

Miller, Diane M. (CDC/NIOSH/EID)

From: Mark Cullen [mrcullen@stanford.edu]

Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2009 5:34 PM

To: NIOSH Docket Office (CDC)

Subject: 173 - NIOSH Respiratory Diseases Research Program Implementation Plan

As review coordinator for NAS of the IOM Study of RDRP, I have perused the draft response with an eye to both the explicit content recommendations and to the sub-text, the latter largely focused on enhancing the impact of the Division's highly successful research programs. In that context, the draft response published suggests that the reviewers' efforts were not wasted— the draft implementation plan suggests a high degree of focus on those aspects with likely greatest effect on control of occupational respiratory disease going forward. Particularly noteworthy were the selection of the most immediate priority areas as well as the emphases on control of occupational airways disease, air-borne infection control (exploiting the long tradition of control of infectious and non-infectious inhalable particles) and the proactive stance on nano-particles, all of which I applaud.

I could find no aspect of the draft plan for which I feel the response to the review is inadequate.

Please let me know if further comments or attention to other specific aspects would be of value.

Mark R. Cullen M.D.

Professor of Medicine

Chief, Division of General Internal Medicine

Stanford University School of Medicine

Phone: 650.721.6209

Fax: 650.723.8596

Mail: 251 Campus Dr. MSOB Room 338, Stanford, CA 94305

E-mail: mrcullen@stanford.edu