SUMMARY: The NTP requests comments on several substances, mixtures, and exposure circumstances (collectively referred to as “substances”) nominated for possible review for future editions of the Report on Carcinogens (RoC). The NTP also invites the nomination of additional substances.

DATES: The deadline for submission of public comments on the nominated substances is February 28, 2012; comments submitted after this date will be considered as time permits. There is no deadline for submission of new nominations.

ADRESSES: Comments should be sent to Dr. Ruth Lunn, Director, Office of the RoC, DNTP, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD K2–14, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone (919) 316–4637; Fax: (919) 541–0144; lunn@niehs.nih.gov. 

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ruth Lunn (telephone: (919) 316–4637 or email lunn@niehs.nih.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background Information on the RoC

The RoC is a congressionally mandated document that identifies and discusses substances that may pose a hazard to human health by virtue of their carcinogenicity. Substances are listed in the report as either known or reasonably anticipated human carcinogens. The NTP prepares the RoC on behalf of the Secretary of Health and Human Services following a formal, multi-step process for review and evaluation of selected substances. The evaluation process was recently revised and the final process is available on the RoC Web site (http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/roccpcess). Information about the RoC is available on the RoC Web site (http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/roc) or by contacting Dr. Lunn (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT).

Request for Public Comment on Nominations to the RoC

The NTP requests public comment on the substances listed below that have been nominated for possible review for future editions of the RoC (for more information, see http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/rocnom).

Specifically, the NTP requests information on each substance for the following topics: (1) Data on current production, use patterns, and human exposure, where relevant; (2) information about published, ongoing, or planned studies related to evaluating carcinogenicity; (3) scientific issues important for assessing carcinogenicity of the substance; and (4) names of scientists with expertise or knowledge about the substance. Please include any available bibliographic citations for the information. The NTP will use this information for identifying nominated substances to propose for formal evaluation for the RoC.

Persons submitting public comments are asked to include their name, contact information, affiliation, and sponsoring organization (if any) and to send them to Dr. Lunn (see ADDRESSES above). All information received will be posted on the RoC Web site and the submitter identified by name, affiliation, and sponsoring organization, if applicable.

The deadline for submission of public comment is February 28, 2012. Comments and information received after that date will be added to the public record and used by the NTP, as time permits, in considering whether to propose a substance for evaluation for the RoC.

Some Substances Nominated to the RoC

- alkylbenzenes (selected dietary: estragole, myristicin, isosafrole)
- 1-bromopropane
- carbon black
- cumene
- diesel exhaust particulates
- ethylbenzene
- Helicobacter pylori
- indium compounds
- iron (excess) or iron overload
- pentachlorophenol
- shiftwork involving light at night
- ortho-toluidine
- trichloroethylene
- uranium (depleted)
- viruses (selected): Kaposi's sarcoma—associated herpesvirus, Epstein-Barr virus (EBV), human T-cell lymphotropic virus type 1 (HTLV–1), human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and Merkel cell polyomavirus

* Nominations to the RoC may seek to list a new substance in the report, reclassify the listing status of a substance already listed, or remove a listed substance.

Request for Additional Nominations to the RoC

The NTP solicits and encourages the broadest participation possible from interested individuals or parties in nominating substances for the RoC. A nomination may seek to list a new substance in the report, reclassify the listing status of a substance already listed, or remove a listed substance. Nominations should contain (1) a rationale or reason for the RoC review and, if possible, appropriate background information and relevant data to support the rationale (e.g., journal articles, NTP Technical Reports, International Agency for Research on Cancer listings, exposure surveys, or release inventories) and (2) the nominator’s name, affiliation, contact information, and...
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration; Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

Part A. Office of the Secretary, Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is being amended at Chapter ABE, Office of Security and Strategic Information, which was last amended at 72 FR 19000–01, dated April 16, 2007, and at Chapter AJ, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration (ASA), which was last amended at 74 FR 57679–57682, dated November 9, 2009, and most recently at 75 FR 369–370, dated January 5, 2010, as follows:

