

pressures, and water flow rates used for dust and spark suppression shall be examined and any deficiencies corrected.

(8) The operator shall calibrate the methane monitor(s) on the longwall, continuous mining machine, or cutting machine and loading machine on the shift prior to intersecting the well.

(9) When mining is in progress, the operator shall perform tests for methane with a handheld methane detector at least every 10 minutes from the time that mining with the continuous mining machine or longwall face is within 30 feet of the well until the well is intersected. During the actual cutting process, no individual shall be allowed on the return side until the well intersection has been completed, and the area has been examined and declared safe. All workplace examinations on the return side of the shearer will be conducted while the shearer is idle. The operator's most current approved ventilation plan will be followed at all times unless the District Manager requires a greater air velocity for the intersect.

(10) When using continuous or conventional mining methods, the working place shall be free from accumulations of coal dust and coal spillages, and rock dust shall be placed on the roof, rib, and floor to within 20 feet of the face when intersecting the well. On longwall sections, rock dusting shall be conducted and placed on the roof, rib, and floor up to both the headgate and tailgate gob.

(11) When the well is intersected, the operator shall de-energize all equipment and thoroughly examine and determine the area is safe before permitting mining to resume.

(12) After a well has been intersected and the working place determined to be safe, mining shall continue in by the well a sufficient distance to permit adequate ventilation around the area of the well.

(13) When necessary, torches shall be used for inadequately or inaccurately cut or milled casings. No open flame shall be permitted in the area until adequate ventilation has been established around the well bore and methane levels of less than 1.0 percent are present in all areas that will be exposed to flames and sparks from the torch. The operator shall apply a thick layer of rock dust to the roof, face, floor, ribs and any exposed coal within 20 feet of the casing prior to any use of torches.

(14) Non-sparking (brass) tools shall be located on the working section and shall be used exclusively to expose and examine cased wells.

(15) No person shall be permitted in the area of the well intersection except those engaged in the operation, including company personnel, representatives of the miners, MSHA personnel, and personnel from the appropriate State agency.

(16) The operator shall alert all personnel in the mine to the planned intersection of the well prior to their going underground if the planned intersection is to occur during their shift. This warning shall be repeated for all shifts until the well has been mined through.

(17) The well intersection shall be under the direct supervision of a certified individual. Instructions concerning the well intersection shall be issued only by the certified individual in charge.

(18) If the mine operator cannot find the well in the middle of the panel or a gate section misses the anticipated intersection, mining shall cease and the District Manager shall be notified.

(f) A copy of the PDO shall be maintained at the mine and be available to the miners.

(g) If the well is not plugged to the total depth of all mineable coal seams identified in the core hole logs, any coal seams beneath the lowest plug shall remain subject to the barrier requirements of 30 CFR 75.1700.

(h) All necessary safety precautions and safe practices required by MSHA regulations and State regulatory agencies with jurisdiction over the plugging site shall be followed.

(i) All miners involved in the plugging or re-plugging operations shall be trained on the contents of the PDO prior to starting the process.

(j) Mechanical bridge plugs shall incorporate the best available technologies required or recognized by the State regulatory agency and/or oil and gas industry.

(k) Within 30 days after the PDO becomes final, the operator shall submit proposed revisions for its approved 30 CFR part 48 training plan to the District Manager. These proposed revisions shall include initial and refresher training on compliance with the terms and conditions stated in the PDO. The operator shall provide all miners involved in well intersection with training on the requirements of the PDO prior to mining within 150 feet of the next well intended to be mined through.

(l) The responsible person required under 30 CFR 75.1501 shall be responsible for well intersection emergencies. The well intersection procedures shall be reviewed by the responsible person prior to any planned intersection.

(m) Within 30 days after the PDO becomes final, the operator shall submit proposed revisions for its approved mine emergency evacuation and firefighting program of instruction required under 30 CFR 75.1502. The operator shall revise the program of instruction to include the hazards and evacuation procedures to be used for well intersections. All underground miners will be trained in this revised plan within 30 days of the submittal.

In support of the proposed alternative method, the petitioner submitted a map of well locations.

The petitioner asserts that the alternate method proposed will at all times guarantee no less than the same measure of protection afforded the miners under the mandatory standard.

**Song-ae Aromie Noe,**

*Director, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2023-0003]

#### National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH): Notice of Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of NACOSH meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH) will meet Wednesday, May 31, 2023, in a hybrid format. Committee members will meet in person; the public is invited to participate either in person or virtually via WebEx.

**DATES:** The NACOSH will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., ET, Wednesday, May 31, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Submission of comments and requests to speak:* Comments and requests to speak at the NACOSH meeting, including attachments, must be submitted electronically at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), the Federal eRulemaking Portal by May 15, 2023. Comments must identify the docket number for this **Federal Register** notice (Docket No. OSHA-2023-0003). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

*Registration:* All persons wishing to attend the meeting in-person or virtually must register via the registration link on

the NACOSH web page at <https://www.osha.gov/advisorycommittee/nacosh>. Upon registration, in-person attendees will receive directions for participation and virtual attendees will receive a WebEx link for remote access to the meeting. At this time, OSHA is limiting in-person attendance to 25 members of the public, to be determined based on the time requests are made via the registration link.

