

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 that 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 CDC. NIOSH implements this responsibility for CDC. The charter was issued on August 3, 2001, renewed at appropriate intervals, and will expire on August 3, 2009.

**Purpose:** The 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, advise 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 whether there is reasonable likelihood that such radiation doses may have endangered the health of members of this class. The Subcommittee on Procedures Reviews was established to aid the Advisory Board in carrying out its duty to advise the Secretary, HHS, on dose reconstruction. It will be responsible for overseeing, tracking, and participating in the reviews of all procedures used in the dose reconstruction process by the NIOSH Office of Compensation Analysis and Support (OCAS) and its dose reconstruction contractor.

**Matters to be Discussed:** The agenda for the Subcommittee meeting includes: A discussion of proposed new versions of the computer-assisted telephone interview scripts and procedures NIOSH uses to interview claimants at the outset of the dose reconstruction process; a discussion of ORAUT-OTIB-0054 ("Fission and Activation Product Assignment for Internal Dose-Related Gross Beta and Gross Gamma Analyses"), ORAUT-OTIB-0066 ("Calculation of Dose from Intakes of Special Tritium Compounds"), and ORAUT-OTIB-0052 ("Parameters for Processing Claims for Construction Workers"); and, a continuation of the comment-resolution process for other dose reconstruction procedures under review by the Subcommittee.

The agenda is subject to change as priorities dictate.

In the event an individual cannot attend, written comments may be submitted. Any written comments received will be provided at the meeting and should be submitted to

the contact person below in advance of the meeting.

This meeting was previously scheduled to convene on January 29, 2009, but was cancelled due to inclement weather and airport and facility inaccessibility. The meeting was scheduled to reconvene as soon as possible; therefore, this **Federal Register** notice is being published less than fifteen days prior to the meeting date.

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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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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[Docket Number NIOSH-145]

#### Notice of Public Comment Period for the NIOSH Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention Initiative

**Authority:** 29 U.S.C. 669(a).

**AGENCY:** National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice of Document Available for Public Comment.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the availability of the following document which encompasses progress to-date and planned future activities of the NIOSH Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention Initiative. The document, *NIOSH Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention Initiative: Progress and Proposed Future Activities*, can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/review/public/145/>.

**Public Comment Period:** March 16, 2009 to May 15, 2009.

**Purpose:** To seek comments on the progress and proposed future activities of the Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention Initiative begun by NIOSH in October 1996, in order to ensure that the program is meeting the needs of stakeholders (e.g., national youth agricultural injury prevention organizations, agricultural youth injury prevention groups, individuals, etc.) and other interested members of the public, and to identify ways in which the program can be improved to increase its impact on the safety of children in agriculture. A review of progress and public comment on the proposed future activities of the NIOSH Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention Initiative is desired periodically to assess whether the NIOSH Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention Initiative is addressing the most pressing issues and areas of childhood agricultural injury prevention. NIOSH will compile and consider all comments received through the NIOSH docket and use them in making decisions on how to proceed with the Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention Initiative.

**Background:** The problem of children being injured while living, working, or visiting agricultural work environments (farms) has been recognized for several decades. The most recent data suggest about 100 youths under the age of 20 die on farms each year and about 27,600 farm-related injuries occur to the same age group. Many individuals and groups have advocated for the prevention of agricultural injuries experienced by youths, and media attention has been generated on the issue, but until 1996 a national coordinated effort to address the problem had not existed.

In April 1996, the National Committee for Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention (NCCAIP) published a report entitled *Children and Agriculture: Opportunities for Safety and Health, A National Action Plan* to promote the health and safety of children exposed to agricultural hazards. The National Action Plan recommends leadership, surveillance, research, education, and public policy. The plan specifically recommended that NIOSH serve as the lead federal agency in preventing childhood agricultural injury. Due in large part to the efforts by NCCAIP to raise awareness and concern about childhood agricultural injury issues, in October 1996, NIOSH began implementing a Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention Initiative. In July, 1999, a review was conducted by NIOSH to seek input on the progress and direction of the Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention Initiative

to date. The input provided by stakeholders at that meeting was useful in providing insight into stakeholder needs and in helping to improve the Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention Initiative.

