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STATEMENT

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Statement Regarding Search for New National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Director

Today, Dr. Julie Gerberding met with Dr. John Howard and let him know that HHS/CDC will begin a search for a new NIOSH director. Dr. Howard's tenure as NIOSH director will end at the conclusion of his six-year term July 14. He has agreed to a short term assignment as senior advisor to the CDC director to assure that World Trade Center activities are effectively managed during the transition. During his six years of service, Dr. Howard was very attentive in addressing the concerns and needs of NIOSH stakeholders and he has worked diligently on many challenging issues. We thank him for his service to the country.

Dr. Christine Branche, current NIOSH associate director, will serve as acting director until a new director is named.

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