**Requests for special accommodations:** Submit requests for special accommodations, including translation services for this NACOSH workgroup meeting by May 15, 2023, to Ms. Christie Garner, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor; telephone: (202) 693-2246; email: [garner.christie@dol.gov](mailto:garner.christie@dol.gov).

**Instructions:** All submissions must include the agency name and the OSHA docket number for this **Federal Register** notice (Docket No. OSHA-2023-0003). OSHA will place comments and requests to speak, including personal information, in the public docket, which may be available online. Therefore, OSHA cautions interested parties about submitting personal information such as Social Security numbers and birthdates.

**Docket:** To read or download documents in the public docket for this NACOSH meeting, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). All documents in the public docket are listed in the index; however, some documents (e.g., copyrighted material) are not publicly available to read or download through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection through the OSHA Docket Office. Contact the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693-2350 (TTY (877) 889-5627) for assistance in locating docket submissions.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

**For press inquiries:** Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor; telephone: (202) 693-1999; email: [meilinger.francis@dol.gov](mailto:meilinger.francis@dol.gov).

**For general information about NACOSH:** Ms. Lisa Long, Deputy Director, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor; telephone: (202) 693-2409; email: [long.lisa@dol.gov](mailto:long.lisa@dol.gov).

**Telecommunication requirements:** For additional information about the telecommunication requirements for the meeting, please contact Ms. Christie Garner, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, OSHA, U.S. Department of Labor; telephone: (202) 693-2246; email: [garner.christie@dol.gov](mailto:garner.christie@dol.gov).

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**Register** notice are available at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). This notice, as well as news releases and other relevant information, are also available at OSHA's web page at <https://www.osha.gov/advisorycommittee/nacosh>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

NACOSH was established by Section 7(a) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (OSH Act) (29 U.S.C. 651, 656) to advise, consult with, and make recommendations to the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on matters relating to the administration of the OSH Act. NACOSH is a continuing advisory committee of indefinite duration.

NACOSH operates in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App.2), its implementing regulations (41 CFR part 102-3), and OSHA's regulations on NACOSH (29 CFR 1912.5 and 29 CFR part 1912a).

**II. Meeting Information**

Public attendance will be in a hybrid format, either in person or virtually via WebEx. Meeting information will be posted in the Docket (Docket No. OSHA-2023-0003) and on the NACOSH web page, <https://www.osha.gov/advisorycommittee/nacosh>, prior to the meeting.

The NACOSH will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., ET on May 31, 2023.

**Meeting agenda:** The tentative agenda for this meeting includes:

- Introduction of new members;
- NACOSH membership update;
- OSHA Update;
- The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Update;
- Report and discussion from Heat Injury and Illness Prevention Work Group on Potential Elements of a Proposed Heat Injury and Illness Prevention Standard; and
- Whistleblower Discussion.

**Authority and Signature**

James S. Frederick, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, authorized the preparation of this notice under the authority granted by 29 U.S.C. 655(b)(1) and 656(b), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, 29 CFR parts 1912 and 1912a, and Secretary of Labor's Order No. 8-2020 (85 FR 58393).

Signed at Washington, DC, on April 20, 2023.

**James S. Frederick,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health.*

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**OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET**

**Executive Order 14081 Advancing Biotechnology and Biomanufacturing Innovation for a Sustainable, Safe, and Secure American Bioeconomy—Request for Information; National Biotechnology and Biomanufacturing Initiative—Measuring the Bioeconomy**

**AGENCY:** Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President.

**ACTION:** Request for information.

**SUMMARY:** The Chief Statistician of the United States (CSOTUS) in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, was charged in the Executive Order (E.O. 14081), “Advancing Biotechnology and Biomanufacturing Innovation for a Sustainable, Safe, and Secure American Bioeconomy,” with improving and enhancing Federal statistical data collection designed to characterize and measure the economic value of the U.S. bioeconomy. The CSOTUS was also charged with establishing an Interagency Technical Working Group to recommend bioeconomy-related revisions for the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) and the North American Product Classification System (NAPCS).<sup>1</sup> The bioeconomy refers to a segment of the total economy utilizing or derived from biological resources, and includes manufacturing processes, technologies, products and services. These may encompass, wholly or in part, industries and products including fuel, food, medicine, chemicals, and technology. This **Federal Register** Notice (FRN) is a Request for Information (RFI) seeking public input on existing or potential bioeconomy-related industries and products that are established, emerging, or currently embedded in existing industry/manufacturing processes.

<sup>1</sup> Executive Order 14081 of September 12, 2022 (Advancing Biotechnology and Biomanufacturing Innovation for a Sustainable, Safe, and Secure American Bioeconomy)—See <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/09/15/2022-20167/advancing-biotechnology-and-biomanufacturing-innovation-for-a-sustainable-safe-and-secure-american>.