

**SUMMARY:** HHS gives notice of a decision to designate a class of employees from the Linde Ceramics Plant in Tonawanda, New York, as an addition to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. On April 21, 2011, the Secretary of HHS designated the following class of employees as an addition to the SEC:

All Atomic Weapons Employees who worked at the Linde Ceramics Plant in Tonawanda, New York, from January 1, 1954 through December 31, 1969, for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days, occurring either solely under this employment, or in combination with work days within the parameters established for one or more other classes of employees in the Special Exposure Cohort.

This designation will become effective on May 21, 2011, unless Congress provides otherwise prior to the effective date. After this effective date, HHS will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** reporting the addition of this class to the SEC or the result of any provision by Congress regarding the decision by HHS to add the class to the SEC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stuart L. Hinnefeld, Director, Division of Compensation Analysis and Support, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), 4676 Columbia Parkway, MS C-46, Cincinnati, OH 45226, Telephone 877-222-7570. Information requests can also be submitted by e-mail to [DCAS@CDC.GOV](mailto:DCAS@CDC.GOV).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability

**AGENCY:** Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is hereby giving notice that the Advisory Committee on Blood Safety and Availability (ACBSA) will hold a meeting. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place Tuesday, June 7, and Wednesday June 8, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** National Institute of Health, Building 31, Conference Room 6, Bethesda, MD 20892.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. James Berger, Associate Public Health Advisor for Blood, Organ and Tissue Safety, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 250, Rockville, MD 20852, (240) 453-8803, Fax (240) 453-8456, e-mail [ACBSA@hhs.gov](mailto:ACBSA@hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The ACBSA shall provide advice to the Secretary through the Assistant Secretary for Health. The Committee shall advise on a range of policy issues to include: (1) Definition of public health parameters around safety and availability of the blood supply and blood products, (2) broad public health, ethical and legal issues related to transfusion, and transplantation safety, and (3) the implications for safety and availability of various economic factors affecting product cost and supply.

In keeping with its established mission, the Committee will also be asked to review and provide comments to the Department on two World Health Assembly (WHA) resolutions related to transfusion, and transplantation safety. [http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf\\_files/WHA63/A63\\_R22-en.pdf](http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA63/A63_R22-en.pdf) On June 7, 2011, the Committee will be asked to review the WHA 63.22 on human organ and tissue transplantation and if appropriate, make recommendations on areas of enhanced safety. Specifically areas of collecting data including adverse events and reactions on the practices, safety, quality, efficacy, epidemiology and ethics of donations and transplantation will be considered as it relates to safety. Concerns for a globally consistent coding system for human cells, tissues and organs to facilitate national and international traceability of materials of human origin for transplantation will be solicited. In addition, the Committee will be asked for comments or recommendations on developing and promoting international best practices.

On June 8, 2011, the Committee will be asked to review and comment on WHA 63.12 regarding the availability, safety and quality of blood products. [http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf\\_files/WHA63/A63\\_R12-en.pdf](http://apps.who.int/gb/ebwha/pdf_files/WHA63/A63_R12-en.pdf) Specifically the Committee will be asked to review the current status of safe and rational use of blood products in patient blood management and assess the current status in the U.S.

In addition, the Committee will be asked to comment on the areas of safety and sustainability of providing blood and blood products that should be addressed by the Committee in future meetings.

The public will have the opportunity to present their views to the Committee during a public comment session scheduled for June 7, 2011. Comments will be limited to five minutes per speaker and must be pertinent to the discussion. Pre-registration is required for participation in the public comment session. Any member of the public who would like to participate in this session is encouraged to contact the Executive Secretary at his/her earliest convenience to register for time (limited to 5 minutes) and registration must be prior to close of business on June 3, 2011. If it is not possible to provide 30 copies of the material to be distributed, then individuals are requested to provide a minimum of one (1) copy of the document(s) to be distributed prior to 11:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time on June 6, 2011. It is also requested that any member of the public who wishes to provide comments to the Committee utilizing electronic data projection to submit the necessary material to the Executive Secretary prior to the close of business on June 6, 2011. Electronic comments must adhere to disability accessibility guidelines (Section 508 compliance).

Dated: May 3, 2011.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Meeting of the Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion, and Integrative and Public Health

**AGENCY:** Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of the Surgeon General of the United States Public Health Service.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), notice is hereby given that a web meeting is scheduled to be held for the Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion, and Integrative and Public Health (the "Advisory Group"). The web meeting will be open to the public. Information about the Advisory