et seq.*

Public Comment Period: Submit input to the NIOSH Docket Office within 120 days from June 18, 2008.

Status: Written comments may be submitted to the NIOSH Docket Office, Robert A. Taft Laboratories, 4676 Columbia Parkway, M/S C 34, CBRN APR Mechanical Connector Design, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226, telephone (513) 533-8303, Facsimile (513) 533-8285.

All material submitted should reference NIOSH Docket number 139. Comments may be e-mailed to nioshdocket@cdc.gov. All electronic comments should be formatted as Microsoft Word.

All information received in response to this notice will be available for public examination and copies available at the NIOSH Docket Office, Room 111, 4674 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226.

Background: The National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory (NPPTL) is currently seeking stakeholder input regarding a request from the Department of Defense (DoD). The request is for a proposed modification to the CBRN APR Statement of Standard to allow for mechanical connectors other than the specified single 40-mm thread connector. The DoD is seeking modification of the standard to allow DoD first responders to use a newly developed respirator, the Joint Service General Protective Mask (JSGPM), for respiratory protection on military installations in the United States, or when called upon to support civil authorities. The JSGPM uses a bayonet mounted, dual filter design instead of the single standard 40-mm screw mounted canister. DoD's request is to supplement the existing NIOSH standard with an alternate design for DoD application. The DoD request to NIOSH for modification of the NIOSH Statement of Standard may be obtained from the NIOSH Docket Office using the contact information available above.

Because of their experiences in responding to the terrorist events of 2001, emergency responders identified the need for the interoperability of canisters and facepieces as a respirator user issue that NIOSH needed to address.

During the evolution of the CBRN Statement of Standard, NIOSH identified a single mechanical connector design requirement to support interchangeability of CBRN certified canisters and masks. The user community strongly encouraged requiring interoperable capability at all three public meetings held that discussed the requirements for the CBRN APR, and interoperability was strongly recommended in the 2002 Rand Report entitled, "Protecting Emergency Responders Lessons Learned from Terrorist Attacks." Through a collaborative approach with multiple partnerships, applicable military and industrial technologies were integrated by NIOSH in the CBRN APR standard to provide the full range of protection needed by emergency responders.

Working with the partnerships from Federal government agencies, the private sector, and user groups, NIOSH expedited development and publication of new testing and certification standards for voluntary use by