well as one clerical or administrative staff member, at $15 per hour, require such training, for a total burden of 39,804 hours (19,902 funeral homes × 2 hours total per establishment), and $925,443 ($35 + $23 + $20 + $15) × 8 hours per employee × 19,902 funeral homes).

The total labor cost of the three disclosure requirements imposed by the Funeral Rule is $3,139,620 ($1,343,385 + $90,545 + $1,705,690). The total labor cost for recordkeeping is $298,530. The total labor cost for disclosures, recordkeeping, and training is $4,363,593 ($3,139,620 for disclosures + $925,443 for recordkeeping + $298,530 for training).

Capital or other non-labor costs: The Rule imposes minimal capital costs and no current start-up costs. The Rule first took effect in 1984 and the revised Rule took effect in 1994, so funeral providers should already have in place necessary equipment to carry out tasks associated with Rule compliance. Moreover, most funeral homes already have access, for other business purposes, to the ordinary office equipment needed for compliance, so the Rule likely imposes minimal additional capital expense.

Compliance with the Rule, however, does entail some expense to funeral providers for printing and duplication of required disclosures. Assuming that one copy of the GPL is provided to consumers for each funeral or cremation conducted, at $2.25 per copy, as required by the Rule,14 this would amount to 2,436,682 copies per year at a cumulative industry cost of $624,171 (2,436,682 funerals per year × $2.25 per price list). In addition, the funeral providers that furnish consumers with an SFGSS solely because of the Rule’s mandate will incur additional printing and copying costs. Assuming that those 2,587 providers (19,902 funeral providers × 13%) use the standard two-page form SFGSS shown in the compliance guide, at twenty-five cents per copy, at an average of twenty funerals per year, the added cost burden would be $12,935 (2,587 providers × 20 funerals per year × $0.25). Thus, estimated non-labor costs total $367,106.

Request for Comment
You can file a comment online or on paper. For the Commission to consider your comment, we must receive it on or before July 5, 2011. Write “Paperwork Comment: FTC File No. P084401” on your comment. Your comment—

12 See note 2 and accompanying text.
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All Atomic Weapons Employees who worked at the Linde Ceramics Plant in Tonawanda, New York, from January 1, 1954 through December 31, 1969, for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days, occurring either solely under this employment, 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 May 21, 2011, 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 addition to the SEC.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The ACBSA shall provide advice to the Secretary through the Assistant Secretary for Health. The Committee shall advise on a range of policy issues to include: (1) Definition of public health parameters around safety and availability of the blood supply and blood products, (2) broad public health, ethical and legal issues related to transfusion, and transplantation safety, and (3) the implications for safety and availability of various economic factors affecting product cost and supply.

In keeping with its established mission, the Committee will also be asked to review and provide comments to the Department on two World Health Assembly (WHA) resolutions related to transfusion, and transplantation safety. http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA63/A63_R22-en.pdf On June 7, 2011, the Committee will be asked to review the WHA 63.22 on human organ and tissue transplantation and if appropriate, make recommendations on areas of enhanced safety. Specifically areas of collecting data including adverse events and reactions on the practices, safety, quality, efficacy, epidemiology and ethics of donations and transplantation will be considered as it relates to safety. Concerns for a globally consistent coding system for human cells, tissues and organs to facilitate national and international traceability of materials of human origin for transplantation will be solicited. In addition, the Committee will be asked for comments or recommendations on developing and promoting international best practices.

On June 8, 2011, the Committee will be asked to review and comment on WHA 63.12 regarding the availability, safety and quality of blood products. http://apps.who.int/ibllib/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA63/A63_R12-en.pdf Specifically the Committee will be asked to review the current status of safe and rational use of blood products in patient blood management and assess the current status in the U.S.

In addition, the Committee will be asked to comment on the areas of safety and sustainability of providing blood and blood products that should be addressed by the Committee in future meetings.

The public will have the opportunity to present their views to the Committee during a public comment session scheduled for June 7, 2011. Comments will be limited to five minutes per speaker and must be pertinent to the discussion. Pre-registration is required for participation in the public comment session. Any member of the public who would like to participate in this session is encouraged to contact the Executive Secretary at his/her earliest convenience to register for time (limited to 5 minutes) and registration must be prior to close of business on June 3, 2011. If it is not possible to provide 30 copies of the material to be distributed, then individuals are requested to provide a minimum of one (1) copy of the document(s) to be distributed prior to 11:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on June 6, 2011. It is also requested that any member of the public who wishes to provide comments to the Committee utilizing electronic data projection to submit the necessary material to the Executive Secretary prior to the close of business on June 6, 2011. Electronic comments must adhere to disability accessibility guidelines (Section 508 compliance).


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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Meeting of the Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion, and Integrative and Public Health

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given that a web meeting is scheduled to be held for the Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion, and Integrative and Public Health (the “Advisory Group”). The web meeting will be open to the public. Information about the Advisory