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*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. SPR is responsible for overseeing, tracking, and participating in the reviews of all procedures used in the dose reconstruction process by the NIOSH Division of Compensation Analysis and Support (DCAS) and its dose reconstruction contractor (Oak Ridge Associated Universities—ORAU).

*Matters to be Considered:* The agenda will include discussions on the following dose reconstruction procedures: (a) Procedures associated specifically with the following sites: Savannah River Site, Grand Junction Operations Office, Bridgeport Brass Company, General Steel Industries; (b) procedures associated with Atomic Weapons Employers generally; and, (c) general procedures for dose reconstructions. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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**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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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH), Subcommittee on Dose Reconstruction Review (SDRR), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

**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 Subcommittee for Dose Reconstruction Review Subcommittee (SDRR) of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH or Advisory Board). This meeting is open to the public, but without a public comment period. The public is welcome to submit written comments in advance of the meeting, to the contact person below. Written comments received in advance of the meeting will be included in the official record of the meeting. The public is also welcomed 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 February 25, 2021, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. EST. Written comments must be received on or before February 18, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by mail to: Sherri Diana, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, MS C–34, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226.

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).

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*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 28, possibly

including cases involving, Oak Ridge Gaseous Diffusion Plant (K25), Y-12 Plant, and Savannah River Site (SRS) facilities; Dose reconstruction cases under review from Sets 18 and 21, possibly including cases involving, Uranium Mill in Monticello and GE Vallecitos; and Tracking of decision points requiring professional judgement (time permitting). Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services**

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**Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is announcing an opportunity for the public to comment on CMS' intention to collect information from the public. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, and to allow a second opportunity for public comment on the notice. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including the necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions, the accuracy of the estimated burden, ways to enhance

the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

**DATES:** Comments on the collection(s) of information must be received by the OMB desk officer by January 22, 2021.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](http://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

To obtain copies of a supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed collection(s) summarized in this notice, you may make your request using one of following:

1. Access CMS' website address at website address at <https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Legislation/PaperworkReductionActof1995/PRA-Listing.html>.

2. Call the Reports Clearance Office at (410) 786-1326.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Parham at (410) 786-4669.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520), federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. The term "collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)) requires federal agencies to publish a 30-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension or reinstatement of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, CMS is publishing this notice that summarizes the following proposed collection(s) of information for public comment:

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Application for Enrollment in Medicare the Medical Insurance Program; *Use:* Section 1836 of the Act, and regulations at 42 CFR 407.10, provide the eligibility requirements for enrollment in Part B.

Section 407.11 lists the CMS-40B as the application to be used by individuals who wish to apply for Part B if they already have initial entitlement to premium-free Part A. Under the regulations, individuals may also enroll in Medicare Part B by signing a statement requesting Part B, if eligible for enrollment at that time. Individuals use the standardized Form CMS-40B to request enrollment.

The CMS-40B provides the necessary information to determine eligibility and to process the beneficiary's request for enrollment for Medicare Part B coverage. This form is only used for enrollment by beneficiaries who already have Part A, but not Part B. Form CMS-40B is completed by the person with Medicare or occasionally by an SSA representative using information provided by the Medicare enrollee during an in-person interview. The form is owned by CMS, but not completed by CMS staff. SSA processes Medicare enrollments on behalf of CMS. *Form Number:* CMS-40B (OMB control number: 0938-1230); *Frequency:* Yearly; *Affected Public:* State, Local, or Tribal Governments; *Number of Respondents:* 400,000; *Total Annual Responses:* 400,000; *Total Annual Hours:* 100,000. (For policy questions regarding this collection contact Carla Patterson at 410-786-1000.)

2. *Type of Information Collection Request:* Extension without change of a currently approved collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Request for Retirement Benefit Information; *Use:* Section 1818(d)(5) of the Social Security Act (the Act) provides that certain former State and local government employees (and their current or former spouses) may have the Part A premium reduced to zero.

Form CMS-R-285, "Request for Retirement Benefit Information," is used to obtain information regarding whether a beneficiary currently purchasing Medicare premium Part A coverage, is receiving retirement payments based on State or local government employment, how long the claimant worked for the State or local government employer, and whether the former employer or pension plan is subsidizing the individual's Part A premium.

Form CMS-R-285 provides the necessary information regarding the prior state or local government employment to process the individual's request for premium Part A reduction based on their employment by a state or local government.

The form is completed by the state or local government employer on behalf of the individual seeking the Medicare premium reduction. The SSA-CMS'