

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Immigration and Naturalization Service (Service) has established a District Advisory Council on Immigration Matters (DACOIM) to provide the New York District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service with recommendations on ways to improve the response and reaction to customers in the local jurisdiction and to develop new partnerships with local officials and community organizations to build and enhance a broader understanding of immigration policies and practices (see the notice published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register** which establishes the DACOIM). The purpose of this notice is to announce the membership of the DACOIM, as well as the date and agenda for a forthcoming meeting.

DATES AND TIMES: The first meeting of the DACOIM is scheduled for September 25, 1997 at 10:00 A.M.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the United States Court of International Trade, 1 Federal Plaza, 2nd Floor, Ceremonial Court Room, New York, New York 10278.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hiwatha Greene-Janvier, Community Relations Officer, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 14-100, New York, New York 10278. Telephone: (212) 264-0736.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Authority**

The DACOIM is established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act [5 U.S.C. App. 2] and 41 CFR 101-6.1001-101-6.1035. The charter for the DACOIM has been filed with Congress.

Purpose

The Service's New York District established a District Advisory Council For Immigration Matters (DACOIM) for the purpose of providing recommendations to the New York District Director to improve the response and reaction to customers and increase cooperative opportunities relating to immigration and naturalization concerns in the local jurisdiction. Most importantly, the DACOIM will help to develop new partnerships with local officials and community organizations to build and enhance a broader understanding of immigration policies and practices. The DACOIM is authorized by the District Director in concurrence with the Commissioner and Attorney General to: (a) Assess New York District policies and procedures that impact customer

service; (b) analyze and recommend improvements as needed; (c) serve as a community base for anchoring outreach activities and education; and (d) establish mechanisms to assess tension and control rumors.

Membership

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Charter for the District Advisory Council on Immigration Matters was filed with Congress, and the District Director has approved the following members to serve on the DACOIM:

Private Citizen Members

The nine private citizen members who represent organizations which reflect balanced perspectives and interests regarding immigration and naturalization matters are:

- (1) Richard Lay, Board of Directors, Literacy Volunteers of America, Middletown, New York
- (2) Rolando Martinez, Executive Director, Economic Opportunity Commission of Nassau County Inc. (EEOC), Hempstead, New York
- (3) Sarah Vidal, Deputy Commissioner, New York City Human Rights Commission, Manhattan, New York
- (4) Marianne DiPalermo-McCauley, Psychologist, Educator, Westchester County, New York
- (5) David Chen, Director, Chinese American Planning Council, Manhattan, New York
- (6) Horace Morancie, Board of Directors, Caribbean Research Center, Brooklyn, New York
- (7) Helene Laufer, Director, Travelers Aid (Immigration Hotline), Queens County, New York
- (8) Arturo Sanchez, Board of Directors, Colombian Charities of America, Queens County, New York, and
- (9) Cassandra Griffen-McIntyre, Commissioner, Rockland County Commission on Human Rights, New City, New York.

Government Members

The six representatives from the Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service, New York District, are:

- (1) Charles Troy, Assistant District Director, Management
- (2) Mark Curley, Deputy District Counsel
- (3) Sham Chin Gee, Supervisory Adjudications Officer
- (4) Richard Pileggi, Deputy Area Port Director
- (5) Bart Rodriguez, Supervisory Special Agent, and
- (6) Theresa Regis, Officer-in-Charge, Wackenhut Detention facility.

Other Members

The two non-voting members, a Foreign Consulate Representative and a Commissioner Designee, will be announced shortly.

Summary of Agenda

As this is the first meeting of the DACOIM, the principal purposes of the meeting will be to introduce the members to each other and to discuss future activities of the DACOIM. There will also be an overview of the Service and a general orientation to include the current customer benefit process. The DACOIM will be chaired by Charles Troy, Assistant District Director for Management, New York District, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Public Participation

The DACOIM meeting is open to the public, but advance notice of attendance is requested to ensure adequate seating. Persons planning to attend should notify the contact person at least two (2) days prior to the meeting. Members of the public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting for consideration by the DACOIM. Written statements should be sent to Hiwatha Greene-Janvier, Community Relations Officer, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 14-100, New York, New York 10278. Telephone: (212) 264-0736. Only written statements received at least five (5) days prior to the meeting will be considered for discussion at the meeting. Minutes of the meeting will be available on request.

Dated: September 4, 1997.

Doris Meissner,

Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**Immigration and Naturalization Service**

[INS No. 1866-97]

New York District Advisory Council on Immigration Matters

AGENCY: Immigration and Naturalization Service, Justice.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice establishes a District Advisory Council on Immigration Matters (DACOIM) to provide recommendations to the New York District Director on ways to improve the response and reaction to customers in the local jurisdiction. The

DACOIM will also seek to increase cooperative opportunities by serving as a community base for anchoring outreach activities and education, in order to strengthen the relationship between the Service and all members of the community.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Hiwatha Greene-Janvier, Community Relations Officer, Immigration and Naturalization Service, 26 Federal Plaza, Room 14-100, New York, New York 10278. Telephone: (212) 264-0736.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2 (1972), and 41 CFR 101-6.1001-6.1035 (1992), the DACOIM is established with the concurrence of the Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the Attorney General.

