



## **NIOSH Proposes Changes to the List of Hazardous Drugs**

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The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is requesting comment on proposed additions and deletions to the list of hazardous drugs (Appendix A). The NIOSH Alert was published in September 2004. Following the publication of the Alert, NIOSH reviewed 70 new FDA-approved drugs and approximately 60 that had received special warnings. NIOSH developed a list of approximately 60 drugs that appeared to fit the NIOSH definition for a hazardous drug. Following a public meeting, NIOSH posted the proposed list in the Federal Register in July 2007. NIOSH then convened a panel of 10 external reviewers to review the NIOSH list and the public comments. NIOSH reviewed the comments from the external reviewers and revised the proposed list to 24 additions and one deletion.

To view the list of proposed additions and deletions, the actual notice in the Federal Register, the response to public comments, and the response to peer review comments, please refer to [www.cdc.gov/niosh/review/public/105-A/](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/review/public/105-A/). NIOSH will accept comments to its draft proposal between now and June 30, 2009.

PharmEcology has reviewed the proposed changes and found that the 24 drugs identified as proposed additions affect approximately 1,000 active product formulations. The proposed additions include several drugs, such as some newer chemotherapy agents, which we already classify as PharmE Hazardous® under our existing criteria. We plan to re-classify the other additions to the list as PharmE Hazardous® as soon as the final list is published in the Federal

the final publication could occur soon after the comment period closes.

If you have any questions about our preliminary analysis of the proposed additions, please contact us at [info@pharmecology.com](mailto:info@pharmecology.com), call us at 414-292-3959, or visit our web site at <http://www.pharmecology.com/>.

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