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**Technical Report: The NIOSH Occupational Exposure Banding Process for Chemical Risk Management**

**AGENCY:** National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** NIOSH announces the availability of *Technical Report: The NIOSH Occupational Exposure Banding Process for Chemical Risk Management*.

**DATES:** The final document was published on July 3, 2019 on the CDC Web site.

**ADDRESSES:** The document may be obtained at the following link: <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2019-132/>.

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number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 15, 2017, NIOSH  
published a request for public review in the **Federal  
Register** [82 FR 13809] of the draft version of the document  
*Draft Current Intelligence Bulletin: The Occupational  
Exposure Banding Process: Guidance for the Evaluation  
of Chemical Hazards*. NIOSH received comments from a range  
of respondents including academia, government agencies,  
industry, and other interested parties. All comments  
received were reviewed and addressed where appropriate. On  
the basis of comments received, NIOSH provided  
clarification in the final document to indicate that the  
guidance for occupational exposure banding describes a  
voluntary, consistent, and documented process with a  
decision logic to characterize chemical hazards so that  
timely, well-informed risk management decisions can be made  
for chemical substances that lack occupational exposure  
limits. Additional comments pertaining to usability,  
clarity of the guidance, and validation were addressed  
throughout the document and in specifying future research  
needs. NIOSH Responses to Peer Review and Public Comments

documents can be found in the Supporting Documents section on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) for this docket.

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