DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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NIOSH List of Antineoplastic and Other Hazardous Drugs in Healthcare Settings 2014: Proposed Additions and Deletions to the NIOSH Hazardous Drug List

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).


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 draft document for public comment entitled “NIOSH List of Antineoplastic and Other Hazardous Drugs in Healthcare Settings 2014: Proposed Additions and Deletions to the NIOSH Hazardous Drug List.” The document and instructions for submitting comments can be found at http://www.regulations.gov.

This guidance document does not have the force and effect of law.

Public Comment Period: Comments must be received by August 2, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by CDC–2013–0007 and Docket Number NIOSH–233, by either of the two following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

• Mail: NIOSH Docket Office, Robert A. Taft Laboratories, MS–C34, 4676 Columbia Parkway, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226.

Instructions: All information received in response to this notice must include the agency name and the docket number (CDC–2003–0007; NIOSH–233). All relevant comments received will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. All electronic comments should be formatted as Microsoft Word. Please make reference to CDC–2013–0007 and Docket Number NIOSH–233.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The NIOSH Alert: Preventing Occupational Exposures to Antineoplastic and Other Hazardous Drugs in Health Care Settings was published in September 2004 (http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2004-165/). This Alert contained Appendix A which was a list of drugs that were deemed to be hazardous and may require special handling. This list of hazardous drugs was updated in 2010 and 2012 and covered all new approved drugs and drugs with new warning up to December 2009 (http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2010-167/; http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2012-150/).

Between January 2010 and December 2011, 48 new drugs received FDA approval and 276 drugs received special warnings (usually black box warnings) based on reported adverse effects in patients. From this list of 324 drugs, 42 drugs were identified by NIOSH as candidate hazardous drugs. Four of these drugs had safe handling recommendations from the manufacturer and NIOSH is following the recommendations of the manufacturers. Therefore, these four drugs will be listed as hazardous without requiring further review. A panel consisting of peer reviewers and stakeholders was asked to review and comment on the remaining 38 potentially hazardous drugs. In addition, the panel members were asked to comment on the addition of one drug requested by several stakeholders and the removal of one drug from the 2012 Hazardous Drug List. Reviewers were not asked to provide a consensus opinion and NIOSH made the final determination regarding additions and deletions to the 2014 hazardous drug list.

NIOSH reviewed the recommendations of the peer reviewers and stakeholders and determined that 24 drugs in addition to the 4 drugs with manufacturer’s warnings, were determined to have one or more characteristics of a hazardous drug and this list of 28 drugs is being published for comment in CDC–2013–0007 and NIOSH Docket Number 233. In addition, 1 drug from the 2012 Hazardous Drug List is being considered for removal. The complete list of these drugs can be found at: http://www.regulations.gov as a supporting document.

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Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)

SUMMARY: As part of a Federal Government-wide effort to streamline the process to seek feedback from the public on service delivery, the National Institute of Neurological Disorders (NINDS) has submitted a Generic Information Collection Request (Generic ICR): “Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery” to OMB for approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3501 et. seq.).

DATES: Comments must be submitted within 30 days after publication in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: NIH Desk Officer, by Email to OIRA_submission@omb.eop.gov, or by fax to 202–395–6974.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request additional information, please contact: Paul Scott, Ph.D., Director, Office of Science Policy and Planning, NINDS, 31/8A03 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892–2178, or Email your request, including your address to scottp@ninds.nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Generic Clearance for the Collection of Qualitative Feedback on Agency Service Delivery.

Abstract: The information collection activity will garner qualitative customer and stakeholder feedback in an efficient, timely manner, in accordance with the Administration’s commitment to improving service delivery. By qualitative feedback we mean information that provides useful insights on perceptions and opinions,