

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA–2007–0042]

TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc.: Request for Renewal of Recognition

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, OSHA announces the TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc. (TUVRNA), application containing a request for renewal of recognition as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL) under 29 CFR 1910.7.

DATES: Submit comments, information, and documents in response to this notice, or requests for an extension of time to make a submission, on or before March 11, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments by any of the following methods:

1. *Electronically:* Submit comments and attachments electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Follow the instructions online for making electronic submissions.

2. *Facsimile:* If submissions, including attachments, are not longer than 10 pages, commenters may fax them to the OSHA Docket Office at (202) 693–1648.

3. *Regular or express mail, hand delivery, or messenger (courier) service:* Submit a copy of comments and any attachments to the OSHA Docket Office, Docket No. OSHA–2007–0042, Technical Data Center, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N–2625, Washington, DC 20210; telephone: (202) 693–2350 (TDY number: (877) 889–5627). Note that security procedures may result in significant delays in receiving comments and other written materials by regular mail. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for information about security procedures concerning delivery of materials by express delivery, hand delivery, or messenger service. The hours of operation for the OSHA Docket Office are 8:15 a.m.–4:45 p.m., e.t.

4. *Instructions:* All submissions must include the Agency name and the OSHA docket number (OSHA–2007–0042). OSHA will place all submissions, including any personal information provided, in the public docket without revision, and these submissions will be available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

5. *Docket:* To read or download submissions or other material in the

docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> or the OSHA Docket Office at the address above. All documents in the docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index; however, some information (e.g., copyrighted material) is not publicly available to read or download through the Web site. All submissions, including copyrighted material, are available for inspection and copying at the OSHA Docket Office. Contact the OSHA Docket Office for assistance in locating docket submissions.

6. *Extension of comment period:* Submit requests for an extension of the comment period on or before March 11, 2014 to the Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N–3655, Washington, DC 20210, or by fax to (202) 693–1644.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David W. Johnson, Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Room N–3655, Washington, DC 20210, phone (202) 693–2110, or email at johnson.david.w@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

OSHA recognition of an NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements in Section 1910.7 of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (29 CFR 1910.7). Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within its scope of recognition and is not a delegation or grant of government authority. As a result of recognition, employers may use products properly approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require testing and certification. OSHA maintains an informational Web site for each NRTL that details its scope of recognition available at <http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpc/nrtl/index.html>.

The Agency processes applications by an NRTL for renewal of recognition following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. OSHA conducts renewals in accordance with the procedures in 29 CFR 1910.7, App. II.C. In accordance with these procedures, NRTLs submit a renewal request to

OSHA, not less than nine months, or no more than one year, before the expiration date of its current recognition. A renewal request includes a request for renewal and any additional information the NRTL wishes to submit to demonstrate its continued compliance with the terms of its recognition and 29 CFR 1910.7. If OSHA has not conducted an on-site assessment of the NRTL's headquarters and key sites within the past 18 to 24 months, it will schedule the necessary on-site assessments prior to the expiration date of the NRTL's recognition. Upon review of the submitted material and, as necessary, the successful completion of the on-site assessment, OSHA announces its preliminary decision to grant or deny renewal in the **Federal Register** and solicit comments from the public. OSHA then publishes a final **Federal Register** notice responding to any comments and renewing the NRTL's recognition for a period of five years, or denying the renewal of recognition.

TUVRNA initially received OSHA recognition as an NRTL on August 16, 1995 (60 FR 42594). TUVRNA's most recent renewal was on March 18, 2002, for a five-year period, expiring on March 19, 2007. TUVRNA submitted a timely request for renewal, dated June 12, 2006 (see Ex. OSHA–2007–0042–0004), and retains its recognition pending OSHA's final decision in this renewal process. The current addresses of TUVRNA facilities recognized by OSHA and included as part of the renewal request are:

1. TUVRNA Newtown, 12 Commerce Road, Newtown, Connecticut 06470; and
2. TUVRNA Austin, 2324 Ridgepoint Drive, Suite E, Austin, Texas 78754.

II. Notice of Preliminary Findings

OSHA is providing notice that TUVRNA is applying for renewal of its current recognition as an NRTL. This renewal covers TUVRNA's existing NRTL scope of recognition. OSHA evaluated TUVRNA's application for renewal and preliminarily determined that TUVRNA can continue to meet the requirements prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7 for recognition. Accordingly, OSHA is making a determination that it does not need to conduct an on-site review of TUVRNA's facilities based on its evaluations of TUVRNA's application and all other available information. This information includes OSHA's most recent audit of TUVRNA's headquarters, TUVRNA Newtown, on July 25–26, 2013, in which the auditors found some non-conformances with the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7. TUVRNA addressed these issues

sufficiently to meet the applicable NRTL requirements.

