

- **Miner Safety Branch (CCSB).** The Miner Safety Branch function is to identify and eliminate safety issues arising from changing mine conditions and technologies. State-of-the-art technologies are used to conduct fundamental and applied research aimed at eliminating injuries and fatalities in mining with a particular focus on geomechanical instabilities, localized ground falls, machine safety, and worker interaction with automated systems and other emerging technologies. Researchers specialized in the fields of geology, geophysics, seismology, electronic instrumentation, numerical modeling, geotechnical engineering, safety engineering, data science, and mining engineering utilize state-of-the-art, emerging, and novel technologies to identify and solve mine safety challenges. The branch: (1) Develops, implements, and improves geophysical methods, geotechnical instrumentation, and laboratory techniques through applied research to quantify rock mass properties and characterize mining-induced ground response; (2) utilizes advanced numerical modeling techniques to better understand and visualize ground behavior and support response; (3) identifies new technologies to monitor and improve ground support; (4) conducts research through laboratory and field assessments of the performance of engineered support systems to provide quantifiable design criteria; (5) develops recommendations for the design of equipment and techniques to reduce risks associated with the installation of ground support; (6) utilizes experimental and empirical methods developed through research to quantify the reliability of alternative mining methods and design practices; (7) applies advanced informatics, data analyses, and visualization techniques to automated and semi-automated mining systems to provide increased situational awareness for mine workers; (8) assesses, develops and deploys research-based mine-wide seismic systems for quantifying and evaluating seismic hazards and mitigation strategies for underground and surface mines; and (9) addresses health and safety issues that may develop after the introduction of automated mining systems and other emerging technologies in mining.

- **Miner Health Branch (CCSC).** The Miner Health Branch function is to assess and track miner health and hazard exposures; and develop and promote health solutions that maximize worker protection, minimize exposures and prevent disease, while improving

functional health for the entire mining population. Research is pursued through an interdisciplinary approach involving the fields of epidemiology, industrial hygiene, occupational medicine, organizational psychology, chemistry, as well as mechanical, electrical, and industrial engineering. The branch: (1) Incorporates novel and relevant health surveillance methods for the systematic assessment of health and exposure potential of the miner as it pertains to dynamic mining environments; (2) conducts research on the identification and prioritization of adverse health outcomes and exposures, and their associated risk factors; (3) quantitatively and qualitatively measures risk through research, experimental, and real-world data collection; (4) conducts research on the development and evaluation of workplace practices and technologies aimed at preventing injury and illness that improve long-term functionality for all miners and benefit employers, families, and communities; (5) develops technologies and methods to monitor and eliminate exposures; and (6) engages and collaborates across NIOSH and with industry to effectively communicate tangible health solutions and control strategies.

IV. *Delegations of Authority:* All delegations and redelegations of authority made to officials and employees of affected organizational components will continue with them or their successors pending further redelegation, provided they are consistent with this reorganization.

(Authority: 44 U.S.C. 3101)

Dated: April 29, 2020.

**Alex M. Azar, II,**  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Docket No. CDC-2020-0052; NIOSH-337]

#### Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health, Subcommittee on Dose Reconstruction Review (SDRR) Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the CDC announces the following meeting for the Subcommittee for Dose Reconstruction Reviews (SDRR) of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH). This meeting is open to the public, but without an oral public comment period. The public is welcome to submit written comments in advance of the meeting, per the instructions provided in the address section 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 audio conference (information below). The audio conference line has 150 ports for callers.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on July 29, 2020, 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., EDT.

Written comments must be received on or before July 24, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CDC-2020-0052; NIOSH-337; NIOSH by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, NIOSH Docket Office, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, MS C-34, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226-1998.

