

A. Why Do States Issue Variances and Exemptions?

States with primary PWSS enforcement authority are authorized to grant variances and exemptions from the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations to specific public water systems provided these variances and exemptions meet the requirements of SDWA sections 1415 and 1416 and are protective of public health, 42 U.S.C. 300g-4 and 300g-5.

B. Why Is a Review of Variances and Exemptions Necessary?

The SDWA requires that EPA periodically review State-issued variances and exemptions to determine whether the State has abused its discretion in a substantial number of cases and to publish the results of that review in the **Federal Register**, 42 U.S.C. 300g-4(a)(1)(F), 42 U.S.C. 300g-5(d).

Dated: July 23, 2008.

Judith Wong,

Acting Deputy Regional Administrator, EPA Region 8.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

Sunshine Act Meeting

ACTION: Notice of a Partially Open Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

Time and Place: Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will be held at Ex-Im Bank in Room 1143, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571.

Open Agenda Item: Environmental Guidelines.

Public Participation: The meeting will be open to public participation for Item No. 1 only.

Further Information: For further information, contact: Office of the Secretary, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20571 (Telephone 202-565-3957).

Kamil Cook,

Deputy General Counsel.

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FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION

[Petition P1-08]

Petition of the National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of America, Inc. for Exemption From Mandatory Rate Tariff Publication; Errata

Notice is hereby given that the correct address for filing replies to Petitioner's counsel shown in the Notice of Filing, served August 5, 2008, in the above-titled petition, should have read: Edward D. Greenberg, Esq., Galland, Kharasch, Greenberg, Fellman & Swirsky, P.C., 1054 Thirty-First Street, NW., Suite 200, Washington, DC 20007-4492.

Karen V. Gregory,

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; Decision To Evaluate a Petition To Designate a Class of Employees for the Connecticut Aircraft Nuclear Engine Laboratory, Middletown, CT, To Be Included in the Special Exposure Cohort

AGENCY: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), 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 for the Connecticut Aircraft Nuclear Engine Laboratory, Middletown, Connecticut, 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: Connecticut Aircraft Nuclear Engine Laboratory.

Location: Middletown, Connecticut.

Job Titles and/or Job Duties: All employees.

Period of Employment: January 1958 through December 1960.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Elliott, Director, Office of Compensation Analysis and Support,

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), 4676 Columbia Parkway, MS C-46, Cincinnati, OH 45226, Telephone 513-533-6800 (this is not a toll-free number). Information requests can also be submitted by e-mail to OCAS@CDC.GOV.

Dated: August 11, 2008.

Christine M. Branche,

Acting Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; Decision To Evaluate a Petition To Designate a Class of Employees for the Tyson Valley Powder Farm, St. Louis, MO, to be included in the Special Exposure Cohort

AGENCY: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), 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 for the Tyson Valley Powder Farm, St. Louis, Missouri, 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: Tyson Valley Powder Farm.

Location: St. Louis, Missouri.

Job Titles and/or Job Duties: All employees.

Period of Employment: January 1, 1942 through December 31, 1949.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Larry Elliott, Director, Office of Compensation Analysis and Support, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), 4676 Columbia Parkway, MS C-46, Cincinnati, OH 45226, Telephone 513-533-6800 (this is not a toll-free number). Information requests can also be submitted by e-mail to OCAS@CDC.GOV.

Dated: August 11, 2008.

Christine M. Branche,

Acting Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Request for Planning Ideas for Development of an AHRQ Innovations Research Portfolio

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of Request for Ideas.

SUMMARY: AHRQ is establishing a new research portfolio, the Innovations Portfolio. The Portfolio goal is to identify and support research that has the potential to accelerate improvements in the organization, delivery, and management of healthcare. AHRQ seeks ideas on priority topics and activities that should be addressed as components of the Innovations Portfolio.

DATES: Please submit comments no later than October 14, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Submissions should be brief (no more than three pages per recommendation), and should be in the form of a letter or e-mail, preferably with an electronic file in a standard word processing format as an e-mail attachment. Responses to this request should be submitted to Francis D. Chesley, Jr., M.D., Agency for Health Care Research and Quality, 540 Gaither Road, Room 2034, Rockville, MD 20850, FAX: (301) 427-1562, e-mail: francis.chesley@ahrq.hhs.gov.

In order to facilitate handling of submissions, please include full information about the person submitting the recommendation: (a) Name, (b) title; (c) organization, (d) mailing address, (e) telephone number, and (f) e-mail address. Please do not use acronyms.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Francis D. Chesley, Jr., M.D., (301) 427-1449 or at francis.chesley@ahrq.hhs.gov. All responses will be available for public inspection at AHRQ's Office of Extramural Research, Education, and Priority Populations weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Arrangements for reviewing the submissions may be made by calling (301) 427-1449.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Innovations Portfolio is focused on creating resources and opportunity for exploration and discovery. The Innovations Portfolio was created to identify and support research that has the potential for high impact. These ideas will be novel and span a diverse array of disciplines. The portfolio will foster and nurture ideas and projects that have the potential to lead to highly innovative solutions that may lead to significant advances in healthcare organization, delivery, and management. Research and activities supported under the Innovations Portfolio will reflect ideas substantially different from those already being pursued by AHRQ. The portfolio will fund a transformative research agenda to solve pressing healthcare problems. Thus, the main focus of the portfolio is problem solving in order to accelerate improvement in healthcare.

Ideas are sought for topics to be supported by the Innovations Portfolio. Ideas are also sought regarding specific strategies to foster innovative approaches and programs. Comments and ideas may address new and emerging priority issues and areas that should be the focus of research in the Innovations Portfolio, mechanisms for identifying and engaging partners for this important work, or any related topic.

Dated: August 4, 2008.

Carolyn M. Clancy,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

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

Name: Interagency Committee on Smoking and Health.

Time and Date: 9 a.m.—4:30 p.m., September 16, 2008.

Place: Hilton Washington Embassy Row, Ambassador Room, 2015 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: 202-939-4124.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. Those who wish to attend are encouraged to register with the

contact person listed below. If you will require a sign language interpreter, or have other special needs, please notify the contact person by 4:30 E.S.T. on September 9, 2008.

Purpose: The Interagency Committee on Smoking and Health advises the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, and the Assistant Secretary for Health in the (a) coordination of all research and education programs and other activities within the Department and with other federal, state, local and private agencies and (b) establishment and maintenance of liaison with appropriate private entities, federal agencies, and state and local public health agencies with respect to smoking and health activities.

Matters to be Discussed: The agenda will focus on "NicotineAddiction."

Contact Person for More Information: Substantive program information as well as summaries of the meeting and roster of committee members may be obtained from the internet at <http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco> in mid-December or from Ms. Monica L. Swann, Management and Program Analyst, Office on Smoking and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4770 Buford Highway, M/S K50, Atlanta, Georgia 30341, Telephone: 770-488-5278.

Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

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: August 11, 2008.

Lorenzo J. Falgiano,

Acting Director, Management Analysis and Service Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Subcommittee for Dose Reconstruction Reviews (SDRR), Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, announces the following meeting for the aforementioned subcommittee:

Time and Date: 9:30 a.m.—5 p.m., August 20, 2008.

Place: Cincinnati Airport Marriott, 2395 Progress Drive, Hebron, Kentucky 41018. Telephone (859)334-4611, Fax (859)334-4619.