

WELCOME

Cal/OSHA Sensitizer “Advisory Meeting”

- Purpose: Scoping meeting (even earlier than usual first stage of most rulemakings) – proposal to discuss today limited to possible footnote for PEL table
- Explore
 - Nature and extent of problem (Dr. Balmes)
 - Definitions of terms for general understanding eg. what is within consideration as a “sensitizing substance”
 - Possible areas of general agreement with regard to need and feasibility of action

BACKGROUND

Offshoot of PEL (Permissible Exposure Limit) updating project (8 CCR 5155*) which frequently addresses exposure limits for sensitizing substances, generally starting with ACGIH TLVs. Most recent round has involved flour dust, epichlorhydrin, and most notably glutaraldehyde.

*Title 8 California Code of Regulations Section 5155

AGENDA REVIEW

- Welcome. Presentation by Dr. John Balmes
 - ACGIH and AIHA approaches to sensitizing substances
 - Footnote proposal for PEL table
 - Possible Division responses to sensitizers
 - Considerations in adopting PELs for sensitizers
 - Next Steps
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HANDOUTS REVIEW

- The Rulemaking Process and DIR org chart
 - ACGIH TLV book SEN explanation
 - Table of substances with SEN notation in TLVs
 - AIHA WEELs table and manual
 - Meeting Record for glutaraldehyde October 14, 2004 (if don't already have)
 - Footnote from 10/14/04 meeting record
 - Rabatin *et al.* 2001 article for general information on occupational asthma
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HOUSEKEEPING

- Please be sure to sign in so that you get minutes and notices of any future meetings
 - Cell phones on vibrate – please take calls outside
 - Rest rooms down big hall that is to the right
 - First 2 or 3 times please give your name and affiliation for notetakers
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PARTICIPANTS

- Chemical manufacturers
 - Employers
 - Labor
 - Environmental advocates
 - Academia
 - Government/Public Health
 - Others?
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