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US Department of Labor's OSHA to hold meeting of the Federal Advisory Council on Occupational Safety and Health *4 new members appointed and 3 members re-appointed*

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration will hold a meeting of the Federal Advisory Council on Occupational Safety and Health June 6, 2013, in Washington, D.C.

FACOSH (<http://www.osha.gov/dep/facosh/index.html>) advises the Secretary of Labor on all matters relating to the occupational safety and health of federal employees. This includes providing advice on how to reduce the number of injuries and illnesses in the federal workforce and how to encourage each federal executive branch department and agency to establish and maintain effective occupational safety and health programs.

The tentative agenda includes a discussion on an OPM status report regarding changes to the GS-0018, Safety and Occupational Health Management job series and updates from FACOSH subcommittees.

FACOSH will meet from 1 – 4:30 p.m. EST in Rooms S-4215 A-C, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20210. The meeting is open to the public. Those interested in submitting comments or requests to speak can do so electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, the Federal eRulemaking Portal or by mail or facsimile. See the **Federal Register notice** (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-05-22/html/2013-12217.htm>) for details. Comments and requests to speak must be submitted by May 23, 2013.

Newly appointed members who serve as representatives of management are Dr. Joe Hoagland, Tennessee Valley Authority, Dr. Gregory Parham, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Lola Ward, National Transportation Safety Board. Additionally, Irma Westmoreland, National Nurses United, has been appointed as the committee's new labor representative.

Members re-appointed for additional terms include labor representatives William Dougan, National Federation of Federal Employees and Deborah Kleinberg, Seafarers International Union/National Maritime Union. Curtis Bowling, U.S. Department of Defense, has been re-appointed as a management representative.

Under Section 19 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 and Executive Order 12196, the head of each agency is responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for all federal employees by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit www.osha.gov.

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