Background

The establishment of the DACOIM is in response to an increase in the overall immigrant population of all fourteen counties in the New York District. The mass settlement of new immigrants seeking Service benefits is immersed into an existing atmosphere of misconceptions and mistrust, which has caused an increase in tension between the immigrant and non-immigrant communities. Establishment of this advisory council is intended to eliminate any misconceptions and mistrust while trying to build and maintain a good relationship with all members of the community. The DACOIM will also serve to enhance public confidence in immigration policy and procedures and demonstrate the Service's commitment to strengthen the New York District's response time to immigration matters and enhance communications with all sources.

Purpose

The DACOIM is authorized by the Attorney General to (1) assess New York District policies and procedures that impact customer service, (2) analyze and recommend improvements as needed, (3) serve as a community base for anchoring outreach activities and education, and (4) establish mechanisms to assess tension and control rumors.

Membership

The DACOIM will be composed of fifteen voting members who will be appointed by the District Director. Six of these members shall be representatives from the Department of Justice, Immigration and Naturalization Service,

New York District. The remaining nine members shall be private citizens representing organizations who reflect balanced perspectives and interests regarding immigration and naturalization matters and community relations. In addition, the DACOIM will be comprised of two non-voting members, as follows: a Consular or Embassy official, representing the Society of Foreign Consuls, who will serve in a permanent advisory capacity to the DACOIM, and a representative designated by the Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service. This composition will attain a balanced membership.

The DACOIM will function solely as an advisory body in compliance with the provision of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Its charter has been filed and approved, in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Dated: September 4, 1997.

Doris Meissner,

Commissioner, Immigration and Naturalization Service.

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FEDERAL MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

September 4, 1997.

Time and Date: 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 11, 1997.

Place: Room 6005, 6th Floor, 1730 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Status: Open.

Matters To Be Considered: The Commission will hear oral argument on the following:

1. *Secretary of Labor v. Cyprus Cumberland Resources Corp.*, Docket No. PENN 95-75 (Issues include whether the judge erred in determining that a safeguard was validly issued to address the alleged failure of the operator to consistently turn off track haulage signal lights when leaving blocks of track and that the operator violated the safeguard).

Time and Date: 2:00 p.m., Thursday, September 11, 1997.

Place: Room 6005, 6th Floor, 1730 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Status: Closed [Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(10)].

Matters To Be Considered: It was determined by a unanimous vote of the Commissioners that the Commission consider and act upon the following in closed session:

1. *Secretary of Labor v. Cyprus Cumberland Resources Corp.*, Docket

No. PENN 95-75 (See oral argument listing, *supra*, for issues).

Time and Date: 3:00 p.m., Thursday, September 11, 1997.

Place: Room 6005, 6th Floor, 1730 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Status: Open.

Matters To Be Considered: The Commission will consider and act upon the following:

1. *Secretary of Labor v. Island Creek Coal Co.*, Docket No. KENT 95-214 (Issues include whether the judge erred in concluding that the operator did not violate 30 CFR 50.10, requiring the immediate reporting of accidents to the Mine Safety and Health Administration, on the basis that the escape of methane from a cut-through core drill hole did not constitute an "unplanned inundation of a mine" within the meaning of 30 CFR 50.2(h)(4)).

Time and Date: 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 17, 1997.

Place: Room 6005, 6th Floor, 1730 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Status: Open.

Matters To Be Considered: The Commission shall consider and act upon the following:

1. *Secretary of Labor v. Cyprus Emerald Resources Corp.*, Docket Nos. PENN 94-23 and 94-166 (Issues include whether the placement of coal refuse by the operator was a "refuse pile" under 30 CFR 75.214 (f) and (h) and whether the accident-reporting and investigating standards in 30 CFR 50.10 and 50.11 were triggered by a collapse of the coal refuse, whether the operator violated 30 CFR 77.1608, requiring trucks to a dump a safe distance from the edge of the bank when on unstable ground, and whether certain of the violations were significant and substantial and the result of the operator's unwarrantable failure to comply with the standard).

Time and Date: 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 25, 1997.

Place: Room 6005, 6th Floor, 1730 K Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Status: Open.

Matters To Be Considered: The Commission will consider and act upon the following:

1. Whether to propose revisions to Commission Procedural Rules 10, 45(f), 70, and 75.

Any person attending oral argument or an open meeting who requires special accessibility features and/or auxiliary aids, such as sign language interpreters, must inform the Commission in advance of those needs. Subject to 29 CFR 2706.150(a)(3) and 2706.160(d).

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