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Dated: August 1, 2006.

John Howard,

Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Decision To Evaluate and Petition To Designate a Class of Employees at Harshaw Chemical Company (Also Known as Uranium Refinery and/or Harshaw Filtrol Partners), Cleveland, OH, To Be Included in the Special Exposure Cohort

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) gives notice as required by 42 CFR 83.12(e) of a decision to evaluate a petition to designate a class of employees at Harshaw Chemical Company (also known as Uranium Refinery and/or Harshaw Filtrol Partners), to be included in the Special Exposure Cohort under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. The initial proposed definition for the class being evaluated, subject to revision as warranted by the evaluation, is as follows:

Facility: Harshaw Chemical Company.

Location: Cleveland, Ohio.

Job Titles and/or Job Duties: All workers at Harshaw Chemical Company plant and the laboratories of the separate facility located at 1945 East 97th Street.

Period of Employment: January 1, 1942 through November 30, 1949.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Elliott, Director, Office of Compensation Analysis and Support, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 4676 Columbia Parkway, MS C-46, Cincinnati, OH 45226, Telephone 513-533-6800 (this is not a toll-free number). Information

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Final Effect of Designation of a Class of Employees for Addition to the Special Exposure Cohort

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) gives notice concerning the final effect of the HHS decision to designate a class of employees at the Nevada Test Site (NTS), Mercury, Nevada, as an addition to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. On June 26, 2006, as provided for under 42 U.S.C. 7384q(b), the Secretary of HHS designated the following class of employees as an addition to the SEC:

Department of Energy (DOE) employees or DOE contractor or subcontractor employees who worked at the Nevada Test Site from January 27, 1951 through December 31, 1962 for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days, either solely under this employment or in combination with work days within the parameters (excluding aggregate work day requirements) established for other classes of employees included in the SEC, and who were monitored or should have been monitored.

This designation became effective on July 26, 2006, as provided for under 42 U.S.C. 7384l(14)(C). Hence, beginning on July 26, 2006, members of this class of employees, defined as reported in this notice, became members of the Special Exposure Cohort.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

Part C (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 FR 67772-76, dated October 14, 1980, and corrected at 56 FR 69296, October 20, 1980, as amended most recently at 71 FR 37080, dated June 29, 2006) is amended to reflect the establishment of the Writer-Editor Services Branch within the Division of Creative Services, National Center for Health Marketing, Coordinating Center for Health Information and Service.

Section C-B, Organization and Functions, is hereby amended as follows:

Following the title and functional statement for the *Broadcast Production and Distribution Branch (CPBHD)*, *Division of Creative Services (CPBH)*, *National Center for Health Marketing (CPB)*, *Coordinating Center for Health Information and Service (CP)*, insert the following:

Writer-Editor Services Branch (CPBHE). (1) Provides production editing services for CDC's information products; (2) provides production editing services for MMWR publications, *Emerging Infectious Diseases (EID)* journal, and *Preventing Chronic Disease (PCD)* journal; (3) provides substantive editing services for CDC-authored written material; (4) provides copyediting services; (5) provides proofreading services; (6) provides Web editing services; (7) provides writing services, including relevant research; and (8) provides editorial consulting services and training in writing and editing.

Delete item (1) of the functional statement for the *Scientific Publications Branch (CPBGH)*, *Division of Scientific Communications (CPBG)*, and insert the following: (1) Develops, plans, coordinates, and produces the MMWR series, including the MMWR

Recommendations and Reports, CDC Surveillance Summaries, and Annual Summary of Notifiable Diseases.

Delete item (4) of the financial statement for the *Division of Creative Services (CPBH)*, and insert the following: (4) provides CDC-wide services including writing and editing, umbrella contracting and other "common carrier" mechanisms to reach primary channels (e.g. broadcast and video production, message design), resources for development of materials and products (e.g. graphic arts and related services outlined in business services consolidation, and collects and/or facilitates distribution of graphic resources (e.g. to engineering design and expertise to support broadcast production).

Delete item (2) of the functional statement for the *Presentation Graphics and Multilingual Services Branch (CPBHC)*, *Division of Creative Services (CPBH)*, and insert the following: (2) Develops and/or provides design and graphic elements for exhibits and presentations, desktop publishing, publications, and multi-language translation services, and.

