

Your Help Is Needed to Direct Occupational Safety and Health Research.

If you could design the future of occupational safety and health research in the nation, what would it look like? What goals would you set? What issues would be the most important?

Nearly a decade after NORA was established, NIOSH is seeking the help of the Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare (AOHP) to build on the previous success of NORA while preparing for future workplace safety and health challenges. NIOSH has adopted a new sector based approach to better guide research to practice within workplaces. NIOSH and its partners will form eight sector research councils, which will include participants from academia, industry, labor, and government. Each council will identify the top safety and health concerns in their industry sector, and then draft research goals, objectives, and action plans for stakeholder comment. The sector research councils will include:

- Agriculture, forestry, and fishing;
- Construction;
- Health care and social assistance
- Manufacturing;
- Mining;
- Services;
- Transportation, warehousing, and utilities; and
- Wholesale and Retail Trade.

In addition to the eight sector research councils, a cross-sector group will be formed. This council will include the coordinators from the eight sector councils and will identify opportunities for common research across sectors.

Please share your vision about the future of occupational safety and health research by visiting the NORA website at www.cdc.gov/niosh/nora. There you will find a stakeholder feedback form where you can submit your comments electronically. And if you have not already done so, please subscribe to NIOSH *eNews* (www.cdc.gov/niosh/enews) where new information about NORA will appear continually over the next few months.

NIOSH values the partnership of AOHP and will continue to keep you informed about the next phase of NORA.