DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRW or the Advisory Board), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the CDC announces the following meeting of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRW). This meeting is open to the public, but without a public comment period. The public is welcome to submit written comments in advance of the meeting, to the contact person below. Written comments received in advance of the meeting will be included in the official record of the meeting. The public is also welcome to listen to the meeting by joining the audio conference (information below). The audio conference line has 150 ports for callers.

DATE: The meeting will be held on February 19, 2020, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., EST.
ADDRESS: Audio Conference Call via FTS Conferencing. The USA
toll-free dial-in number is 1-866-659-0537; and the pass code is
9933701.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

BACKGROUND: The Advisory Board was established under the
Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act
of 2000 to advise the President on a variety of policy and
technical functions required to implement and effectively manage
the new compensation program. Key functions of the Advisory
Board include providing advice on the development of probability
of causation guidelines which have been promulgated by the
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as a final rule,
advice on methods of dose reconstruction which have also been
promulgated by HHS as a final rule, advice on the scientific
validity and quality of dose estimation and reconstruction
efforts being performed for purposes of the compensation
program, and advice on petitions to add classes of workers to
the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC). In December 2000, the
President delegated responsibility for funding, staffing, and
operating the Advisory Board to HHS, which subsequently
delegated this authority to the CDC. NIOSH implements this responsibility for CDC. The Advisory Board’s charter was issued on August 3, 2001, renewed at appropriate intervals, rechartered on February 12, 2018, and will terminate on February 12, 2020. 

PURPOSE: This Advisory Board is charged with a) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the development of guidelines under Executive Order 13179; b) providing advice to the Secretary, HHS, on the scientific validity and quality of dose reconstruction efforts performed for this program; and c) upon request by the Secretary, HHS, advising the Secretary on whether there is a class of employees at any Department of Energy facility who were exposed to radiation but for whom it is not feasible to estimate their radiation dose, and on whether there is reasonable likelihood that such radiation doses may have endangered the health of members of this class.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The agenda will include discussions on: Work Group and Subcommittee Reports; Update on the Status of SEC Petitions; Plans for the April 2020 Advisory Board Meeting; and Advisory Board Correspondence. Agenda items are subject to change as priorities dictate.

The Director, Strategic Business Initiatives Unit, Office of the Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 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.

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