OSHA staff also performed an audit of the TUVRNA Austin site on August 23–25, 2010. The auditors found some non-conformances with the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7. TUVRNA addressed these issues sufficiently to meet the applicable NRTL requirements. This preliminary finding does not constitute an interim or temporary approval of the application for renewal.

OSHA welcomes public comment as to whether TUVRNA meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for renewal of their recognition as an NRTL. Comments should consist of pertinent written documents and exhibits. Commenters needing more time to comment must submit a request in writing, stating the reasons for the request. OSHA must receive the written request for an extension by the due date for comments. OSHA will limit any extension to 30 days unless the requester justifies a longer period. OSHA may deny a request for an extension if it is not adequately justified. To obtain or review copies of the publicly available information in TUVRNA's application and other pertinent documents (including exhibits), as well as all submitted comments, contact the Docket Office, Room N–2625, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, at the above address; these materials also are available online at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. OSHA–2007–0042.

OSHA staff will review all comments to the docket submitted in a timely manner and, after addressing the issues raised by these comments, will recommend whether to grant TUVRNA's application for renewal. The Assistant Secretary will make the final decision on granting the application and, in making this decision, may undertake other proceedings prescribed in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. OSHA will publish a public notice of this final decision in the **Federal Register**.

III. Authority and Signature

David Michaels, Ph.D., MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210, authorized the preparation of this notice. Accordingly, the Agency is issuing this notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 657(g)(2), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1–2012 (77 FR 3912, Jan. 25, 2012), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 19, 2014.

David Michaels,

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Geosciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for Geosciences (1755).

Dates: April 2, 2014, 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; April 3, 2014, 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

Place: Stafford I, Room 375, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd. Arlington, Virginia 22230.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Melissa Lane, National Science Foundation, Suite 705, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22230. Phone 703–292–8500.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice, recommendations, and oversight on support for geoscience research and education including atmospheric, geo-space, earth, ocean and polar sciences.

Agenda:

Wednesday, April 2, 2014 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

- Meeting with the Acting Director
- Directorate and NSF activities and plans
- Topical subcommittees on education/diversity, facilities, research and cyber-infrastructure

Thursday, April 3, 2014 8:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

- Division Subcommittee meetings
- Topical subcommittees on education/diversity, facilities, research and cyber-infrastructure, continued.
- Action Items/Planning for Fall Meeting

Dated: February 18, 2014.

Suzanne Plimpton,

Acting, Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Biological Sciences Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L., 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Biological Sciences Advisory Committee (#1110).

Date and Time: March 13, 2014 8:30 a.m.—5:00 p.m., March 14, 2014 8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Room 1235, Arlington, VA 22230.

All visitors must contact the Directorate for Biological Sciences [call 703–292–8400 or send an email message to erchiang@nsf.gov] at least 24 hours prior to the meeting to arrange for a visitor's badge. All visitors must report to the NSF visitor desk located in the lobby at the N. 9th and N. Stuart Streets entrance on the day of the meeting to receive a visitor's badge.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Charles Liarakos, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 605, Arlington, VA 22230, Tel No.: (703) 292–8400.

Purpose of Meeting: The Advisory Committee for the Directorate for Biological Sciences provides advice, recommendations, and oversight concerning major program emphases, directions, and goals for the research-related activities of the divisions that make up BIO.

Agenda: Agenda items will include the Emerging Frontiers Committee of Visitors report, NEON and macrosystems biology, Cognitive Science & Neuroscience and the BRAIN, biological data, and other matters relevant to the Directorate for Biological Sciences.

Dated: February 18, 2014.

Suzanne Plimpton,

Acting Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Advisory Committee for Cyberinfrastructure; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for Cyberinfrastructure (25150).

Date and Time: April 2, 2014 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m., April 3, 2014 8:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, Room 1235.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: David Proctor, CISE, Division of Advanced Cyberinfrastructure National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1145, Arlington, VA 22230, Telephone: 703–292–8970.

Minutes: May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

Purpose of Meeting: To advise NSF on the impact of its policies, programs and activities in the ACI community. To provide advice to the Director/NSF on issues related to long-range planning.