DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine
Announcement of Workshop on Natural Products

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As part of its strategic planning process, the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) invites the public to attend and observe at a Workshop on Natural Products. The purpose of this workshop is to inform the NCCAM’s third strategic plan by identifying particularly promising areas with the potential to yield new information about CAM natural product treatments.

The Workshop will take place on March 26, 2010 in Bethesda, Maryland. Those interested in CAM research are particularly encouraged to attend. Seating is limited.

Background: The National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM) was established in 1998 with the mission of exploring complementary and alternative healing practices in the context of rigorous science, training CAM researchers, and disseminating authoritative information to the public and professionals.

To date, NCCAM’s efforts to rigorously study CAM, to train CAM researchers, and to communicate with the public and professionals, have been guided by NCCAM’s previous strategic plans, located on the NCCAM Web site at http://nccam.nih.gov/about/plans. Participating: The Workshop will take place on March 26, 2010 from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information, visit the NCCAM Web site at http://nccam.nih.gov, call Carina May at 301–915–9763, or e-mail CMay@Thehillgroup.com.


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRW or Advisory Board), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

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 committee:

Time and Date: 11 a.m.–3 p.m., March 31, 2010.
Place: Audio Conference Call via FTS Conferencing. The USA toll free dial in number is 1(866)659–0537 with a pass code of 9933701.
Status: Open to the public, but without a public comment period.
Background: The Advisory Board was established under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to advise the President on a variety of policy and technical functions required to implement and effectively manage the new compensation program. Key functions of the Advisory Board include providing advice on the development of probability of causation guidelines which have been promulgated by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as a final rule, advice on methods of dose reconstruction which have also been promulgated by HHS as a final rule, advice on the scientific validity and quality of dose estimation and reconstruction efforts being performed for purposes of the compensation program, and advice on petitions to add classes of workers to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC).

In December 2000, the President delegated responsibility for funding, staffing, and operating the Advisory Board to HHS, which subsequently delegated this authority to the CDC. NIOSH implements this responsibility for CDC. The charter was issued on August 3, 2001, renewed at appropriate intervals, most recently, August 3, 2009, and will expire on August 3, 2011.

Purpose: This Advisory Board is charged with (a) Providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the development of guidelines under Executive Order 13179; (b) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the scientific validity and quality of dose reconstruction efforts performed for this program; and (c) upon request by the Secretary, HHS, advising the Secretary on whether there is a class of employees at any Department of Energy facility who were exposed to radiation but for whom it is not feasible to estimate their radiation dose, and on whether there is reasonable likelihood that such radiation doses may have endangered the health of members of this class.

Matters to be Discussed: The agenda for the conference call includes: SEC Petitions for: Canoga Avenue Facility (Los Angeles County, CA), University of Rochester Atomic Energy Project, Blockson Chemical, and Chapman Valve; NIOSH 10–Year Review of OCAS Program; OCAS Facility Records Search Methods; NIOSH Office of Compensation Analysis and Support Analysis of SEC Class Definitions; Board Subcommittee and Work Group Updates; and, OCAS SEC Petition Evaluations Update for May 2010 Board Meeting.

The agenda is subject to change as priorities dictate.

Because there is not a public comment period, written comments may be submitted. Any written comments received will be included in the official record of the meeting and should be submitted to the contact person below in advance of the meeting.

Contact Person for More Information:
Theodore M. Katz, M.P.A., Executive Secretary, NIOSH, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Mailstop E–20, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone: (513)533–6800, Toll Free: 1(800)CDC–INFO, E-mail oca@cdc.gov.

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.


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