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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL COUNSEL

5 CFR Part 1800

Revision of Regulations To Allow Federal Contractors, Subcontractors, and Grantees To File Whistleblower Disclosures With the U.S. Office of Special Counsel; Withdrawal of Proposed Rule

AGENCY: U.S. Office of Special Counsel.

ACTION: Withdrawal of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: In the *Federal Register* published on January 22, 2015, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) issued a proposed rule that would allow the agency to accept covered disclosures of wrongdoing from employees working under a contract or grant with the Federal government. OSC hereby withdraws this proposed rule.

DATES: The proposed rule that appeared on January 22, 2015 at 80 FR 3182 is withdrawn as of December 30, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa V. Terry, General Counsel, U.S. Office of Special Counsel, by telephone at (202) 254-3600, by facsimile at (202) 254-3711, or by email at lterry@osc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Office of Special Counsel (OSC) proposed revising its regulations to expand who may file a whistleblower disclosure with OSC. The proposed revision would have allowed employees of Federal contractors, subcontractors, and grantees to disclose wrongdoing within the Federal government if they work at or on behalf of a U.S. government component for which OSC has jurisdiction to accept disclosures. In response to the proposed rule, published in the *Federal Register* on January 22, 2015, OSC received 16 written comments. In light of the substantive issues raised by commenters, OSC is withdrawing its proposed rule for further consideration.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

29 CFR Parts 1910, 1915, and 1926

[Docket No. OSHA-H005C-2006-0870-0353]

RIN 1218-AB76

Occupational Exposure to Beryllium

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

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of informal public hearing.

SUMMARY: OSHA is scheduling an informal public hearing on its proposed rule "Occupational Exposure to Beryllium and Beryllium Compounds." The proposed rule was published in the *Federal Register* on August 7, 2015 and the 90-day public comment period ended on November 5, 2015. This document describes the procedures that will govern this hearing.

DATES: *Informal public hearing.* The hearing will begin on February 29, 2016 at 2 p.m. If necessary, the hearing will continue from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., local time, on subsequent days, in Washington, DC.

ADDRESSES: *Informal public hearing.* The Washington, DC hearing will be held in Room N4437 A, B, C, D at the Frances Perkins Building, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210.

Notice of Intention to appear at the hearing: Interested persons who intend to present testimony or question witnesses at the hearing must submit (transmit, send, postmark, deliver) a notice of intention to appear, by January 29, 2016.

Hearing testimony and documentary evidence. Interested persons who request more than 10 minutes to present testimony or intend to submit documentary evidence at the hearing must submit (transmit, send, postmark, deliver) the full text of their testimony and all documentary evidence by January 29, 2016.

Methods of submission. All submissions must include the Agency name and the docket number for this rulemaking (OSHA-H005C-2006-0870-0353). Notices of intention to appear, hearing testimony, and documentary evidence may be submitted by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions online for electronically submitting materials, including attachments;

Fax: If your written submission does not exceed 10 pages, including attachments, you may fax it to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-1648; or

Regular mail, express delivery, hand delivery, and messenger or courier service: Submit your materials to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA-H005C-2006-0870-0353, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-2625, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2350 (TTY number: (877) 889-5627). Deliveries (express mail, hand delivery, and messenger or courier service) are accepted during the OSHA Docket Office's normal hours of operation, 8:15 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., E.T.

Instructions: All submission must include the Agency name and docket number for this rulemaking (OSHA-H005C-2006-0870-0353). All submissions, including any personal information, are placed in the public docket without change and may be available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Therefore, OSHA cautions you about submitting certain personal information such as social security numbers and birth dates. Because of security-related procedures, the use of regular mail may cause a significant delay in the receipt of your submissions. For information about security-related procedures for submitting materials by express delivery, hand delivery, messenger, or courier service, please contact the OSHA Docket Office. For additional information on submitting notices of intention to appear, hearing testimony, or documentary evidence, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

Docket: To read or download comments, notices of intention to appear, and other material in the docket, go to Docket No. OSHA-H005C-2006-