

2. Testing laboratories should report all EMPs having length ≥ 0.5 micrometers (500 nanometers (nm)).

3. Test methods should specify reportable EMPs identified as amphibole or chrysotile particles as covered minerals.

4. Test methods should include the counting and reporting of covered EMPs as a function of sample mass. In counting, guidelines such as ISO 10312, "Ambient air—Determination of asbestos fibres—Direct transfer transmission electronic microscopy method" (Ref. 6), classify primary and secondary structures. Individual fibers in secondary structures can be counted recording the dimensions of each fiber.

5. Use of TEM at nominally 20,000 \times magnification, in addition to PLM, to resolve the issues of sensitivity that cause reporting of false negatives for covered EMPs. Use of TEM with energy dispersive x ray spectroscopy and selected area electron diffraction analyses may reliably detect and identify chrysotile and asbestiform and non-asbestiform amphibole minerals, including EMPs whose narrowest width is <200 nm. Scanning electron microscopy might be useful as a complementary method, but has significant shortcomings for identification of chrysotile and visualization of the narrowest particles in the population that can only be overcome by using TEM.

6. "Mass percent", a unit that is frequently used to express content of asbestos in commercial bulk materials, is not appropriate for measurement of EMPs in talc and consumer products containing talc because mass percent does not correlate with the number of fibers, and one large fiber could dominate the mass percent value.

V. References

The following references marked with an asterisk (*) are on display at the Dockets Management Staff (see ADDRESSES) and are available for viewing by interested persons between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday; they also are available electronically at <https://www.regulations.gov>. References without asterisks are not on public display at <https://www.regulations.gov> because they have copyright restriction. Some may be available at the website address, if listed. References without asterisks are available for viewing only at the Dockets Management Staff. FDA has verified the website addresses, as of the date this document publishes in the **Federal Register**, but websites are subject to change over time.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Advisory Council.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should

notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Advisory Council.

Date: February 4, 2020.

Open: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review program documents and policies.

Place: Porter Neuroscience Research Center, Building 35A, Room: 620/630, 35 Convent Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Closed: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Porter Neuroscience Research Center, Building 35A, Room: 620/630, 35 Convent Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Melinda Nelson, Acting Director, Grants Management Branch, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, 45 Center Drive, Natcher Building, Room 5A49, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-3535, mn23z@nih.gov.

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