DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Preparations for the 24th Session of the UN Sub-committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) and Stakeholder Meeting

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: OSHA invites interested parties to participate in an open, informal public meeting to discuss proposals in preparation for the 24th session of the United Nations Sub-committee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (UNSCEGHS). The UNSCEGHS meeting will be held December 12–14, 2012, in Geneva, Switzerland. OSHA, along with the U.S. Interagency GHS Coordinating Group, plans to consider the comments and information gathered at this public meeting when developing the U.S. Government positions for the UNSCEGHS meeting.

DATES: The date for the public meeting is as follows: November 28, 2012, beginning at 2 p.m., in Washington, DC.

ADDRESSES: The location for the public meeting is as follows: The U.S. Department of Labor, Francis Perkins Building, 200 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20210, Room C5320, and Conference Room #6.

Conference Call Information: Conference call-in capability will be provided for this meeting. To participate by telephone, dial 1–800–369–1938, and enter participant passcode 12725. During the call, please press *6 to mute/unmute your individual lines.


Copies of this Federal Register notice can be obtained as follows: Electronic copies are available at http://www.regulations.gov. This Federal Register notice, as well as other relevant information, is available also on the OSHA Web page at http://www.osha.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Meeting

OSHA is hosting an open informal public meeting of the U.S. Interagency GHS Coordinating Group to provide interested groups and individuals with an update on GHS-related issues and an opportunity to express their views orally and in writing for consideration in developing U.S. Government positions for the upcoming UNSCEGHS meeting. The public is invited to attend without prior notification.

The Meeting Agenda, in general, is as follows:

- Discussion of working papers for the 24th Session of the UNSCEGHS
- Update on UNSCEGHS correspondence group activity
- Discussion of the program of work for the 2013–2014 biennium

II. Background

The GHS was formally adopted by the United Nations Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals in December 2002. The GHS is a single, harmonized system for classification of chemicals according to their health, physical, and environmental effects. It also provides harmonized communication elements, including labels and safety data sheets. The GHS is considered to be a living document and is regularly revised and updated as necessary to reflect new technology and scientific developments or to provide additional explanatory text. OSHA incorporated the GHS 3rd revision into its Hazard Communication Standard on March 26th of this year, 77 FR 17574, and intends to update the standard from time to time through rulemaking in order to remain consistent with any revisions to the GHS as appropriate under the OSHA Act. The UNSCEGHS is responsible for maintaining and updating the GHS. The U.S. has been an active member of the UNSCEGHS for many years, and OSHA currently serves as the head of the U.S. delegation for this Subcommittee. In preparation for the bi-annual meetings of the UNSCEGHS, the U.S. Interagency GHS Coordinating Group meets to discuss issues related to the GHS and to develop a coordinated U.S. position on issues and proposals regarding the GHS. The U.S. Interagency Coordinating Group consists of U.S. agencies that regulate in the area of chemical hazard communication and includes the Department of Transportation (DOT), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), and OSHA.

Information on the work of the UNSCEGHS, including meeting agendas, reports, and documents from previous sessions, can be found on the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Transport Division Web site located at the following web address: http://www.unece.org/trans/danger/publi/ghs/ghs_welcome_e.html. The UNSCEGHS bases its decisions on Working Papers. The Working Papers for the 24th session of the UNSCEGHS are located at http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc4/c42012.html. Informal Papers submitted to the UNSCEGHS provide information for the subcommittee and are used either as a mechanism to provide information to the subcommittee or as the basis for future Working Papers. Informal Papers for the 24th session of the UNSCEGHS are located at: http://www.unece.org/trans/main/dgdb/dgsubc4/c4inf24.html.

Authority and Signature

This document was prepared under the direction of David Michaels, Ph.D., MPH, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, U.S. Department of Labor, pursuant to sections 4, 6, and 8 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 653, 655, 657), and Secretary’s Order 1–2012 (77 FR 3912), (Jan. 25, 2012).

Signed at Washington, DC, on November 9, 2012.

David Michaels,
Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (12–086)]

NASA Advisory Council; Science Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory committee Act, Public
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
The meeting will be open to the public up
to the capacity of the room. This
meeting is also available telephonically
and by WebEx. Any interested person
may call the USA toll free conference
call number (888) 606–5936; pass code
“Science Committee”, to participate in
this meeting by telephone. The WebEx
link is https://nasa.webex.com/,
the meeting number on November 14 is 993
494 156, and the password is
SC@Nov14; the meeting number on
November 15 is 991 469 535, and the password is
SC@Nov15. The agenda for
the meeting includes the following
topics:
—Science Mission Directorate Overview
and Program Status—Subcommittee
Reports
—Joint Session with the NASA
Advisory Council’s Human
Exploration and Operations
Committee on the Mars Program
Planning Group final report and Joint
Robotics Precursor Activities
It is imperative that the meeting be
held on these dates to accommodate the
scheduling priorities of the key
participants. Attendees will be
requested to sign a register and to
comply with NASA security
requirements, including the
presentation of a valid picture ID to
Security before access to NASA
Headquarters. Foreign Nationals
attending this meeting will be required
to provide a copy of their passport and
visa in addition to providing the
following information no less than 10
working days prior to the meeting: Full
name; gender; date/place of birth;
citizenship; visa information (number,
type, expiration date); passport
information (number, country,
expiration date); employer/affiliation
information (name of institution,
address, country, telephone); title;
position of attendee; and home address
to Marian Norris via email at
mnorris@nasa.gov or by fax at (202)
358–4118. U.S. Citizens and Permanent
Residents (green card holders) are
requested to submit their name and
affiliation 3 working days prior to the
meeting to Marian Norris.

Patricia D. Rausch,
Advisory Committee Management Officer,
National Aeronautics and Space
Administration.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
The meeting will discuss
applications for the Digital Humanities
Start-Up Grants grant program on the
subject of Geospatial and Visualization
Research, submitted to the Office of
Digital Humanities.

1. DATE: December 03, 2012.
TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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