

Services, Administration for Children and Families (ACF) as follows: Chapter KB, Administration on Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) (60 FR 2766), as last amended January 11, 1995. This Notice announces the new organizational structure and assignment of responsibilities for the Children's Bureau. The Children's Bureau will be restructured with two divisions: the Policy Division and the Program Operations Division to administer the child welfare policy and operational functions presently administered within ACYF.

Amend Chapter KB as follows:

a. KB.10 Organization. Delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

KB.10 Organization. The Administration on Children, Youth and Families is headed by a Commissioner who reports directly to the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families and consists of:

Office of the Commissioner (KBA)
 Division of Program Evaluation (KBB)
 Head Start Bureau (KBC)
 Program Operations Division (KBC 1)
 Program Support Division (KBC 2)
 Children's Bureau (KBD)
 Policy Division (KBD 1)
 Program Operations Division (KBD 2)
 Family and Youth Services Bureau (KBE)
 Program Operations Division (KBE 1)
 Program Support Division (KBE 2)
 National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect (KBF)
 Program Policy and Planning Division (KBF 1)
 Clearinghouse Division (KBF 2)
 Child Care Bureau (KBG)
 Program Operations Division (KBG 1)
 Policy Division (KBG 2)

b. Delete paragraph D in its entirety and replace with the following.

D. The Children's Bureau advises the Commissioner on child welfare, foster care, adoption, family preservation and family support matters. It recommends legislative and budgetary proposals, operational planning system objectives and initiatives, and projects and issue areas for evaluation, research and demonstration activities; represents ACYF in initiating and implementing inter-agency activities and projects affecting children; and provides leadership and coordination for the programs, activities, and subordinate units of the Bureau. The Bureau manages the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and the Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS).

1. The Policy Division manages, coordinates and provides direction and

leadership in policy development and interpretation, and program development and innovation under titles IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act. It provides expert national leadership and direction on child welfare, foster care, adoption assistance, family preservation, family support, court improvement, and independent living matters, and direction and guidance on joint planning between regions and States. It administers the discretionary grant programs in adoption opportunities, abandoned infants, crisis nurseries, respite care, and child welfare research and demonstration.

2. The Program Operations Division manages, coordinates and provides direction and leadership in the program operation, monitoring and compliance review activities included under titles IV-B and IV-E of the Social Security Act; the Division provides advice, guidance and assistance to Regions and States on the implementation, operation, and review of programs under titles IV-B and IV-E. It is responsible for the development, implementation and oversight of corrective action plans and the provision of training and technical assistance, either directly or through Resource Centers. The Division works with appropriate other agencies and organizations on the implementation and oversight of relevant sections of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; Meeting

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting:

Name: Setting a National Occupational Research Agenda.

Time and Date: 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., November 30, 1995.

Place: Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 800, 200 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20201.

Status: Open to the public, limited only by the space available. The room accommodates approximately 100 people.

Purpose: NIOSH seeks input into the development of a national agenda for occupational safety and health research for the next decade. The agenda will assist

NIOSH and other organizations and individual scientists in the public and private sectors to coordinate research activities and target the highest scientific priorities for preventing work injuries and illnesses in the United States.

The tentative agenda of the meeting includes: (1) An initial discussion list of possible items for the national research agenda; (2) proposed criteria for establishing research priorities; and, (3) the proposed public process for developing the research agenda. The remainder of the meeting will provide interested parties with the opportunity to comment and make recommendations on research priorities, criteria, and the process. Research priorities for consideration include health effects, hazardous exposures, work environments, industries, occupations, and populations associated with significant occupational disease, injury, disability, fatalities, or topics of growing importance in the future.

Persons interested in presenting oral comments during the meeting will be limited to five minutes to allow a maximum number of presentations. Presenters are encouraged to provide written comments to accompany their oral presentations. Participants as well as persons who cannot attend are encouraged to send written comments as indicated below.

Matters to be Discussed: As the lead federal health agency for research into the causes and prevention of work injuries and diseases, NIOSH has a responsibility to continually assess the state of existing knowledge and define future research needs and priorities. The development of a national research agenda will assist NIOSH and the occupational safety and health research community in establishing priorities and targeting some of the scientific needs of the next decade that offer the greatest potential for advancing the safety and health of workers. Establishing these priorities is especially important in light of increasing fiscal constraints on occupational safety and health research in both the public and private sectors. The agenda is intended to serve decision-makers and scientists working throughout the field, employed in government, corporate, labor, university, and private research programs.

