

Assessing Progress in Implementing National Academies' Recommendations in NIOSH Programs

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Background

- National Academies conducted evaluation studies for eight NIOSH research programs from 2005-2008
- Final reports included recommendations for program improvement
- Implementation plans developed by programs
- BSC approved implementation plans in 2010

NIOSH Charge to BSC

- OMB approved Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) measure
 - Using a set of standard scoring criteria, the BSC/MSHRAC will assess the progress made by each of the eight reviewed programs toward implementing the recommendations provided to them by their respective National Academies (NA) review committee.
- In 2011/2012, BSC assessed progress made on select recommendations for six NIOSH research programs
- Today, BSC will assess the continued progress on the same set of recommendations assessed in 2011/2012

Today's Process

- Hear progress updates from the following programs:
 - Personal Protective Technologies
 - Health Hazard Evaluation
 - Hearing Loss Prevention Research
- Workgroups will determine dates for their scoring meeting

Workgroup Meetings

- Teleconference meeting
- Reach consensus on scores with justifications for each recommendation in two areas, depending on status at last review:
 - Recommendations in Progress
 - Progress & Impact
 - Completed Recommendations
 - Maintenance & Impact
- Designated workgroup member will prepare score report and brief presentation for September 5th BSC meeting

Recommendations in Progress

- Progress
 - Based upon the information provided from the first and the subsequent 2014 update, has the program made progress implementing the National Academies recommendations between the time period of the first report and the 2014 update?
- Impact
 - Have the activities undertaken between the time of the first report and the subsequent 2014 update improved the program's effectiveness and efficiency, **OR** led to others (external to NIOSH) to take action (e.g. implementation of a recommendation, adoption of a new technology, adoption of a new standard, etc.), to improve a health or safety outcome?

Completed Recommendations

- Maintenance
 - Based upon the 2014 update, has the program put forth effort to ensure that the completed recommendation is maintained or further address if indicated by the Board during the first review?
- Impact
 - Have the activities undertaken between the time of the first report and the subsequent 2014 update improved the program's effectiveness and efficiency, OR led to others (external to NIOSH) to take action (e.g. implementation of a recommendation, adoption of a new technology, adoption of a new standard, etc.), to improve a health or safety outcome?

Next Steps: September 5th Meeting

- Workgroups will present their recommended scores and justifications
- BSC will vote to approve the score reports
- Final score reports due to NIOSH by September 19, 2014
- Hear progress updates from the following programs:
 - Construction
 - Respiratory Disease Research
 - Traumatic Injury

Questions?

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