DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Initial Review

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 a meeting for the initial review of applications in response to “Miner Safety and Health Training Program—Western United States (U60)” RFA–OH–17–001.

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The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign Federal 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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Announcement of Requirements and Registration for the “Enviro Health App Challenge” and Challenge Kick-Off Webinar

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) located within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announces the launch of the Enviro Health App Challenge and Challenge Kick-off Webinar. The CDC’s Environmental Public Health Tracking Network (Tracking Network: ephinaturaltracking.cdc.gov/showHome.action) serves as the focus of this Challenge. The Tracking Network is a multi-tiered, Web-based surveillance system with components at CDC, as well as within 25 states and New York City. The data, information, and tools provided are readily accessible to help users identify or investigate environmental health problems; and plan and evaluate programs and policies to address those problems.

With the Enviro Health App Challenge (the Challenge) we are seeking innovative uses for the Tracking Network data that explore the connections between the environment and health.

The Challenge consists of a 12-week idea submission period. Participants will compete for prizes within a $30,000 prize pot.

AWARD APPROVING OFFICIAL: Anne Schuchat, MD (RADM, USPHS), Acting Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Acting Administrator, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

DATES: The Challenge is effective April 13, 2017 and will conclude July 19, 2017.

The Challenge Kick-off Webinar is scheduled for April 19, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Please see SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for information on how to register for the Kick-off Webinar.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Environmental causes of chronic diseases are challenging to identify. Measuring amounts of hazardous substances in our environment in a standardized way, understanding how these hazardous substances change over time and geographic area, and understanding how they may cause illness is critical.

Since 2002, CDC and its local, state, and federal partners have been working to better integrate health and environmental data in order to provide a foundation for improved coordination, assessment and control of health conditions that may be related to the environment through the National Environmental Public Health Tracking (Tracking) Program. The cornerstone of this program, the Tracking Network, is an environmental public health surveillance system providing access to over 400 environmental and health measures for communities across the nation. The Tracking Network is a tool that can help connect these efforts. We want to increase public awareness that the Tracking Network data may help people understand the connections between environmental hazards and chronic illness.

The Challenge timeline is: