DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA–2016–0001]

National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Announcement of special meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH) will hold a special meeting on March 4, 2016, in Washington, DC, to consider and make recommendations on OSHA’s draft Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines.

DATES: NACOSH will meet from 2 to 5 p.m., Friday, March 4, 2016.

Comments, requests to speak, speaker presentations, requests for special accommodations and requests to attend the meeting by teleconference: You must submit (postmark, send, transmit) comments, requests to address NACOSH, speaker presentations, requests for special accommodations for the NACOSH meeting and requests to attend the meeting by teleconference by Wednesday, February 24, 2016.


Submission of comments, requests to speak and speaker presentations: You may submit comments and requests to speak at the NACOSH meeting, identified by the docket number for this Federal Register notice (Docket No. OSHA–2016–0001), by one of the following methods:

Electronically: You may submit materials, including attachments, electronically at http://www.regulations.gov, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the online instructions for making submissions.

Facsimile: If your submission, including attachments, does not exceed 10 pages, you may fax it to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–1648.

Regular mail, express mail, hand delivery, or messenger/courier service (hard copy): You may submit your materials to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA–2016–0001, Room N–2625, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693–2350 (TTY (887) 889–5627), OSHA’s Docket Office accepts deliveries (hand deliveries, express mail, and messenger/courier service) during normal business hours, 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. e.t., weekdays.

Requests for special accommodations and requests to attend the meeting by teleconference: Please submit requests for special accommodations to attend the NACOSH meeting and requests to attend the meeting by teleconference, by email, telephone, or hard copy to Ms. Gretta Jameson, OSHA Office of Communications, Room N–3647, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693–1999 (TTY (887) 889–5627); email jameson.grettah@dol.gov.

Instructions: Your submissions must include the Agency name and the docket number for this Federal Register notice (Docket No. OSHA–2016–0001). Due to security-related procedures, submissions by regular mail may experience significant delays. Please contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about security procedures for making submissions by hand delivery, express delivery, or messenger/courier service. For additional information about submissions, see the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section of this notice.

OSHA will post in the NACOSH docket, without change, any comments, requests to speak, and speaker presentations, including any personal information that you provide. Therefore, OSHA cautions interested parties about submitting personal information such as Social Security numbers and birthdates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For press inquiries: Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, Room N–3647, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693–1999 (TTY (887) 889–5627); email meilinger.francis2@dol.gov.

For general information: Ms. Michelle Walker, Director, OSHA Technical Data Center, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Room N–2625, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693–2350 (TTY (887) 889–5627); email walker.michelle@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NACOSH will hold a special meeting on Friday, March 4, 2016, in Washington, DC. The purpose of this special meeting is to allow NACOSH to consider and make recommendations on OSHA’s draft Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines. Some NACOSH members may attend by teleconference. NACOSH meetings are open to the public.

NACOSH was established by Section 7(a) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSH Act) (29 U.S.C. 651, 656) to advise, consult with and make recommendations to the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on matters relating to the administration of the OSH Act. NACOSH is a continuing advisory committee of indefinite duration.

NACOSH operates in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. 2), its implementing regulations (41 CFR part 102–3), and OSHA’s regulations on NACOSH (29 CFR part 1912a).

OSHA transcribes and prepares detailed minutes of NACOSH meetings. OSHA posts the transcripts and minutes in the public docket along with written comments, speaker presentations, and other materials submitted to NACOSH or presented at NACOSH meetings.

Public Participation, Submissions and Access to Public Record

All NACOSH meetings are open to the public. Individuals attending NACOSH meetings at the U.S. Department of Labor must enter the building at the Visitors’ Entrance at 3rd and C Streets NW., and pass through building security. Persons attending the meeting must have valid government-issued photo identification (e.g., driver’s license) to enter the building. For additional information about attending the NACOSH meeting (in person or by teleconference), please contact Ms. Jameson (see ADDRESSES section).

Individuals requesting special accommodations to attend the NACOSH meeting and requesting to attend the meeting by teleconference should contact Ms. Jameson.

Submission of comments: You may submit comments using one of the methods listed in the ADDRESSES section. Your submission must include the Agency name and docket number for this Federal Register notice (Docket No. OSHA–2016–0001). OSHA will provide copies of any submissions to the NACOSH members.

Because of security-related procedures, submissions by regular mail may experience significant delays. For information about security procedures for submitting materials by hand delivery, express mail, and messenger/courier service, please contact the OSHA Docket Office.