NIOSH has developed a discussion list of possible items for the national research agenda. A small group of scientists reviewed a wide array of information ranging from the scope of occupational safety and health problems to future employment projections. The results of a scientific agenda-setting process recently completed in the United Kingdom were also considered. In addition, the group agreed on the scope of agenda items it would propose. For example, it decided that a category such as "occupational lung diseases" would be too inclusive to serve as a research priority, that items of this breadth would result in an agenda encompassing the field rather than providing decision-makers and scientists with focused direction to meet some of the greatest needs and opportunities for prevention. The group ultimately listed approximately 50 items:

Health response	Exposure
Traumatic Injury Eye Injury Electrocutions Falls Neck, Shoulder and Other Upper Extremity Disorders Low Back Disorders Fertility and Pregnancy Outcomes Occupational Asthma Pneumoconioses Inhalation Injury Hypersensitivity lung disease Occupational Chronic Diseases (Selected) Chronic Obstructive Lung Disease Chronic Renal Disease Ischemic Heart Disease Neurodegenerative Disease (Cognitive and Movement Disorders) Occupational Infectious Diseases Depression and Anxiety Immune Dysfunction Neuroimmune Function Hearing Loss Contact Dermatitis	Chemical Mixtures (Including Hazardous Waste). Pesticides. Solvents. Oils and related derivatives (e.g., Cutting Fluids, Diesel). Indoor Environment. Thermal stresses. Mineral and Synthetic Fibers. Metals and Related Compounds. Hormonally Active Substances. Violence/Assaults. Motor Vehicles. Heavy Machinery. Hand Tools. Mechanical Stressors. Noise. Electric and Magnetic Fields. Behavioral Risk Factors.
Sector—work environment—workforce	Research process
Construction Agriculture Small Businesses Work Organization (Changing Economy and Workforce) Emerging Technologies Vulnerable Populations Service Workers	Intervention and Prevention. Effectiveness Research. Engineering and Technologic Solutions. Exposure Assessment Methods Development. Hazard Surveillance. Disease Surveillance. Injury Surveillance. Risk Assessment Methodology. Identification of Molecular Correlates of Cancer and other Chronic Diseases. Occupational Health Services Research (e.g., Manpower Needs; Clinical Outcomes Research).

From this list and additional items that are recommended, NIOSH anticipates producing a final agenda of 15–25 of the highest scientific priorities for advancing safety and health. The following criteria were used in developing this initial discussion list and are proposed for the development of the research agenda:

- (1) the seriousness of the hazard in terms of death, injury, disease, disability, and economic impact;
- (2) the number of workers exposed or the magnitude of the risk;
- (3) the potential for risk reduction;
- (4) the expected trend in the importance of the subject; and,
- (5) the need for research (the sufficiency of existing research) for improving worker protection.

NIOSH will be seeking input over the next five months to assure that the final agenda includes input from the broadest base of occupational safety and health expertise. The process will include the following elements:

- (1) Corporate and worker liaison committees and a broader-based stakeholders outreach committee will assist NIOSH in obtaining involvement and input from employers, employees, health officials, health professionals, scientists, and public health, advocacy, scientific, industry and labor organizations;
- (2) The November 30 public meeting, described in this notice, to obtain early input

on the research priorities, criteria for selection of priorities, and the process for developing the agenda;

- (3) Three work groups comprising researchers, health professionals, and representatives of stakeholder organizations will meet in public sessions in December and January to provide individual input and recommendations based on the communities they represent; time will be reserved to allow observers the opportunity to comment;
- (4) Regional public meetings will be held to increase the opportunities for input from employers, employees, scientists, and other public stakeholders across the United States;
- (5) A final public meeting in March 1996 to present a preliminary research agenda and provide the opportunity for public review and comment; and

- (6) Public input throughout the process; the public is encouraged to provide oral comments at the public meetings and written comments through March 6, 1996.
- (7) The final agenda will be presented at a scientific symposium commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Occupational Safety and Health Act on April 29, 1996.

NIOSH encourages the public to provide recommendations on research priorities, criteria for determining priorities, and the process of developing the research agenda as early in the process as possible. To register to attend, to register to speak, or to receive additional information on the November 30

meeting, please contact Ms. Sandy Lange as indicated below. On-site registration will be available; however, to assist in planning for the meeting, advance registration is requested.

Addresses: Comments should be mailed to Ms. Diane Manning, NIOSH, CDC, Robert A. Taft Laboratories, NIOSH, CDC, M/S C34, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226.

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