Delete items (7) and (12) of the functional statement of the *Information Design and Publishing Staff (CPC153)*, *Office on Information Services (CPC15)*, *Office of the Director (CPC1)*, *National Center for Health Statistics (CPC)*, and insert the following: (7) provides design and production support for all NCHS published products, including the NCHS Web site, * * *. (12) establishes, administers, and monitors contracts to provide graphics support and printing services for NCHS; and

Delete item (11) of the functional statement for the *Office of Communications (CTB12)*, *Office of the Director (CTB1)*, *National Center for Environmental Health (CTB)*, *Coordinating Center for Environmental Health and Injury Prevention (CT)*, and insert the following: (11) provides publications-related activities including preparing articles and drafting news releases, distributing publications, and bibliographic services, and.

Delete item (8) of the functional statement for the *Office of Communications (CTB12)*, *Office of the Director (CTB1)*, and renumber the remaining items accordingly.

Delete item (8) of the functional statement for the *Office of Communications (CTC14)*, *Office of the Director (CTC1)*, *National Center for Injury Prevention and Control (CTC)*, and insert the following: (8) manages the clearance and production of NCIPC publications.

Delete item (6) of the functional statement for the *Office of the Director (CTCC1)*, *Division of Violence Prevention (CTCC)*, and insert the following: (6) prepares and monitors clearance of manuscripts for publication in scientific and technical journals and publications, including articles and guidelines published in the *MMWR*, and other publications for the public.

Delete the title and functional statement of the *Technical Information and Editorial Services Branch (CUC12)*, *Office of the Director (CUC1)*, *National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (CUC)*, *Coordinating Center for Health Promotion (CU)*, and insert the following: Technical Information and Services Branch (CUC12). The Technical Information and Services Branch (TISB)(1) plans, coordinates, develops, and provides NCCDPHP technical information, resources and services; (2) provides technical information acquisition, tracking, manual and electronic search services, retrieval, and reference collection services; (3) plans, coordinates, advises, and provides information management support and technical assistance to NCCDPHP divisions and their constituents to develop technical information systems and resources to meet division goals and programmatic directions; (4) develops and coordinates NCCDPHP technical information resources into computerized information databases and special bibliographies or publications; (5) works closely with state and federal agencies and NCCDPHP constituents to develop health information networks and to promote information sharing; (6) manages and coordinates NCCDPHP's scientific and editorial clearance process and DHHS clearance, as appropriate, for all print and nonprint materials, and ensures adherence to and consistency with CDC's scientific and editorial clearance process; (7) designs, develops, and coordinates the publication of communication material, including journal articles, books, reports, fact sheets, newsletters, and other forms of communication with the public health community and the general public; (8) provides leadership in the production of quality print and nonprint materials by planning and presenting seminars, by providing consultation in developing written and visual materials, and by otherwise promoting good communications practices; (9) establishes standards and coordinates the design and layout of print and nonprint materials, including tabular and graphic materials, advises

NCCDPHP staff on desktop publishing, and provides desktop publishing services; (10) coordinates other publications services, such as preparing indexes, verifying reference lists, testing for readability, and translating materials from English to non-English language; (11) develops, manages, and maintains the NCCDPHP manuscript tracking system, providing an up-to-date reporting system, bibliographies of NCCDPHP publications, and input into NCCDPHP, CDC and online locator and database systems; (12) coordinates NCCDPHP's technical information and other communication activities with other CDC programs and offices; (13) represents NCCDPHP on committees, workgroups, and at conferences relating to technical information, publication activities, and other communication activities.

Delete item (8) of the functional statement for the *Communications Office (CVB13)*, *Office of the Director (CVB1)*, *National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (CVB)*, *Coordinating Center for Infectious Diseases (CV)*, and insert the following: (8) provides graphics and publishing services for NCHSTP staff.

Delete item (8) of the functional statement for the *Technical Information and Communications Branch (CVBBG)*, *Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention-Intervention Research and Support (CVBB)*, and insert the following: (8) prepares and monitors clearance of manuscripts for publication in scientific and technical journals and publications, including articles and guidelines in the *MMWR*.

Delete item (23) of the functional statement for the *Communications, Education, and Behavioral Studies Branch (CVBDB)*, *Division of Tuberculosis Elimination (CVBD)*, and insert the following: (23) coordinates and tracks materials for purposes of clearance and approval for publications and presentations.

Delete item (8) of the functional statement for the *Office of Health Communication (CVC13)*, *Office of the Director (CVC1)*, *National Center for Infectious Diseases (CVC)*, and insert the following: (8) provides clearance assistance in the preparation of scientific articles and other documents and products for electronic and hard copy publication or presentation.

Delete item (8) of the functional statement for the *Office of the Director (CVCL1)*, *Division of Viral Hepatitis (CVCL)*, and insert the following: (8) provides support to DVH components in preparation of graphics and other visual arts, and conference and exhibit planning, management, and execution.

