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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

**Solicitation of Nominations for Appointment to the World Trade Center Health Program Scientific/Technical Advisory Committee (STAC).**

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is seeking nominations for membership on the STAC. The STAC consists of 17 members including experts in fields associated with occupational medicine, environmental medicine, environmental health, industrial hygiene, epidemiology, toxicology, mental health, and representatives of World Trade Center (WTC) responders as well as representatives of certified-eligible WTC survivors. Members may be invited to serve for three-year terms. Selection of members is based on candidates' qualifications to contribute to the accomplishment of STAC objectives <https://www.cdc.gov/wtc/stac.html>.

**DATES:** Nominations for membership on the STAC must be received no later than January 26, 2018. Packages received after this time will not be considered for the current membership cycle.

**ADDRESSES:** All nominations should be mailed to NIOSH Docket 229-F, c/o Mia Wallace, Committee Management Specialist,

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1600 Clifton Rd. NE, MS: E-20, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, or emailed (recommended) to [nioshdocket@cdc.gov](mailto:nioshdocket@cdc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul Middendorf, Deputy Associate Director for Science, 1600 Clifton Rd. NE, MS: E-20, Atlanta, GA 30333; telephone (404)498-2500 (this is not a toll-free number); email [pmiddendorf@cdc.gov](mailto:pmiddendorf@cdc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services policy stipulates that committee membership be balanced in terms of points of view represented, and the committee's function. Appointments shall be made without discrimination on the basis of age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, HIV status, disability, and cultural, religious, or socioeconomic status. Nominees must be U.S. citizens. Current participation on federal workgroups or prior experience serving on a federal advisory committee does not disqualify a candidate; however, HHS policy is to avoid excessive individual service on advisory committees and multiple committee memberships. Committee members are Special Government Employees, requiring the filing of financial disclosure reports at the beginning and annually during their terms. NIOSH identifies potential candidates and provides a slate of nominees for consideration to the Director of CDC for STAC membership

each year, CDC reviews the proposed slate of candidates, and provides a slate of nominees for consideration to the Secretary of HHS for final selection. HHS notifies selected candidates of their appointment near the start of the term in October, or as soon as the HHS selection process is completed. Note that the need for different expertise varies from year to year and a candidate who is not selected in one year may be reconsidered in a subsequent year.

Nominations are being sought for individuals who have expertise and qualifications necessary to contribute to the accomplishments of the committee's objectives. The Administrator is seeking nominations for members fulfilling the following categories:

- Environmental medicine or Environmental health specialist;
- Epidemiologist;
- Occupational physician who has experience treating WTC rescue and recovery workers;
- Occupational physician;
- Representative of WTC responders; and
- Toxicologist.

Candidates should submit the following items:

- Current curriculum vitae, including complete contact information (telephone numbers, mailing address, e-mail address);
- The category of membership (environmental medicine or environmental health specialist, occupational physician, pulmonary physician, representative of WTC responders, certified-eligible WTC survivor representative, industrial hygienist, toxicologist, epidemiologist, or mental health professional) that the candidate is qualified to represent);
- A summary of the background, experience, and qualifications that demonstrates the nominee's suitability for the nominated membership category; and
- At least one letter of recommendation from person(s) not employed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (Candidates may submit letter(s) from current HHS employees if they wish, but at least one letter must be submitted by a person not employed by an HHS agency (e.g., CDC, NIH, FDA, etc.).

Nominations may be submitted by the candidate him- or herself, or by the person/organization recommending the candidate.

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 CDC and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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