

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.

**Background:** The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health met on January 8, 2003, in closed session to discuss the Proposed Independent Government Cost Estimate (IGCE) for a contract. This contract, once awarded, will provide technical support to assist the Board in fulfilling its statutory duty to advise the Secretary of Health and Human Services regarding the dose reconstruction efforts under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act. A Determination to Close the meeting was approved and published, as required by the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**Summary of the Meeting:** Attendance was as follows:

**Board Members:**

Paul L. Ziemer, Ph.D., Chair  
 Larry J. Elliott, Executive Secretary  
 Henry A. Anderson, M.D., Member  
 Antonio Andrade, Ph.D., Member  
 Roy L. DeHart, M.D., M.P.H., Member  
 Richard L. Espinosa, Member  
 Michael H. Gibson, Member  
 Mark A. Griffon, Member  
 James M. Melius, M.D., Dr.P.H., Member  
 Robert W. Presley, Member  
 Genevieve S. Roessler, Ph.D., Member

**NIOSH Staff:**

Jim Neton  
 David Naimon  
 Liz Homoki-Titus  
 Martha DiMuzio  
 Cori Homer

Ray S. Green, Court Recorder.

**Summary/Minutes**

Dr. Ziemer called to order the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH) in closed session on January 8, 2003 at 9:45 a.m. The purpose of the closed meeting was to develop the Independent Government Cost Estimate for a contract to provide technical support to the ABRWH review of completed dose reconstructions.

Dr. Ziemer noted that Ms. Wanda Munn and Mr. Leon Owens were not available to attend and could not be connected via conference call due to telephone line security issues.

General topics discussed:

- Closed session procedures.
- Independent Government Cost Estimate.

- Member of Board to be appointed to the Technical Review Panel for this procurement.

Dr. Paul Ziemer adjourned the closed session of the ABRWH meeting at 11:18 a.m. with no further business being conducted by the ABRWH.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health ("the Board") was established under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA) of 2000 to advise the President, through the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS), on a variety of policy and technical functions required to implement and effectively manage the new compensation program. Key functions of the Board include providing advice on the development of probability of causation guidelines which have been promulgated by HHS as a final rule, advice on methods of dose reconstruction which have also been promulgated by HHS as a final rule, evaluation of the scientific validity and quality of dose reconstructions conducted by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) for qualified cancer claimants, and advice on the addition of classes of workers to the Special Exposure Cohort.

In December 2000 the President delegated responsibility for funding, staffing, and operating the Board to HHS, which subsequently delegated this authority to the CDC. NIOSH implements this responsibility for CDC. The charter was signed on August 3, 2001 and in November, 2001, the President completed the appointment of an initial roster of 10 Board members. In April, and again in August 2002, the President appointed additional members to ensure more balanced representation on the Board.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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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.

Dated: January 30, 2003.

**Joseph E. Slater,**

*Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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**Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)**

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) (formerly known as the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)), 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 functions; (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.

We are, however, requesting an emergency review of the information collection referenced below. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. We are requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed before the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR part 1320. This is necessary to ensure compliance with the Trade Act of 2002. We cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures because President of an unanticipated event and public harm.