DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Determination Concerning a Petition To Add a Class of Employees to the Special Exposure Cohort

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HHS gives notice of a determination concerning a petition to add a class of employees from Titanium Alloys Manufacturing in Niagara Falls, New York, to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EEOICPA), 42 U.S.C. 7384q. On August 23, 2012, the Secretary of HHS determined that the following class of employees does not meet the statutory criteria for addition to the SEC as authorized under EEOICPA:

All employees who worked in any area or building at Titanium Alloys Manufacturing from January 1, 1955, through December 31, 1956.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stuart L. Hinnefeld, Director, Division of Compensation Analysis and Support, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), 4676 Columbia Parkway, MS C–46, Cincinnati, OH 45226, Telephone 1–877–222–7570. Information requests can also be submitted by email to DCAS@CDC.GOV.

John Howard, Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

Dated: September 13, 2012.

Jerry Menikoff, Director, Office for Human Research Protections, Executive Secretary, Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections, 4676 Columbia Parkway, MS C–46, Cincinnati, OH 45226, Telephone 1–877–222–7570. Information requests can also be submitted by email to DCAS@CDC.GOV.

John Howard, Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

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Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, U.S.C. Appendix 2, notice is hereby given that the Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections (SACHRP) will hold its twenty-ninth meeting. The meeting will be open to the public. Information about SACHRP and the full meeting agenda will be posted on the SACHRP Web site at: http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/sachrp/mtgings/index.html.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, October 10, 2012 from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Menikoff, M.D., J.D., Director, Office for Human Research Protections (OHRP), or Julia Gorey, J.D., Executive Director, SACHRP; U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite 200, Rockville, Maryland 20852–453–8141; fax: 240–453–6909; email address: Julia.Gorey@hhs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 217a, Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, SACHRP was established to provide expert advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Assistant Secretary for Health on issues and topics pertaining to or associated with the protection of human research subjects.

The meeting will open Tuesday, October 9, with remarks from SACHRP Chair Dr. Barbara Bierer and OHRP Director Dr. Jerry Menikoff, followed by a report from the Subpart A Subcommittee (SAS). SAS will discuss their recent work, including considerations for revisions to the expedited review list, principal investigator responsibilities, and informed consent waiver criteria. SAS is charged with developing recommendations for consideration by SACHRP regarding the application of subpart A of 45 CFR part 46 in the current research environment; this subcommittee was established by SACHRP in October 2006. Tuesday afternoon will be a discussion of informed consent issues in cluster randomized trials, featuring Dr. Andrew McRae, Research Director of the Division of Emergency Medicine, University of Calgary.

On the morning of October 10, the Subcommittee on Harmonization (SOH) will give a report and discuss their recent work, including local context guidance recommendations. SOH was established by SACHRP at its July 2009 meeting, and is charged with identifying and prioritizing areas in which additional guidelines or human subjects research adopted by various agencies or offices within HHS would benefit from harmonization, consistency, clarity, simplification and/or coordination. Wednesday afternoon SACHRP will discuss a revised document on the issue of the use of the Internet in human subjects research, drafted by Drs. Elizabeth Buchanan and Dean Gallant. Public Comment will be heard on both days.

Public attendance at the meeting is limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend the meeting and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the designated contact persons. Members of the public will have the opportunity to provide comments on both days of the meeting. Public comment will be limited to five minutes per speaker. Any members of the public who wish to have printed materials distributed to SACHRP members for this scheduled meeting should submit materials to the Executive Director, SACHRP, prior to the close of business October 1, 2012.

Dated: September 13, 2012.

Jerry Menikoff, Director, Office for Human Research Protections, Executive Secretary, Secretary’s Advisory Committee on Human Research Protections.

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Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the intention of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to request that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve the proposed information collection project: “Online Application Order Form for Products from the Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP).” In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501–3521, AHRQ invites the public to comment on this proposed information collection.

This proposed information collection was previously published in the Federal Register on June 27th, 2012 and allowed 60 days for public comment. Several comments were received. The purpose...