unemployment: recent results and current issues

Committee on Productivity, Technology and Growth—Meeting Room 6
1. New industry productivity database: Plans for extension of coverage
2. Hours at Work Survey: Redesign of the survey
4. Use of the labor requirements tables in job impact studies

Wednesday, May 21, 1997

9:30 a.m. Committee on Prices and Living Conditions—Meeting Room 6
1. Update on program developments
   a. Producer Price Indexes
   b. The Consumer Price Index
2. Other business
1:30 p.m. Committee on Wages and Industrial Relations—Meeting Room 6
1. Update on National Compensation Survey (NCS) activities
2. NCS Marketing materials
3. NCS Calibration

Thursday, May 22, 1997

10:00 a.m. Committee on Occupational Safety and Health Statistics—Meeting Room 6
1. Report on summary information from the 1995 Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses
3. Report on the activities of the ad hoc committee on standardized coding of occupational injury and illness characteristics
4. Discussion of injury and illness followback survey requirements
5. Internet status report/demonstration

The meetings are open to the public. Persons planning to attend these meetings as observers may want to contact Wilhelmina Abner on (Area Code 202) 606–5970.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 5th day of May 1997.

Katharine G. Abraham,
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Occupational Safety and Health Administration

National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health; Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the date and location of the next meeting of the National Advisory Committee on Occupational Safety and Health (NACOSH), established under section 7(a) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 656) to advise the Secretary of Labor and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on matters relating to the administration of the Act. NACOSH will hold a meeting on June 6, 1997, in Room N3437 A–D of the Department of Labor Building located at 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public and will begin at 9:00 a.m. lasting until approximately 3:30 p.m. Agenda items will include: a brief overview of current activities in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH); regulatory and legislative updates; as well as reports from NACOSH workgroups on performance measurement and ergonomics.

Written data, views or comments for consideration by the committee may be submitted, preferably with 20 copies, to Joanne Goodell at the address provided below. Any such submissions received prior to the meeting will be provided to the members of the Committee and will be included in the record of the meeting. Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation should notify Ms. Goodell before the meeting. The request should state the amount of time desired, the capacity in which the person will appear, and a brief outline of the content of the presentation. Persons who request the opportunity to address the Advisory Committee may be allowed to speak to the extent time permits, at the discretion of the Chair.

Official record of the meeting will be available for public inspection in the OSHA Technical Data Center (TDC) located in Room N2625 of the Department of Labor Building (202–219–7500). For additional information contact Joanne Goodell, Directorate of Policy, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA); Room N–3641, 200 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20210 (phone: 202–219–8021, extension 107; FAX: 202–219–4383).

Signed at Washington, DC., this 5th day of May 1997.

Gregory R. Watchman,
Acting Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Puerto Rico State Standards; Notice of Approval

1. Background

Part 1953 of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations prescribes procedures under section 18 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (hereinafter called the Act) by which the Regional Administrator for Occupational Safety and Health (hereinafter called the Regional Administrator) under a delegation of authority from the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health (hereinafter called the Assistant Secretary), (29 CFR 1953.4) will review and approve standards promulgated pursuant to a State Plan which has been approved in accordance with section 18(c) of the Act and 29 CFR Part 1902. On August 30, 1977, notice was published in the Federal Register (42 FR 43628) of the approval of the Puerto Rico plan and the adoption of Subpart FF to Part 1952 containing the decision.

The Puerto Rico plan provides for the adoption of Federal Standards as State standards by reference. Section 29 CFR 1953.20 provides that “where any alteration in the Federal program could have an adverse impact on the ‘at least effective as’ status of the State program, a program change supplement to State plan shall be required.” In response to Federal Standards changes, the State has submitted by letter dated May 28, 1992, from Artemio Andujar-Pabon, then Acting Assistant Secretary for the Puerto Rico Occupational Safety and Health Office, to James W. Stanley, Regional Administrator, standards comparable to, and incorporated as part of the state plan, Occupational Exposure to Bloodborne Pathogens; Final Rule, 29 CFR 1910, as published in the Federal Register (Volume 56 FR 64004–64182) of December 6, 1991.

By letter dated December 15, 1993 from Walter M. Valdes-Roldan, then Assistant Secretary for the Puerto Rico


2. Decision

OSHA has determined that the State's standards are identical to the comparable Federal standards, and therefore approves the standards.

3. Location of supplement for inspection and copying

A copy of the standard supplement, along with the approved plan, in English and Spanish may be inspected and copied during normal business hours at the following locations: Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Puerto Rico Area Office, BBV Plaza, Suite 5-B, 1510 F.D. Roosevelt Avenue, Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, 00968; Puerto Rico Department of Labor and Human Resources, Prudencio Rivera Martinez Bldg., Munoz Rivera Avenue 505, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico 00918; and the Directorate of Federal-State Operations, Room N3700, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. For electronic copies of this Federal Register notice, contact OSHA's Web Page at http://www.osha.gov/.

4. Public Participation

Under 29 CFR 1953.2 (c), the Assistant Secretary may prescribe alternative procedures to expedite the review process or for other good cause which may be consistent with applicable laws. The Assistant Secretary finds that good cause exists for not publishing the supplement to the Puerto Rico State Plan as a proposed change and making the Regional Administrator’s approval effective upon publication for the following reasons:

1. The standards are identical to the Federal standards which were promulgated in accordance with Federal law meeting requirements for public participation.

2. The standards were adopted in accordance with the procedural requirement of State Law and further participation would be unnecessary.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Bioengineering and Environmental Systems (No. 1189).

Date and Time: May 29, 1997; 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 530, Arlington, VA 22230.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Fred G. Heineken, Program Director, Biotechnology Engineering, Division of Bioengineering and Environmental Systems, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306–1318.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

Reason for Closing: The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6) (Government in the Sunshine Act).


M. Rebecca Winkler,
Committee Management Officer.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

Name: Special Emphasis Panel in Civil and Mechanical Systems (1205).

Date & Time: May 27, 1997; 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Place: Room 330, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA.

Type of Meeting: Closed.

Contact Person: Dr. Jorn Larsen-Basse, Program Director, Surface Engineering and Tribology, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306–1360.

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