Delete item (2) of the functional statement for the *CDC Connects (CAU12)*, *Office of the Director (CAU1)*, *Office of Enterprise Communication (CAU)*, *Office of the Director (CA)*, and insert the following: (2) plans and develops articles about employees and their work.

Delete item (6) of the functional statement for the *Document Development Branch (CCED)*, *Education and Information Division (CCE)*, *National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (CC)*, and renumber the remaining items accordingly.

Dated: July 21, 2006.

William H. Gimson,

Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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Emergency Clearance: Public Information Collection Requirements Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including any of the following subjects: (1) The necessity and utility of the proposed information collection for the proper performance of the agency's functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology to minimize the information collection burden.

We are, however, requesting an emergency review of the information collection referenced below. In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we have submitted to the Office of Management

and Budget (OMB) the following requirements for emergency review. We are requesting an emergency review because the collection of this information is needed before the expiration of the normal time limits under OMB's regulations at 5 CFR part 1320(a)(2)(ii). This is necessary to ensure compliance with an initiative of the Administration. We cannot reasonably comply with the normal clearance procedures because of an unanticipated event, as stated in 5 CFR 1320.13(a)(2)(iii).

Approval of this notice is essential in order to comply with Section 302(a)(1) of the MMA that requires the Secretary to establish and implement quality standards for suppliers of certain items to be applied by recognized independent accreditation organizations. Suppliers of Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics and Supplies (DMEPOS) must comply with the quality standards (and thus be accredited) to furnish any item for which payment is made under Medicare Part B. The DMEPOS providers and suppliers must be accredited and obtain a National Supplier Clearinghouse billing number in order to participate in the Competitive Acquisition Program for DMEPOS. The competitive bidding process final rule will be published October 1, 2006. However, there are over 90,000 providers and suppliers that need to be accredited before the implementation of this program by 2009, regardless of whether they submit bids or do not submit bids. Emergency clearance is required, given the complexity of this new requirement and the fact that the industry cannot proceed until CMS publishes both the quality standards along with the approved requirements for independent accreditation organizations. Otherwise, the program is in jeopardy of not meeting the statutory deadline of full implementation by 2009.

1. *Type of Information Collection Request:* New collection; *Title of Information Collection:* Durable Medical Equipment, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Supplies (DMEPOS) Supplier Accreditation Proposals from Independent Accrediting Bodies; *Use:* Under Section 302 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA), the DMEPOS providers and suppliers must be accredited and obtain a National Supplier Clearinghouse billing number in order to competitively bid. Section 302(a)(1) of the MMA added section 1834(a)(20) to the Act, which requires the Secretary to establish and implement quality standards for

suppliers of certain items, including consumer service standards, to be applied by recognized independent accreditation organizations. Suppliers of DMEPOS must comply with the quality standards in order to furnish any item for which payment is made under Part B, and to receive and retain a provider or supplier billing number used to submit claims for reimbursement for any such item for which payment may be made under Medicare. Section 1834(a)(20)(B) of the Act requires the Secretary, notwithstanding section 1865(b) of the Act, to designate and approve one or more independent accreditation organizations to apply the quality standards to suppliers of DMEPOS and other items. Independent accreditation organizations must furnish the specified information to CMS to allow themselves the opportunity to submit proposals to implement and operate the DMEPOS accreditation program. The information supplied by the Independent Accreditation Organizations will be used to evaluate the accreditation organization's ability to meet CMS' regulations. *Form Number:* CMS-10206 (OMB#: 0938-NEW); *Frequency:* Reporting—One-time; *Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit and Not-for-profit institutions; *Number of Respondents:* 10; *Total Annual Responses:* 10; *Total Annual Hours:* 200.

CMS is requesting OMB review and approval of this collection by August 9, 2006, with a 180-day approval period. Written comments and recommendations will be considered from the public if received by the individuals designated below by August 7, 2006.

To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the proposed paperwork collections referenced above, access CMS' Web site address at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/regulations/prs> or e-mail your request, including your address, phone number, OMB number, and CMS document identifier, to Paperwork@cms.hhs.gov, or call the Reports Clearance Office on (410) 786-1326.

Interested persons are invited to send comments regarding the burden or any other aspect of these collections of information requirements. However, as noted above, comments on these information collection and recordkeeping requirements must be mailed and/or faxed to the designees referenced below by August 7, 2006:

CMS, Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Division of Regulations Development—B, Attn: William N. Parham, III, Room C4-26—