

Depending on public comments received and subsequent initial Council action, these issues may require the preparation of an EIS. If it is decided that an EIS will be prepared for any of the issues listed above, a corresponding Notice of Intent will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dates, Times, and Locations (island and address) for Public Scoping Meetings

1. Hilo, HI — Wednesday, October 27, 2004, from 6–9 p.m. at the Naniloa Hotel, 93 Banyon DR, Hilo, HI 96720;

2. Kona, HI — Thursday, October 28, 2004, from 6–9 p.m. at the King Kamehameha Hotel, 75–5660 Palani Rd., Kona, HI 96740;

3. Oahu, HI — Monday, November 1, 2004, from 6–9 p.m. at the Ala Moana Hotel, 410 Atkinson Dr., Honolulu, HI 96815;

4. Kauai, HI — Tuesday, November 2, 2004, from 6–9 p.m. at the Chiefess Kamakahelei Middle School, 4431 Nuhou St., Lihue, HI 96766;

5. Maui, HI — Wednesday, November 3, 2004, from 6–9 p.m. at the Maui Beach Hotel, 170 Kaahumanu Ave., Kahului, HI 96732;

6. Saipan, CNMI — Wednesday, November 17, 2004, from 6–9 p.m. at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Building, Susupe, CNMI 96950;

7. Hagatna, Guam — Thursday, November 18, 2004 from 6–9 p.m. at the Guam Fishermen's Cooperative, Perez Marina, Hagatna, Guam 96932; and

8. Pago Pago, American Samoa — Wednesday, December 8, 2004, from 7–9 p.m. at the Department of Marine Resources and Wildlife Conference Room, Pago Pago, American Samoa 96799.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808–522–8220 (voice) or 808–522–8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Membership of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Performance Review Board

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of membership of NOAA Performance Review Board.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), NOAA announces the appointment of twenty-six members to serve on the NOAA Performance Review Board (PRB). The NOAA PRB is responsible for reviewing performance appraisals and ratings of Senior Executive Service (SES) members and making written recommendations to the appointing authority on SES retention and compensation matters, including performance-based pay adjustments, awarding of bonuses and reviewing recommendations for potential Presidential Rank Award nominees. The appointment of members to the NOAA PRB will be for a period of 24 months.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of service of the twenty-six appointees to the NOAA Performance Review Board is October 15, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Claudia McMahon, Executive Resources Program Manager, Human Resources Management Office, Office of Finance and Administration, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (301) 713–0530 (ext. 204).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The names and position titles of the members of the NOAA PRB are set forth below (all are NOAA officials except Tyra Smith, Director, Human Resources, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; Gerald R. Lucas, Director for Strategic Initiatives, Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Commerce; and Timothy J. Hauser, Deputy Under Secretary for International Trade, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce:

John E. Jones, Jr., Deputy Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.

John E. Oliver, Jr., Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Debra Larson, Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Office of Legislative Affairs.

Louisa Koch, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research.

Carl Staton, Chief Information Officer and Director for High Performance Computing and Communications, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary.

Alan Neuschatz, Associate Assistant Administrator for Management and Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer, National Ocean Service.

Mary Glackin, Assistant Administrator for Program, Planning and Integration, Office of Planning and Program Integration.

Colleen Hartman, Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service.

Tyra Smith, Director, Human Resources, Bureau of the Census.

David Kennedy, Director, Office of Response and Restoration, National Ocean Service.

Ron Baird, Director, National Sea Grant College Program, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research.

Helen M. Hurcombe, Director, Acquisition and Grants Office, NOAA Finance and Administration.

Ants Leetmaa, Director, Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research.

Gregory Mandt, Director, Office of Climate, Water and Weather Services, National Weather Service.

Louis W. Uccellini, Director, National Centers for Environmental Prediction, National Weather Service.

Rebecca Lent, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Michael Sissenwine, Director of Scientific Programs and Chief Science Advisor, National Marine Fisheries Service.

William Broglie, Chief Administrative Officer, NOAA Finance and Administration.

William J. Brennan, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, Office of International Affairs.

Martha Cuppy, Director, Central Administrative Support Center, NOAA Finance and Administration.

Kathleen Kelly, Director, Office of Satellite Operations, National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service.

Jordan P. St. John, Director, Office of Public and Constituent Affairs, Office of Public and Constituent Affairs, NOAA.

Timothy J. Hauser, Deputy Under Secretary for International Trade, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

Bonnie Morehouse, Director, Program Analysis & Evaluation, Office of NOAA Finance and Administration.

Donald E. Hout, Director, Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service.

