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OSHA schedules meeting of the Federal Advisory Council on Occupational Safety and Health

WASHINGTON – The Occupational Safety and Health Administration will hold a [meeting](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-11-16/html/2011-29590.htm) (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-11-16/html/2011-29590.htm>) of the Federal Advisory Council on Occupational Safety and Health (FACOSH) (<http://www.osha.gov/dep/facosh/index.html>) Thursday, Dec. 1, 2011, in Washington, D.C. The Secretary of Labor recently renewed the council's charter for another two years.

FACOSH advises the Secretary of Labor on matters relating to the occupational safety and health of federal employees. This includes providing advice on how to reduce and keep to a minimum the number of injuries and illnesses in the federal workforce and how to encourage federal agencies to establish and maintain effective occupational safety and health programs.

The tentative agenda includes a report and recommendation from the Emerging Issues Subcommittee regarding its analysis of Permissible Exposure Limits applicable to Federal agencies; Training Subcommittee report and recommendations update; Protecting Our Workers and Ensuring Reemployment (POWER) end-of-year report; and Strategic Planning for charter period 2011 – 2013.

The meeting will be held 2 - 4:30 p.m. in Room N-3437 A/B/C, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20210. Comments and requests to speak may be submitted electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Comments may also be submitted via mail or facsimile. See the Federal Register notice for details. Comments and requests to speak must be submitted by Nov. 25, 2011.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA's role is to ensure these conditions for America's working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit <http://www.osha.gov>.

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