DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Sleep Disorders Research Advisory Board. The meeting will be open to the public, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

Name of Committee: Sleep Disorders Research Advisory Board.

Date: April 29, 2015.

Time: 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To discuss and provide updates on NIH Sleep Research, the NIH Sleep Disorders Research Plan and inter-agency coordination activities, planning for.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Suite 10038, Bethesda, MD 20892–7952, 301–435–0199 twerym@nhlbi.nih.gov.

Contact Person: Michael J. Twery, Ph.D., Director, National Center on Sleep Disorders Research, Division of Lung Diseases, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Suite 10038, Bethesda, MD 20892–7952, 301–435–0199 twerym@nhlbi.nih.gov.

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 that 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).

Purpose: The 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, advise 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. The Subcommittee for Dose Reconstruction Reviews was established to aid the Advisory Board in carrying out its duty to advise the Secretary, HHS, on dose reconstruction.

Matters for Discussion: The agenda for the Subcommittee meeting includes the following dose reconstruction program quality management and assurance activities: Current findings from NIOSH and Advisory Board dose reconstruction blind reviews; dose reconstruction cases under review including Pacific Proving Grounds, DuPont Deepwater Works, and cases from Sets 14–18, including the Oak Ridge sites (Y–12, K–25, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and Savannah River Site; plans for dose reconstruction case reviews; preparation of the Advisory Board’s next report to the Secretary, HHS, summarizing the results of completed dose reconstruction reviews.

The agenda is subject to change as priorities dictate.

Contact Person For More Information: Theodore Katz, Designated Federal Officer, NIOSH, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, Mailstop E–20, Atlanta, GA 30333, Telephone (513) 533–6800, Toll Free 1 (800) CDC–INFO, Email ocas@cdc.gov.

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Elaine L. Baker,
Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Subcommittee for Dose Reconstruction Reviews (SDRR), Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH or the 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 for the aforementioned subcommittee:

Time and Date: 10:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. EDT, April 14, 2015.

Place: Audio Conference Call via FTS Conferencing.

Status: Open to the public, but without 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 welcome to listen to the meeting by joining the teleconference at the USA toll-free, dial-in number is 1–866–659–0537 and the pass code is 9933701.

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In December 2000, the President delegated responsibility for funding, staffing, and operating the Advisory Board to HHS, which subsequently delegated this authority to CDC. NIOSH implements this responsibility for CDC. The charter was issued on August 3, 2001, renewed at appropriate intervals, and will expire on August 3, 2015.

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The agenda is subject to change as priorities dictate.

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Place: CDC, Building 19, Rooms 256/257, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30333.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 50 people. The public is welcome to participate during the public comment period, which is tentatively scheduled from 5:30 to 5:45 p.m. This meeting is also available by teleconference, please dial (866) 763–0273 and enter code 6158968.

Purpose: The Subcommittee will provide advice to the CDC Director through the ACD on strategic and other health disparities and health equity issues and provide guidance on opportunities for CDC.

Matters To Be Discussed: The Health Disparities Subcommittee members will discuss health equity in injury prevention, progress toward the ACD, CDC-approved Health Disparities Subcommittee recommendations, and updates on selected priorities of the Health Disparities Subcommittee.

The agenda is subject to change as priorities dictate.

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Contact Person For More Information:
Leandris Liburd, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.A., Designated Federal Officer, Health Disparities Subcommittee, Advisory Committee to the Director, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road NE., M/S K–77, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, Telephone 770–488–8343, Email: LEL1@cdc.gov.

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Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Food and Drug Administration
[Docket No. FDA–2015–N–0797]

The Food and Drug Administration Food Safety Modernization Act: Focus on Implementation Strategy for Prevention-Oriented Food Safety Standards; Public Meeting and Establishment of Docket

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting and establishment of docket.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA or we) is announcing the establishment of a docket to obtain comments that will inform our development of FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) implementation work plans. FDA is also announcing a public meeting entitled “FDA Food Safety Modernization Act: Focus on Implementation Strategy for Prevention-Oriented Food Safety Standards.” At the public meeting, we will share our current thinking on our operational strategy for implementation work plans. We will also provide interested persons an opportunity to provide input on this operational strategy and the risk-based industry oversight framework that is at the core of FSMA.

DATES: See section III, “How to Participate in the Public Meeting” in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document for dates and times of the public meeting, closing dates for advance registration, requesting special accommodations due to disability, and information on deadlines for submitting either electronic or written comments to FDA’s Division of Dockets Management.

ADDRESSES: See section III, “How to Participate in the Public Meeting” in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about registering for the meeting or to register by phone: Courtney Treece, Planning Professionals Ltd., 1210 West McDermott Dr., suite 111, Allen, TX 75013, 704–258–4983, FAX: 469–854–6992, email: ctreece@planningprofessionals.com.

For general questions about the meeting or for special accommodations due to a disability: Juanita Yates, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (HFS–009), Food and Drug Administration, 5100 Paint Branch Pkwy., College Park, MD 20740, 240–402–1731, email: Juanita.yates@fda.hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) (Pub. L. 111–353), signed into law by President Obama on January 4, 2011, enables FDA to better protect public health by helping to ensure the safety and security of the food supply. FSMA amends the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to establish the foundation of a modernized, prevention-based food safety system. Among other things, FSMA requires FDA to issue regulations regarding produce safety, preventive controls for foods for humans and animals, intentional adulteration, the foreign supplier verification program (FSVP), and the FDA third-party accreditation program.

While FSMA reinforces industry’s primary role and responsibility for food safety, it also builds on and strengthens FDA’s oversight role in establishing food safety standards, fostering compliance with those standards through guidance and technical assistance, and enforcing the standards to protect public health when problems occur. In fact, more so than ever before, we are called upon by FSMA to play a central leadership and operational role in the future global food safety system. Meeting this challenge—and successfully implementing FSMA’s new prevention-oriented, systems approach to food safety—necessitates a new strategy for how we perform our food safety role and meet our new responsibilities.

On May 2, 2014, we released our “Operational Strategy for Implementing the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA),” available electronically at http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceRegulation/FSMA/ucm395105.htm, to guide the next phase of FSMA implementation. The operational strategy broadly outlines our approach to food safety and the operational strategy for our food safety program and implementation of FSMA after the rulemaking is complete. Within the “Operational Strategy for Implementing FSMA,” there is an appendix that outlines guiding principles for how the operational strategy can be implemented with respect to food and feed facilities, produce safety standards, and import oversight. The guiding principles include the following: Expanding inspection and surveillance; administering new administrative enforcement tools; developing guidance, education, and technical assistance tools; and building a prevention-oriented import system.