

appropriate; (4) advise on grants, cooperative agreements, contracts, or other transactions, as applicable; (5) provide other advice to the Director, as requested, to fulfill duties under sections 301 and 311; and (6) appoint subcommittees. The ACD, CDC consists of up to 15 non-federal members, including the Chair, knowledgeable in areas pertinent to the CDC mission, such as health policy, public health, global health, preparedness, preventive medicine, the faith-based and community-based sector, and allied fields.

**Purpose:** The establishment and formation of the ACD, Communications and Public Engagement Workgroup (CPEW) is to provide input to the Committee on agency-wide activities related to how CDC communicates directly and more effectively with the public, with a focus on reaching local communities with messages. Effective communication with the public includes, but is not limited to: (1) building relationships and mechanisms to communicate via trusted messengers, including but not limited to, clinicians, faith and community leaders, and health department officials at the national, state and local levels; (2) improving risk communication practices; (3) delivering more action-oriented and focused communications to help people protect their health (e.g., effective messages and storytelling); (4) tailoring our messages and communications methods, as appropriate, to audiences, particularly for historically marginalized communities; and (5) increasing transparency by stepping up the pace, content and reach of our communications (e.g., considering impact of different communications channels, such as blogs, TV interviews, emerging platforms).

The CPEW membership consists of approximately 15 members. It is co-chaired by two current ACD, CDC Special Government Employees. The CPEW co-chairs will present their findings, observations, and work products at one or more ACD, CDC meetings for discussion, deliberation, and decisions (final recommendations to CDC).

**Nomination Criteria:** CPEW members will serve terms ranging from six months to one year and be required to attend CPEW meetings approximately once per month (virtually or in person), and contribute time in between meetings for research, consultation, discussion, and writing assignments.

Nominations are being sought for individuals who have the expertise and qualifications necessary to contribute to the accomplishments of the

committee's/workgroup's objectives. Nominees will be selected based on expertise in the fields of communications, including public relations, health communication, risk communication, communication research, and marketing; community and partner engagement; public health science and practice, including implementation; and behavioral science/behavior change campaigns. Federal employees will not be considered for membership. Selection of members is based on candidates' qualifications to contribute to the accomplishment of the CPEW's objectives.

HHS policy stipulates that membership be balanced in terms of points of view represented and the workgroup's function. Appointments shall be made without discrimination based on age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, HIV status, disability, and cultural, religious, or socioeconomic status. Nominees must be U.S. citizens and cannot be full-time employees of the U.S. Government. Current participation on federal workgroups or prior experience serving on a federal advisory committee does not disqualify a candidate; however, HHS policy is to avoid excessive individual service on advisory committees and multiple committee memberships. Interested candidates should submit the following items:

- A one-half to one-page cover letter that includes your understanding of, and commitment to, the time and work necessary; one to two sentences on your background and experience; and one to two sentences on the skills/perspective you would bring to the CPEW.
- At least one letter of recommendation from person(s) not employed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (Candidates may submit letter(s) from current HHS employees if they wish, but at least one letter must be submitted by a person not employed by an HHS agency (e.g., CDC, NIH, FDA, etc.).
- Current curriculum vitae which highlights the experience and work history being sought relevant to the criteria set forth above, including complete contact information (telephone numbers, mailing address, email address).

Nominations may be submitted by the candidate him or herself, or by the person/organization recommending the candidate.

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**Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Meeting of the Mine Safety and Health Research Advisory Committee

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting of the Mine Safety and Health Research Advisory Committee (MSHRAC). This is a hybrid meeting, accessible both in person and virtually. It is open to the public and limited only by the space available and the number of web conference lines available. Time will be available for public comment.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on April 17, 2024, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:10 p.m., EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** Mine Safety and Health Administration's Approval and Certification Center, 765 Technology Drive, Triadelphia, West Virginia 26059. The conference room accommodates approximately 49 people.

Please note that the meeting location is a Federal facility and in-person access is limited to U.S. citizens unless prior authorizations, taking up to 30 to 60 days, have been made.

If you wish to attend the meeting either in person or virtually, please contact Ms. Berni Metzger by email at [Metzger@cdc.gov](mailto:Metzger@cdc.gov) or by phone at (412) 386-4541 at least 5 business days in advance of the meeting. If you are attending virtually, she will provide you with the Zoom web conference access information (500 web conference lines are available).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steven Mischler, Ph.D., Designated Federal Officer, Mine Safety and Health

Research Advisory Committee, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 626 Cochran's Mill Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15236. Telephone: (412) 386-5688; Email: [SMischler@cdc.gov](mailto:SMischler@cdc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Purpose:** The Mine Safety and Health Research Advisory Committee is charged with providing advice to the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services; the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and the Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), on priorities in mine safety and health research, including grants and contracts for such research, 30 U.S.C. 812(b)(2), Section 102(b)(2).

**Matters To Be Considered:** The agenda will include discussions on NIOSH mining safety and health research organizational structure, capabilities, projects, and outcomes, as well as a verbal report from the Mace Development Workgroup. The meeting will also include an update from the NIOSH Associate Deputy Director, Mine Safety and Research. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

#### Public Participation

**Written Public Comment:** The public may submit written comments or questions in advance of the meeting, to the Designated Federal Officer (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** above). Written comments received in advance of the meeting will be included in the official record of the meeting, and questions will be answered during the oral comment period open to public participation.

**Oral Public Comment:** The meeting will include time for members of the public to make an oral comment. The public comment session will be held on April 17, 2024, at 3:30 p.m., EDT, or the conclusion of the planned presentations, whichever comes first. Members of the public will be allocated 5 to 10 minutes each for presentations or comments, as a function of the number of commenters.

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Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Meeting of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) announces a meeting of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH or the Advisory Board). This meeting is open to the public, with a public comment period. The public is welcome to submit written comments in advance of the meeting, to the contact person below. Written comments received in advance of the meeting will be included in the official record of the meeting. The public is also welcomed to listen to the meeting by joining the teleconference (information below). The audio conference line has 150 ports for callers.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on April 17, 2024, from 9:15 a.m. to 6 p.m., EDT. A public comment session will be held at 5 p.m. and will conclude at 6 p.m. or following the final call for public comment, whichever comes first.

Written comments must be received on or before April 10, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by mail to: Rashaun Roberts, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, MS C-24, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226.

**Meeting Information:** The USA toll-free dial-in numbers are: +1 669 254 5252 US (San Jose); +1 646 828 7666 US (New York). The Meeting ID is: 160 6763 3819 and the Passcode is: 98685439; Web conference by Zoom meeting connection: <https://cdc.zoomgov.com/j/16067633819?pwd=RUDiYXIZZHFKanpJ0HZrcGJlbTlaZz09>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Rashaun Roberts, Ph.D., Designated Federal Officer, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, Mailstop C-24, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226, Telephone (513) 533-6800, Toll Free 1(800) 232-4636, Email: [ocas@cdc.gov](mailto:ocas@cdc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**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 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health implements this responsibility for CDC.

The charter was issued on August 3, 2001, renewed at appropriate intervals, and rechartered under Executive Order 14109 on March 22, 2022, and will terminate on March 22, 2024.

**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 (DOE) 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 Considered:** The agenda will include discussions on the