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**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Meeting of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Regulatory Reform

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of a public hearing by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary's Advisory Committee on Regulatory Reform. As governed by the Federal Advisory Committee Act in accordance with Section 10(a)(2), the Secretary Advisory Committee on Regulatory Reform is seeking guidance for the Department's efforts to streamline regulatory requirements. The Advisory Committee will advise and make recommendations for changes that would be beneficial in four broad areas: health care delivery, health systems operations, biomedical and health research, and the development of pharmaceuticals and other products. The Committee will review changes identified through regional public hearings, written comments from the public, and consultation with HHS staff.

All meetings and hearings of the Committee are open to the general public. During each meeting, invited witnesses will address how regulations affect health-related issues. Meeting agendas will also allow some time for public comment. Additional information on each meeting's agenda and list of participating witnesses will be posted on the Committee's Web site prior to the meetings (<http://www.regreform.hhs.gov>).

**DATES:** The third public hearing of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Regulatory Reform will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2002, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Thursday, April 18, 2002, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Secretary's Advisory Committee on Regulatory Reform will meet on Wednesday, April 17, 2002, in the Philadelphia Room, Ramada Plaza Suites and Conference Center, One

Bigelow Square, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15219. On Thursday, April 18, 2002, the Committee will meet in the Pittsburgh Room, Ramada Plaza Suites and Conference Center, One Bigelow Square, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15219.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christy Schmidt, Executive Coordinator, Secretary's Advisory Committee on Regulatory Reform, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 344G, Washington, DC, 20201, (202) 401-5182.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Ramada Plaza Suites and Conference Center is in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Anyone planning to attend the meeting who requires special disability-related arrangements such as sign-language interpretation should provide notice of their need by Friday, April 12, 2002. Please make any request to Michael Starkweather by phone: 301-628-3141; fax: 301-628-3101; e-mail: [mstarkweather@s-3.com](mailto:mstarkweather@s-3.com). On June 8, 2001, HHS Secretary Thompson announced a Department-wide initiative to reduce regulatory burdens in health care, to improve patient care, and to respond to the concerns of health care providers and industry, State and local Governments, and individual Americans who are affected by HHS rules. Common sense approaches and careful balancing of needs can help improve patient care. As part of this initiative, the Department is establishing the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Regulatory Reform to provide findings and recommendations regarding potential regulatory changes. These changes would enable HHS programs to reduce burdens and costs associated with departmental regulations and paperwork, while at the same time maintaining or enhancing the effectiveness, efficiency, impact, and access of HHS programs.

Dated: March 26, 2002.

**William Raub,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

[ATSDR-180]

#### Availability of the Draft Document, Public Health Assessment Guidance Manual (Update), Public Comment Draft

**AGENCY:** Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for public comment of the draft document, Public Health Assessment Guidance Manual (Update). The draft is a revision and update of the 1992 Public Health Assessment Guidance Manual.

**SUMMARY:** ATSDR is mandated to conduct public health assessments under Section 104(i) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) [42 U.S.C. 9604(i)] and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) [42 U.S.C. 6939a(c)].

The general procedures for the conduct of public health assessments are included in the ATSDR Final Rule on Health Assessments and Health Effects Studies of Hazardous Substances Releases and Facilities (55 FR 5136, February 13, 1990, codified at 42 CFR part 90). The revision of the 1992 Guidance Manual sets forth in detail the public health assessment process as developed and modified by ATSDR since 1992 and presents the methodologies and guidelines that will be used by ATSDR staff and agents of ATSDR in conducting public health assessments. Areas emphasized in this updated guidance include community involvement, exposure assessment, and weight-of-evidence (WOE) approaches to decision making about hazards associated with sites.

#### Availability

The draft Public Health Assessment Guidance Manual (Update) will be available to the public on or about March 25, 2002. A 60-day public comment period will be provided for the draft manual, which will begin on the date of this publication. The close of the comment period will be indicated on the front of the draft manual. Comments received after close of the public comment period will be considered at the discretion of ATSDR based upon what is deemed to be in the best interest of the general public.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for the draft manual should be sent to: Chief, Program Evaluation, Records, and Information Services Branch, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., MS E-56, Atlanta, GA 30333. Upon receipt of the request, one copy of the report will be forwarded free of charge. ATSDR reserves the right to provide only one copy of this draft document free of charge. The document may also be accessed at the ATSDR home page News section at [www.atsdr.cdc.gov](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov).