Requests to speak and speaker presentations: If you want to address NACOSH at the meeting you must submit a request to speak, as well as any written or electronic presentation, by
February 24, 2016, using one of the methods listed in the ADDRESSES section. Your request must state:  

- The amount of time requested to speak;  
- The interest you represent (e.g., business, organization, affiliation), if any; and  
- A brief outline of the presentation.

PowerPoint presentations and other electronic materials must be compatible with PowerPoint 2010 and other Microsoft Office 2010 formats. The NACOSH Chair may grant requests to address NACOSH as time and circumstances permit.

Public docket of NACOSH meetings: OSHA places comments, requests to speak, and speaker presentations, including any personal information you provide, in the NACOSH docket, without change. Those documents also may be available online at http://www.regulations.gov. Therefore, OSHA cautions you about submitting certain personal information such as Social Security numbers and birthdates.

OSHA also places in the NACOSH docket meeting transcripts, meeting minutes, documents presented at the NACOSH meeting, and other documents pertaining to the NACOSH meetings. These documents may be available online at http://www.regulations.gov. Access to the public record of NACOSH meetings: To read or download documents in the NACOSH docket, go to Docket No. OSHA–2016–0026 at http://www.regulations.gov. The index for that Web page lists all of the documents in the docket; however, some documents (e.g., copyrighted materials) are not publicly available through that Web page. All documents in the NACOSH docket, including materials not available through http://www.regulations.gov, are available in the OSHA Docket Office. Please contact the OSHA Docket Office for assistance in making submissions to, or obtaining materials from, the NACOSH docket.

Electronic copies of this Federal Register notice are available at http://www.regulations.gov. This notice, as well as news releases and other relevant information, also are available on OSHA’s Web page at http://www.osha.gov.

Authority and Signature

David Michaels, Ph.D., MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, directed the preparation of this notice under the authority granted by 29 U.S.C. 656; 5 U.S.C. App. 2; 29 CFR part 1912; 41 CFR part 2–3; and Secretary of Labor’s Order No. 1–2012 (77 FR 3912 (1/25/2012)).

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 11, 2016.

David Michaels,
Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
[Docket No. OSHA–2012–0026]

Regulations Containing Procedures for Handling of Retaliation Complaints; Revision of Approved Information Collection (Paperwork) Requirements for Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Approval

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Request for public comments.

SUMMARY: OSHA solicits public comments concerning its proposal to extend and revise the collections of information currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for handling of retaliation complaints filed with OSHA under various whistleblower protection statutes and the procedural regulations described in this notice. These regulations contain procedures employees must use to file a complaint with OSHA alleging that their employer violated a whistleblower protection provision contained in certain statutes that generally prohibit retaliatory action by employers against employees who engage in activities protected by the statutes. The collections of information include revisions to the form for employees to submit retaliation complaints to OSHA, including electronic submission.

DATES: Comments must be submitted (postmarked, sent, or received) by April 18, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Electronically: You may submit comments and attachments electronically at http://www.regulations.gov, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for submitting comments.

Facsimile: If your comments, including attachments, are not longer than 10 pages, you may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–1648. Mail, hand delivery, express mail, messenger or courier service: When using this method, you must submit your comments and attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, OSHA Docket No. OSHA–2012–0026, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Room N–2625, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210. Deliveries (hand, express mail, messenger and courier service) are accepted during the Department of Labor’s and Docket Office’s normal business hours, 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., e.t.

Instructions: All submissions must include the Agency name and OSHA docket number (OSHA–2012–0026) for the Information Collection Request (ICR). All comments, including any personal information you provide, are placed in the public docket without change, and may be made available online at http://www.regulations.gov. For further information on submitting comments see the “Public Participation” heading in the section of this notice titled SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

Docket: To read or download comments or other material in the docket, go to http://www.regulations.gov or the OSHA Docket Office at the address above. All documents in the docket (including this Federal Register notice) are listed in the http://www.regulations.gov index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download from the Web site. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. You may also contact the Directorate of Whistleblower Protection Programs at the address below to obtain a copy of the ICR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: MaryAnn Garrahan, Director, Directorate of Whistleblower Protection Programs, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N–4624, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693–2199; email Garrahan.MaryAnn@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Department of Labor, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent (e.g., an employee filing a retaliation complaint) burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on proposed and continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program ensures that information is in the desired format, reporting burden (time and costs) is minimal, collection instruments are clearly understood, and