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Dated: March 11, 2011.

Judith Sparrow,

Office of Programs and Coordination, Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HIT Standards Committee Advisory Meeting; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of a public advisory committee of the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC). The meeting will be open to the public.

Name of Committee: HIT Standards Committee.

General Function of the Committee: To provide recommendations to the National Coordinator on standards, implementation specifications, and certification criteria for the electronic exchange and use of health information for purposes of adoption, consistent with the implementation of the Federal Health IT Strategic Plan, and in accordance with policies developed by the HIT Policy Committee.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held on April 20, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m./Eastern Time.

Location: Renaissance Dupont Circle Hotel, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. For up-to-date information, go to the ONC Web site, <http://healthit.hhs.gov>.

Contact Person: Judy Sparrow, Office of the National Coordinator, HHS, 330 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20201, 202-205-4528, Fax: 202-690-6079, e-mail: judy.sparrow@hhs.gov. Please call the contact person for up-to-date information on this meeting. A notice in the **Federal Register** about last minute modifications that impact a previously announced advisory committee meeting cannot always be published quickly enough to provide timely notice.

Agenda: The committee will hear reports from its workgroups, including the Clinical Operations, Vocabulary Task Force, Clinical Quality, Implementation, and Enrollment Workgroups. ONC intends to make background material available to the public no later than two (2) business days prior to the meeting. If ONC is unable to post the background material on its Web site prior to the meeting, it will be made publicly available at the location of the advisory committee meeting, and the background material will be posted on ONC's Web site after the meeting, at <http://healthit.hhs.gov>.

Procedure: Interested persons may present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Written submissions may be made to the contact person on or before April 15, 2011. Oral comments from the public will be scheduled between approximately 2 and 3 p.m./Eastern Time. Time allotted for each presentation will be limited to three minutes each. If the number of speakers requesting to comment is

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Decision To Evaluate a Petition To Designate a Class of Employees From Mathieson Chemical Co., Pasadena, TX, 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: HHS gives notice as required by 42 CFR 83.12(e) of a decision to evaluate a petition to designate a class of employees from Mathieson Chemical Co., Pasadena, Texas, 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: Mathieson Chemical Co.

Location: Pasadena, Texas.

Job Titles and/or Job Duties: All employees.

Period of Employment: 1951 through October 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stuart L. Hinnefeld, Director, Division of Compensation Analysis and Support, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), 4676 Columbia Parkway, MS C-46, Cincinnati, OH 45226, Telephone 877-222-7570. Information requests can also be submitted by e-mail to DCAS@CDC.GOV.

John Howard,

Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

Part C (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 FR 67772-76, dated October 14, 1980, and corrected at 45 FR 69296, October 20, 1980, as amended most recently at 76, FR 1167, dated January 7, 2011) is amended to reflect the reorganization of the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases, Office of Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Section C-B, Organization and Functions, is hereby amended as follows:

Delete in their entirety the titles and functional statements for the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (CVLD) and insert the following:

Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (CVLD). The mission of the Division of Healthcare Quality Promotion (DHQP) is to protect patients; protect healthcare personnel; and promote safety, quality, and value in both national and international healthcare delivery systems. In carrying out its mission, DHQP: (1) Measures, validates, interprets, and responds to data relevant to healthcare-associated infections (HAI); antimicrobial resistance; adverse drug events; blood, organ and tissue safety; and immunization safety; and other related adverse events or medical errors in healthcare affecting patients and healthcare personnel; (2) investigates and responds to emerging infections and related adverse events among patients and healthcare personnel; (3) develops

and maintains the National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN), a tool for monitoring healthcare-associated infections, measuring healthcare outcomes and processes, and monitoring healthcare worker vaccination and selected health measures in healthcare facilities; (4) assesses rates of infections caused by resistant-bacteria in the U.S. through active surveillance, review of national healthcare data sets, and laboratory surveillance programs; (5) conducts epidemiologic, and basic and applied laboratory research to identify new strategies to prevent infections/antimicrobial resistance, and related adverse events or medical errors, especially those associated with medical or surgical procedures, indwelling medical devices, contaminated products, dialysis, and water; (6) collaborates with academic and public health partners to design, develop, and evaluate the efficacy of interventions for preventing infections and reducing antimicrobial resistance, and related adverse events or medical errors; (7) develops and disseminates evidence-based guidelines and recommendations to prevent and control HAI, antimicrobial resistance, and related adverse events or medical errors; (8) promotes the nationwide implementation of Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) recommendations and other evidence-based interventions to prevent HAI, antimicrobial resistance, and related adverse events or medical errors among patients and healthcare personnel; (9) evaluates the impact of evidence-based recommendations and interventions across the spectrum of healthcare delivery sites; (10) develops, implements, and evaluates the effectiveness of interventions to prevent transmission of healthcare-associated human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and other bloodborne pathogen, infections; (11) serves as the National Reference Laboratory for the identification and antimicrobial susceptibility testing of staphylococci, anaerobic bacteria, non-tuberculous mycobacterial, and those gram-negative bacilli causing healthcare associated infections; (12) serves as the technical reference laboratory for detection and characterization of other pathogens related to healthcare; and for characterizing the contribution of the healthcare environment to HAI; (13) coordinates guidance and research related to infection control across the agency and with national and international partners; (14) monitors vaccine safety and conducts research to

evaluate the safety of available and new vaccines; (15) promotes the integration of the healthcare delivery system in federal/state/local public health preparedness planning; (16) trains Epidemic Intelligence Service Officers and other trainees; (17) coordinates antimicrobial resistance activities at CDC; (18) works in a national leadership capacity with public and private organizations to enhance antimicrobial resistance prevention and control, surveillance and response, and applied research; (19) coordinates blood, organ, and other tissue safety at CDC; and (20) provides expertise and assistance to HHS and other Federal agencies on efforts and activities related to health reform.

Office of the Director (CVLD1). (1) Manages, directs, and coordinates the activities of the DHQP; (2) provides leadership and guidance on policy and communications/media; (3) works with Federal agencies, CDC's Office of Prevention through Healthcare, and other partners on activities related to Health Reform; (4) coordinates state and local activities to monitor and prevent HAI; (5) provides liaison with other governmental agencies, international organizations, and other outside groups; (6) coordinates, in collaboration with the appropriate CIO and CDC components, global health activities relating to the prevention of healthcare-associated infections/antimicrobial resistance, and related adverse events or medical errors; (7) coordinates activities, guidance, emergency response, and research related to infection control in healthcare settings across the agency and with national and international partners; (8) works with other federal agencies, state governments, medical societies, and other public and private organizations to promote collaboration and to integrate healthcare preparedness in federal/state/local public health preparedness planning; (9) oversees the coordination of antimicrobial resistance activities at CDC; (10) represents CDC as co-chair of the federal Interagency Task Force on Antimicrobial Resistance; (11) coordinates with other agencies, state governments, medical societies, and other public and private organizations to enhance antimicrobial resistance prevention and control, surveillance and response, and applied research; (12) leads CDC's activities on blood, organ, and other tissue safety; (13) represents CDC on the Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability and the Advisory Committee on Organ Transplantation; (14) works with other federal agencies, state governments, and