DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Study Team for the Los Alamos Historical Document Retrieval and Assessment (LAHdra) Project

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) announces the following meeting:

Name: Public Meeting of the Study Team for the Los Alamos Historical Document Retrieval and Assessment Project

Time and Date: 5 p.m.–7 p.m., (Mountain Time), Wednesday, July 23, 2008.

Place: Cities of Gold Hotel, Nambo Conference Room, Cities of Gold Road exit in Pojoaque (15 miles north of Santa Fe on U.S. 84/285), 10–2 Cities of Gold Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87506, telephone (505) 455–0516, fax (505) 455–3060.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 200 people.

Background: Under a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed in December 1990 with the Department of Energy (DOE) and replaced by MOUs signed in 1996 and 2000, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) was given the responsibility and resources for conducting analytic epidemiologic investigations of residents of communities in the vicinity of DOE facilities, workers at DOE facilities, and other persons potentially exposed to radiation or to potential hazards from non-nuclear energy production use. HHS delegated program responsibility to CDC.

In addition, a memo was signed in October 1990 and renewed in November 1992, 1996, and in 2000, between the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) and DOE. The MOU delineates the responsibilities and procedures for ATSDR’s public health activities at DOE sites required under sections 104, 105, 107, and 120 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or a Superfund). These activities include health consultations and public health assessments at DOE sites listed on, or proposed for, the Superfund National Priorities List and at sites that are the subject of petitions from the public; and other health-related activities such as epidemiologic studies, health surveillance, exposure and disease registries, health education, substance-specific applied research, emergency response, and preparation of toxicological profiles.

Purpose: This study group is charged with locating, evaluating, cataloging, and copying documents that contain information about historical chemical or radionuclide releases from facilities at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) since its inception. The purpose of this meeting is to review the goals, methods, and schedule of the project, discuss progress to date, provide a forum for community interaction, and serve as a vehicle for members of the public to express concerns and provide advice to CDC.

Matters To Be Discussed: Agenda items include a presentation from the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) and its contractor regarding the status of project work and a summary of recent activities, such as reviews of documents held by LANL groups and divisions and information gathering that has targeted key information gaps that remain. Activities that will be undertaken to complete work by the LAHdra contractor team within 2009 will be described. There will also be a photographic display and brief presentation by Peter Malmegren of Chimayo, New Mexico, regarding his “Los Alamos Revisited” oral history project. A representative of the Radiation Exposure Screening and Education Program (RESEP) has been invited to review the goals and activities of that program. Administered by the Federal Health Resources and Services Administration, RESEP helps individuals who live (or lived) in areas where U.S. nuclear weapons testing occurred. Thers will be time for public input, questions, and comments. All agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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Closed-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus—NIOSH Docket # 039: Supplied Air Respirators—NIOSH Docket # 083: Reevaluation of NIOSH Limitations on and Precaution for Safe Use of Positive-Pressure Closed-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus—NIOSH Docket # 123; CBRN APR Mechanical Connector Design—NIOSH Docket # 139

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 public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of the following public meeting to discuss current respirator standards and development projects for Closed-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus; Supplied Air Respirators; Reevaluation of NIOSH Limitations on and Precaution for Safe Use of Positive-Pressure Closed-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus; and the Mechanical Connector Design in the Chemical Biological Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Air-Purifying Respirator (APR).

Authority: Occupational Safety and Health Act, 29 U.S.C. 651 et seq. There will be an opportunity for discussion following NIOSH’s presentations and an accompanying poster session.

Public Meeting Time and Date: 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. EDT, August 20, 2008. On-site registration will be held from 7:45 a.m. until 8:30 a.m.

Place: Sheraton Station Square, 300 West Station Square Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219–1122. Interested parties should make hotel reservations directly with the Sheraton Station Square, telephone (412) 803–3865, before the cut-off date of July 22, 2008. You must reference the NIOSH/NPPTL public meeting to receive the special group rate of $108.00 per night that has
been negotiated for meeting guests. Driving directions can be found at http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/area/directions.html?propertyID=693.

Status: The meeting will be open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 200 people.

Requests to make presentations at the public meeting should be mailed to the NIOSH Docket Office, Robert A. Taft Laboratories, 4676 Columbia Parkway, M/S C34, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226, telephone (513) 533–8301, facsimile (513) 533–8255, or e-mailed to nioshdocket@cdc.gov. All requests to present should contain the name, address, and telephone number, relevant business affiliations of the presenter, a brief summary of the presentation, and the approximate time requested for the presentation. Oral presentations should be limited to 15 minutes.

After reviewing the requests for presentations, NIOSH will notify each presenter of the approximate time that their presentation is scheduled to begin. If a participant is not present when their presentation is scheduled to begin, the remaining participants will be heard in order. At the conclusion of the meeting, an attempt will be made to allow presentations by any scheduled participants who missed their assigned times. Attendees who wish to speak but did not submit a request for the opportunity to make a presentation may be given this opportunity at the conclusion of the meeting, at the discretion of the presiding officer.

Background: National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory (NPPTL), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) will present information to attendees concerning the development of the concepts and priorities being considered for the development of standards for the various classes of respirators. Participants will be given an opportunity to ask questions and to present individual comments that they may wish to have considered.

Contact Person for Technical Information: Jonathan V. Szalajda, General Engineer, The National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory (NPPTL), Policy and Standards Development Branch, Post Office Box 18070, 626 Cochran Mill Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15236, telephone (412) 386–5200, facsimile (412) 386–4089, e-mail npptlevents@cdc.gov. Information regarding documents that will be discussed at the meeting may be obtained from the NIOSH Web site using this link: http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/review/public/using the NIOSH docket numbers listed above.

Dated: June 26, 2008.
James D. Seligman,
Chief Information Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

[Document Identifier: CMS–37 and CMS–R–43]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the Agency’s function; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

1. Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Medicaid Program Budget Report; Use: The Medicaid Program Budget Report is prepared by the State Medicaid agencies and is used by CMS for developing national Medicaid budget estimates, qualification of budget estimate changes, and the issuance of quarterly Medicaid grant awards.

Form Number: CMS–37 (OMB# 0938–0101); Frequency: Quarterly; Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Governments; Number of Respondents: 56; Total Annual Responses: 224; Total Annual Hours: 7,616.

2. Type of Information Collection Request: Extension of a currently approved collection; Title of Information Collection: Conditions of Participation for Portable X-ray Suppliers and Supporting Regulations in 42 CFR 486.104, 486.106, 486.110; Use: These requirements contained in this information collection request are classified as conditions of participation or conditions for coverage. These conditions are based on a provision specified in law relating to diagnostic X-ray tests “furnished in a place of residence used as the patient’s home,” and are designed to ensure that each supplier has a properly trained staff to provide the appropriate type and level of care, as well as, a safe physical environment for patients. CMS uses these conditions to certify suppliers of portable X-ray services wishing to participate in the Medicare program. This is standard medical practice and is necessary in order to help ensure the well-being, safety and quality professional medical treatment accountability for each patient. Form Number: CMS–R–43 (OMB# 0938–0338); Frequency: Yearly; Affected Public: Business or other for-profit and not-for-profit institutions; Number of Respondents: 726; Total Annual Responses: 726; Total Annual Hours: 1,15.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS Web site address at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/PaperworkReductionActof1995, or e-mail your request, including your name, address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786–1326.

To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations for the proposed information collections must be received by the OMB desk officer at the address below, no later than 5 p.m. on August 4, 2008.


Dated: June 26, 2008.

Michelle Shortt,
Director, Regulations Development Group, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs.

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