One copy of all comments and supporting documents should be sent to the above address by the end of the comment period noted above. All written comments and data submitted in response to this notice and the draft manual should bear the docket control number ATSDR-180.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Further information may be obtained by contacting Dr. Allan S. Susten, ATSDR (Mailstop E-32), 1600 Clifton Road, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone (404) 498-0007 or (toll free) 1-888-42-ATSDR, 1-888-422-8737, or Email: [asusten@cdc.gov](mailto:asusten@cdc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** ATSDR is required by CERCLA to conduct public health assessments at all sites on, or proposed for inclusion on, the National Priorities List [42 U.S.C. 9604(i)(6)(A)] and may also conduct public health assessments in response to a request from the public [42 U.S.C. 9604(i)(6)(B)]. In addition, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) may request the conduct of a public health assessment under RCRA [42 U.S.C. 6939a(b)].

The ATSDR public health assessment is the evaluation of data and information on the release of hazardous substances into the environment in order to assess any past, current or future impact on public health and develop or recommend appropriate public health actions which could include health studies or actions needed to evaluate and mitigate or prevent human health effects.

The ATSDR public health assessment includes an analysis and statement of the public health implications posed by the site under consideration. This analysis generally involves an evaluation of relevant environmental data, the potential for exposures to substances related to the site, available toxicologic, epidemiologic and health outcome data, and community concerns associated with a site where hazardous substances have been released. The

public health assessment also identifies populations living or working on or near hazardous waste sites for which more extensive public health actions or studies are indicated.

This notice announces the projected availability of the draft Public Health Assessment Guidance Manual (Update). The manual has undergone extensive internal review and will be subjected to scientific and technical review by the ATSDR Board of Scientific Counselors. ATSDR encourages the public's participation and comment on the further development of this manual.

Dated: March 27, 2002.

**Georgi Jones,**

*Director, Office of Policy and External Affairs, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel: Mining Occupational Safety and Health Research Grants, Program Announcement OH-02-005

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Disease, Disability, and Injury Prevention and Control Special Emphasis Panel (SEP): Mining Occupational Safety and Health Research Grants, PA# OH-02-005.

*Times and Dates:* 8:30 a.m.-9 a.m., April 9, 2002 (Open); 9:10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., April 9, 2002 (Closed); 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., April 10, 2002 (Closed); 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., April 11, 2002 (Closed).

*Place:* Parc St. Charles, 500 St. Charles Avenue & Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

*Status:* Portions of the meeting 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, Management Analysis and Services Office CDC, pursuant to Public Law 92-463.

*Matters to Be Discussed:* The meeting will include the review, discussion, and evaluation of applications received in response to PA# OH-02-005.

**Note:** Due to programmatic issues that had to be resolved, this **Federal Register** Notice is being published less than fifteen days prior to the date of the meeting.

*For Further Information Contact:*

Gwendolyn H. Cattledge, Ph.D., Health Science Administrator, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, CDC, 1600 Clifton Road, NE., M/S E74, telephone (404) 498-2508.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office 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.

Dated: March 27, 2002.

**Alvin Hall,**

*Acting Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

#### Proposed Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

##### Proposed Projects

*Title:* Implementation of Promoting Safe and Stable Families by Indian Tribes.

*OMB No.:* New Collection.

*Description:* The purpose of this study is to examine the ways in which Indian Tribes used funds they received under title IV-B, subpart 2 to provide services that strengthen families' abilities to care for their children. Additionally, a broad range of related child welfare issues with respect to Indian Tribes will be explored. Consistent with this approach, the research framework for this study documents and analyzes a full range of implementation issues for Promoting Safe and Stable Families (PSSF)—planning; accomplishments and changes; organization and infrastructure; related services and practices; and resource uses and allocation—over time and across the various stakeholders involved. This study also provides a historical perspective on Tribal implementation of the PSSF legislation including recent emphasis on strengthening parental relationships and promoting healthy marriages.

*Respondents:* Tribal Leaders, Program Managers for title IV B subpart 1 and 2 and Front Line Workers for title IV B subpart 1 and 2, Child Welfare/Human Service Collaborators, Funding Officials, and Court Officials.