In 2001, a Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention Summit was organized and convened by the National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety (NCCRAHS), an extramurally funded component, five years after the implementation of the NIOSH Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention Initiative. The goal of the summit was to conduct a five-year review of the 1996 National Action Plan and to use a consensus development process to generate strategies for the future. Specifically, participants were asked to consider: (a) Successes to date, (b) gaps and barriers in achieving objectives, (c) current and potential effective interventions not addressed in the National Action Plan, and (d) strategies for the future. To date, NIOSH has undertaken a number of activities, both intramurally and extramurally, to address the recommendations in the 1996 National Action Plan and the 2001 Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention Summit.

**Status:** The Document, *NIOSH Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention Initiative: Progress and Proposed Future Activities*, will be available for comment by stakeholders and other interested members of the public. Written comments should be submitted to the NIOSH Docket Office as outlined in the next section.

**Docket:** Written comments on the usefulness of the Childhood Agricultural Injury Prevention Initiative for improving childhood agricultural safety and suggestions for enhancing or improving the impact of the Initiative should be mailed to the NIOSH Docket Office, Robert A. Taft Laboratories, MS-C34, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226, telephone (513)

533-8303, facsimile (513) 533-8285. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to [niocindocket@cdc.gov](mailto:niocindocket@cdc.gov). E-mail attachments should be formatted in Microsoft Word. All materials submitted to the Agency should reference NIOSH docket number 145 and must be submitted by May 15, 2009 to be considered by the Agency. All electronic comments should be formatted as Microsoft Word. All information received in response to this notice will be available for public examination and copying at the NIOSH Docket Office, Room 111, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226. After the comment period has closed, comments may be accessed electronically at <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh> under the link to the NIOSH docket. As appropriate, NIOSH will post comments with the commenters' names, affiliations, and other information, on the Internet.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

#### Proposed Project

**Title:** Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey (FACES 2009).  
**OMB No.:** 0970-0151.

**Description:** The Administration for Children and Families (ACF), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, is planning to collect data on a new cohort for the Head Start Family and Child Experiences Survey (FACES). FACES is a longitudinal study of a nationally representative sample of Head Start programs and children that will collect information for Head Start performance measures. Data for FACES will be collected annually through interviews with Head Start parents, teachers, program directors and other Head Start staff, as well as direct child assessments and observations of Head Start classrooms.

Data will be collected on a sample of approximately 3,400 children and families from 60 Head Start programs. Data collection will include assessments of Head Start children, interviews with their parents, and ratings by their Head Start teachers. Site visitors will interview Head Start teachers in approximately 405 classrooms and make observations of the types and quality of classroom activities. Interviews will also be conducted with Head Start program directors and other staff. A follow-up for children in Kindergarten will include child assessments, parent interviews, and teacher questionnaires and child ratings.

The purpose of this data collection is to fulfill the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993 (Pub. L. 103-62), and by the 1994 reauthorization of the Head Start program (Head Start Act, as amended, May 18, 1994, Section 649 (d)), which call for periodic assessments of Head Start's quality and effectiveness.

**Respondents:** Parents of Head Start Children, Head Start Children, Head Start Teachers, Head Start Program Directors and Staff, and Kindergarten Teachers of former Head Start enrollees.

## ANNUAL BURDEN ESTIMATES

	Annual number of respondents	Number of responses per respondent	Average burden hour per response	Estimated annual burden hours
Parent Interview .....	3,185	1.0	.81	2,564
Child Assessment .....	3,245	1.0	0.75	2,434
Head Start Teacher Interview .....	405	1.0	0.50	203
Head Start Teacher Child Rating .....	405	9.0	0.17	620
Program Director Interview .....	20	1.0	0.50	10
Center Director Interview .....	40	1.0	0.50	20
Education Coordinator Interview .....	20	1.0	0.50	10
Kindergarten Teacher Questionnaire .....	1,128	1.3	0.50	733
Kindergarten Teacher Child Rating .....	1,128	1.3	0.17	249
<b>Total Annual Burden Hours:</b> .....	.....	.....	.....	<b>6,843</b>