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Hello Kathleen - CPWR and the Building and Construction Trades Department, AFL-CIO would like to prepare and submit comments to the NIOSH docket for the "NIOSH Criteria Update: Occupational Exposure to Hexavalent Chromium". Unfortunately, we were not aware of the request until early December and given the holidays it will be difficult to submit comments with adequate input from the Building Trades by the Jan 31 deadline.

CPWR has some new data which has not yet been published related to hexavalent chromium content in Portland cement. In addition, a wealth of information was submitted to OSHA by CPWR and various building trades unions during OSHA rule-making on hexavalent chromium. It will take us considerable time to update and compile all this information and review and comment on the NIOSH draft document. We believe our comments will be an important contribution to your efforts to create a well researched and useful criteria document.

We are requesting an extension for our written comments of 60 days if at all possible. If this isn't possible and there is any flexibility on dates please let me know.

We would also like to attend the public meeting and possibly provide some oral comments. I will contact the Docket office to request our participation in that meeting. Thanks for your help and consideration of this request. pam

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