Gerald R. Lucas, Director for Strategic Initiatives, Office of Human Resources Management, Department of Commerce.

Dated: October 8, 2004.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Pilot Programs Inviting Public Comment on Voluntary Standards Activities and Staff and Contractor Research Reports

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice of pilot programs and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC or Commission) is launching two pilot programs that will open CPSC staff activities for public review and comment. The first pilot program will provide information on CPSC staff participation with respect to a cross-section of voluntary standards, including advance notice of proposed staff positions on issues to be considered by voluntary standards organizations. The second pilot program will provide public access to a set of research reports and an opportunity to submit comments to be considered by the staff before finalization.

The primary goals of both programs are to make the CPSC staff's activities more transparent and to obtain the benefit of public review and input before finalizing CPSC staff positions. The Commission believes that timely public input will strengthen the CPSC's efforts in these important areas. Comments received through these programs will be reviewed by staff to ensure each research report and staff recommendation on voluntary standards activities is based on the best scientific, economic, and technological information available. The Commission is hopeful that the two pilot programs will enhance the quality of the conclusions and recommendations drawn by CPSC staff without limiting its ability to make timely contributions to the ever-evolving voluntary standards development process or to complete its research work in a timely fashion.

The Commission will evaluate the two pilot programs after a period of six months. Should the pilot programs be deemed successful, the Commission will consider expanding them to include a broader cross-section of CPSC staff voluntary standards activities and research reports developed by CPSC staff and/or contractors. The two pilot programs are further described below.

DATES: The pilot programs described in this notice commence on publication of this notice and run through April 18, 2005.

Comments

Comments on a proposed staff recommendation concerning a voluntary standards activity selected for the pilot may be submitted through the CPSC Web site at <http://www.cpsc.gov/volstd/standards.html> and must be received not later than five (5) working days after the recommendation is posted on the Web site.

Comments on any research report that is the subject of the Research Reports Technical Review Pilot Program may be submitted via e-mail to the Commission's Office of the Secretary at cpsc-os@cpsc.gov. Commenters who prefer may submit comments to the Office of the Secretary at the address shown below. Comments on a research report must be received not later than forty-five (45) days after the report is posted on CPSC's Web site.

General comments on whether to continue these programs beyond the pilot period and any suggestions for improving the programs may be submitted to the address below and must be received not later than May 18, 2005.

ADDRESSES: General comments on the pilot programs should be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207-0001; telephone (301) 504-7923, or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-4423. Comments should be captioned "Comments on Pilot Programs for Public Review and Comment on Voluntary Standards Activities and Draft Research Reports." Comments may also be filed by telefacsimile to (301) 504-0127, or by e-mail to cpsc-os@cpsc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the specific voluntary standards activities and draft technical reports that are the subject of the pilot programs contact:

Hugh McLaurin, Director, Directorate for Engineering Sciences, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission,

Washington, DC 20207, (301) 504-7531, e-mail: hmclaurin@cpsc.gov.

For general information on the pilot programs, contact: Lowell Martin, Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, (301) 504-7628, e-mail: lmartin@cpsc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. CPSC Staff Voluntary Standards Activities Information and Opportunity for Comment

1. Background

The Commission is actively engaged in the voluntary standards development process for a wide range of consumer products. The staff works with several different standards development organizations. All provide an open, deliberative process featuring a balance of interests and due process protections.

CPSC staff members participate, as non-voting members, in a number of steps in the voluntary standards development process. CPSC staff often provide expert advice, technical assistance, injury and death data and analysis, as well as supporting research. In addition, CPSC staff will commonly submit recommendations concerning new consumer product safety standards or modification of existing standards. These recommendations are often based on previous research conducted by the agency or a review of injury and death data associated with the product category at issue. From 1990 through 2002, CPSC staff has participated with other interested stakeholders in developing or revising 217 voluntary standards.

2. Pilot Program

CPSC is initiating a pilot program to begin posting notice of CPSC staff activities and recommendations concerning voluntary standards development on its web site. At present, Commission staff is involved in over 60 consumer product voluntary standards development activities. For purposes of the pilot, CPSC has selected eight different voluntary standards activities to evaluate this system of sharing CPSC staff information with the public for review and comment.

The voluntary standards activities selected for the pilot are: (1) Smoke alarms; (2) arc fault circuit interrupters; (3) ground fault circuit interrupters; (4) pool and spa safety vacuum release systems; (5) bunk beds; (6) gasoline containers for child resistance; (7) portable generators (within the engine driven tools project); and (8) garage door and gate operators. For these voluntary