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**Committee on Personal Protective Equipment
for Workplace Safety and Health**

**Virtual Meeting
Thursday, March 25, 2021**

AGENDA

Zoom Information

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://nasem.zoom.us/j/99754718592>
Or Telephone (U.S.): 301-715-8592 or 877-853-5257
Meeting ID: 997 5471 8592

Meeting Objectives:

- Discuss the vision, strategic direction, and current content and organization of the PPE-Info Database.
- Provide feedback on the illicit drug and COVID modules currently under development for inclusion in PPE-Info to ensure they maximally informative to end users.

Open Session

12:30 – 12:35 pm

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Melissa McDiarmid, Committee Chair

12:35 – 12:45 pm

Meeting Overview, Purpose, and Goals

Maryann D'Alessandro, NPPTL Director

12:45 – 1:15 pm

Overview of NIOSH's PPE-Info

Patrick Dempsey, NPPTL Senior Scientist

1:15 – 1:35 pm

Committee Discussion

Discussion Topics:

- Target audiences/end users for PPE-Info
- Organization of database content

- Missing information
- Strategic direction for PPE-Info going forward

1:35 – 1:55 pm

Review of the PPE-Info Illicit Drug Module

Jeffrey Stull, President, International Personnel Protection Inc.

1:55 – 2:10 pm

Responder Knowledge Base – Lessons from a Historical Resource for Responders

Christina Baxter, Emergency Response TIPS, LLC

2:10 – 2:30 pm

Committee Discussion

Focus Questions:

- What other information, if any, is needed to inform the selection of PPE for exposures to illicit drugs?
- How granular should guidance be?
- What are effective strategies for communicating about this resource?
- What lessons from the development of the illicit drug module can be applied to the development of the COVID module?

2:30 – 2:45 pm

Break

2:45 – 3:05 pm

Development of a COVID Module – 1st Step: Barrier Face Coverings

Jonathan Szalajda, NPPTL Deputy Director

Patrick Dempsey, NPPTL Senior Scientist

3:05 – 3:20 pm

Perspectives from OSHA on PPE-Info

Andrew Levinson, Director of Standards and Guidance, OSHA

3:20 – 3:50 pm

Perspectives from Worker Safety and Health Experts

Peg Seminario, Former Director of Occupational Safety and Health, AFL-CIO

Micki Siegel de Hernández, Deputy Health and Safety Director, Communications Workers of America

Deborah Berkowitz, Worker Safety and Health Program Director, National Employment Law Project

3:50 – 4:20 pm

Panel and Committee Discussion

Focus Questions:

- What information is needed to inform the selection of PPE (respiratory protection, gloves, gowns, face shields)? What level of granularity of information on specific products is helpful (e.g., model numbers?)

- What information should be made available about face coverings conforming to the ASTM standard?
- To whom and how should the content of the module be communicated? Were past methods (e.g., NIOSH blog) effective?
- How could this module be valuable to workers who do not typically use respirators in the workplace but who are at higher risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2?

4:20 – 4:30 pm

Closing Remarks

Melissa McDiarmid, Committee Chair

Maryann D'Alessandro, NPPTL Director

4:30 pm

Adjourn