*Instructions:* All information received in response to this notice must include the agency name and docket number [CDC-2020-0052; NIOSH-337]. All relevant comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the Agency name and Docket Number. All relevant comments received in conformance with the <https://www.regulations.gov> suitability policy will be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

*Meeting Information:* Audio Conference Call via FTS Conferencing. The USA toll-free dial-in number is 1-866-659-0537; the pass code is 9933701.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rashaun Roberts, Ph.D., Designated Federal Officer, NIOSH, CDC, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, Mailstop C-24, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226, Telephone (513) 533-6800, Toll Free 1(800)CDC-INFO, Email [ocas@cdc.gov](mailto:ocas@cdc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**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).

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 rechartered under Executive Order 13889 on March 22, 2020, and will terminate on March 22, 2022.

**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. SDRR was established to aid the Advisory Board in carrying out its duty to advise the Secretary, HHS, on dose reconstruction.

**Matters to be Considered:** The agenda will include discussions on the following dose reconstruction program quality management and assurance activities: Dose reconstruction cases under review from Set 27, possibly including cases involving, Amchitka Island Nuclear Explosion Site, Argonne National Laboratory, Fee Materials Production Centers ("Fernald Plant"), General Electric—Vallecitos, Hanford, Idaho National Laboratory, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Lawrence

Livermore National Laboratory, Nevada Test Site, Oak Ridge Gaseous Diffusion Plant ("K-25"), Office of Science and Technology Information ("OSTI"), Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Savannah River Site, Y-12, and potentially other Department of Energy and Atomic Weapons Employers facilities. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

The Director, Strategic Business Initiatives Unit, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 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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*Director, Strategic Business Initiatives Unit, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Injury Prevention and Control

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the CDC announces the following meeting for the Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC), National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (NCIPC). This meeting is open to the public, limited only by the ports available. There will be 2,000 telephone ports available. There will be 40 minutes allotted for oral public comments at the end of the open session from 12:20 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. on July 22, 2020.

The public is encouraged to register to participate by telephone and/or provide oral public comment using the registration form available at the link provided: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NVV9XM2>.

Individuals registered to provide oral public comment will be called upon to speak based on the order of registration. After persons who have registered have spoken, any remaining time in the oral

public comment period will be used for members of the public who have not registered to speak but wish to offer comment. Individuals making oral public comment during the meeting will have a 2-minute speaking limit to allow for as many comments as possible.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on July 22, 2020, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., EDT (OPEN) and July 22, 2020, 1:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., EDT (CLOSED).

**ADDRESSES:** Teleconference 1-800-369-3110; Participant Code 7563795.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gwendolyn H. Cattledge, Ph.D., M.S.E.H., Deputy Associate Director for Science, NCIPC, CDC, 4770 Buford Highway NE, Mailstop S106-9, Atlanta, GA 30341, Telephone (770) 488-3953, Email address: [NCIPCBSC@cdc.gov](mailto:NCIPCBSC@cdc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Portions of the meeting as designated above will be closed to the public in accordance with provisions set forth in Section 552b(c)(4) and (6), Title 5 U.S.C., and the Determination of the Director, Strategic Business Initiatives Unit, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, CDC pursuant to Public Law 92-463.

**Purpose:** The Board will: (1) Conduct, encourage, cooperate with, and assist other appropriate public health authorities, scientific institutions, and scientists in the conduct of research, investigations, experiments, demonstrations, and studies relating to the causes, diagnosis, treatment, control, and prevention of physical and mental diseases, and other impairments; (2) assist States and their political subdivisions in preventing and suppressing communicable and non-communicable diseases and other preventable conditions and in promoting health and well-being; and (3) conduct and assist in research and control activities related to injury. The BSC, NCIPC makes recommendations regarding policies, strategies, objectives, and priorities; reviews progress toward injury prevention goals; and provides evidence in injury prevention-related research and programs. The Board also provides advice on the appropriate balance of intramural and extramural research, as well as the structure, progress and performance of intramural programs. The Board is designed to provide guidance on extramural scientific program matters, including the: (1) Review of extramural research concepts for funding opportunity announcements; (2) conduct of Secondary Peer Review of extramural research grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts applications received in response to the funding opportunity announcements as they relate to the