A. Under Part A, delete Chapter ABE, Office of Security and Strategic Information, in its entirety.

B. Under Part A, Chapter AJ, “Section AJ.10 Mission,” delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

Section AJ.10 Mission. The Office of Assistant Secretary for Administration (ASA) performs for the Secretary the administrative functions of the Department. Manages policies and programs for human resources, equal employment opportunity, information resources management, security, counterintelligence, strategic information, logistics, and travel, as well as the general administrative activities of the Department and other administrative duties as assigned from time to time. Provides leadership and oversight direction to the activities of the Program Support Center.

C. Under Part A, Chapter AJ, “Section AJ.10 Organization,” delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

Section AJ.10 Organization. The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Administration (ASA) is under the direction of the Assistant Secretary for Administration, who reports to the Secretary, and consists of the following components:

- Immediate Office (AJ)
- Office of Human Resources (AJA)
- Office for Facilities Management and Policy (AJE)
- Office of the Chief Information Officer (AJI)
- Office of Business Management and Transformation (AJJ)
- Office of Security and Strategic Information (AJK)
- Program Support Center (P)

D. Under Part A, Chapter AJ, “Section AJ.20 Functions,” delete the first paragraph, “Office of Human Resources (AJA),” in its entirety and replace with the following:

Office of Human Resources (AJA). The Office of Human Resources (OHR) provides leadership in the planning and development of personnel policies and human resource programs that support and enhance the Department’s mission. OHR also provides technical assistance to the Operating Divisions (OPDIVs) to most effectively and efficiently accomplish the OPDIV’s mission through improved planning and recruitment of human resources and serves as the Departmental liaison to central management agencies on related matters. OHR also provides leadership in creating and sustaining a diverse workforce and an environment free of discrimination at HHS through efforts that include policy development, oversight, resource management, commemorative events, and standardized education and training programs.


F. Under Part A, Chapter AJ, “Section AJ.20 Functions,” insert the following new paragraph at the end of the section:

Office of Security and Strategic Information (AJK). The Office of Security and Strategic Information is headed by the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Security who serves as the Secretary’s Senior Intelligence Official and reports directly to the Deputy Secretary on intelligence and counterintelligence issues and to the Assistant Secretary for Administration on all other issues. The Office of Security and Strategic Information provides Department-wide leadership, direction, policy guidance, execution support, and oversight for the following areas: Personnel security and suitability; physical security; critical infrastructure protection; secure systems access and classified information security management, including original classification authority and declassification authority; strategic information; and counterintelligence. The Office also provides leadership and execution of security functions for the Office of the Secretary.

F. Delegation of Authority. Pending further redelegation, directives or orders made by the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, and ASA, all delegations and redelegations of authority made to officials and employees of affected organizational components will continue in them or their successors pending further redelegations, provided they are consistent with this reorganization.


Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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Agency Forms Undergoing Paperwork Reduction Act Review

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) publishes a list of information collection requests under review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). To request a copy of these requests, call the CDC Reports Clearance Officer at (404) 639–7570 or send an email to omb@cdc.gov. Send written comments to CDC Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 or by fax to (202) 395–5806. Written comments should be received within 30 days of this notice.

Proposed Project


Background and Brief Description

Each year about 5,400 workers die from a work-related injury and 4 million private industry workers report a nonfatal injury or illness. There are 3.4 million workers treated in U.S. hospital emergency departments annually for nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses [1]. Although studies indicate that we have reduced the number of nonfatal injuries in recent decades, there is evidence that nonfatal occupational injury surveillance significantly underreports workplace injuries. This presumed undercount potentially decreases health and safety funding because of a false sense of improvement and increases the redirection of scarce safety and health resources. It is this basic need for reliable and comprehensive occupational injury surveillance that led to the 1987 National Academy of...