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Name of Committee: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Special Emphasis Panel Review of Conferences (R13s) and Cooperative Agreement (U13).

Date: April 12, 2006.

Time: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIEHS/National Institutes of Health, Building 4401, East Campus, 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Linda K Bass, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Scientific Review Branch, Office of Program Operations, Division of Extramural Research and Training, Nat. Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, P.O. Box 12233, MD EC–30, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, 919/541–1307.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.115, Biometry and Risk Estimation—Health Risks from Environmental Exposures; 93.142, NIEHS Hazardous Waste Worker Health and Safety Training; 93.143, NIEHS Superfund Hazardous Substances—Basic Research and Education; 93.894, Resources and Manpower Development in the Environmental Health Sciences; 93.113, Biological Response to Environmental Health Hazards; 93.114, Applied Toxicological Research and Testing, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: March 13, 2006.

Anna Snouffer,

Acting Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Library of Medicine; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Library of Medicine Special Emphasis Panel, Loan Repayment Program—IAR.

Date: April 27, 2006.

Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Library of Medicine, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Suite 301, Bethesda, MD 20817, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Zoe E. Huang, MD, Health Science Administrator, Extramural Programs, National Library of Medicine, Rockledge 1 Building, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Suite 301, MSC 7968, Bethesda, MD 20892–7968. 301–594–4937. *huangz@mail.nih.gov.*

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.879, Medicine Library Assistance, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Toxicology Program (NTP), NTP Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM); Announcement of an Independent Scientific Peer Review Meeting on the Use of In Vitro Testing Methods for Estimating Starting Doses for Acute Oral Systemic Toxicity Tests and Request for Comments

AGENCY: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

ACTION: Meeting Announcement and Request for Comment.

SUMMARY: NICEATM in collaboration with the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) announces a public, independent, scientific peer review meeting to evaluate the validation status of the *in vitro* 3T3 and normal human keratinocyte (NHK) neutral red uptake (NRU) basal cytotoxicity test methods for estimating starting doses for *in vivo* acute oral toxicity tests. These two *in vitro* cytotoxicity test methods are proposed as adjuncts to the *in vivo* acute oral toxicity tests to refine (i.e., to lessen or avoid pain and distress) and/or reduce animal use. At this meeting, a scientific peer review panel (''Panel'') will peer review the background review document (BRD) on the 3T3 and NHK cytotoxicity test methods, evaluate the extent that the BRD addresses established validation and acceptance criteria, and provide comment on the draft ICCVAM recommendations on the proposed use of these test methods, draft test method protocols, and draft performance standards. NICEATM requests public comments on the BRD, draft ICCVAM test method recommendations, draft test method protocols, and draft performance standards.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 23, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The meeting is open to the public with attendance limited only by the space available. In order to facilitate planning for this meeting, persons wishing to attend the meeting are asked to register via the ICCVAM/NICEATM Web site (*http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov*) by May 12, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Natcher Conference Center, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Correspondence should be sent by mail, fax, or email to Dr. William S. Stokes, NICEATM Director, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD EC–17, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (phone) 919–541–2384, (fax) 919–541–0947, (e-mail) *niceatm@niehs.nih.gov*, Courier address: NICEATM, 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Building 4401, Room 3128, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

In September 2001, ICCVAM recommended that *in vitro* basal cytotoxicity test methods be considered as tools for estimating starting doses for *in vivo* acute systemic toxicity studies (**Federal Register** Vol. 66, No. 189, pp. 49686–7, September 28, 2001). The recommendations were based on the *Report of the International Workshop on In Vitro Methods for Assessing Acute Systemic Toxicity* (ICCVAM, 2001a). The *Guidance Document on Using In Vitro Data to Estimate In Vivo Starting Doses for Acute Toxicity* (ICCVAM, 2001b) was also made available at that time. The guidance document provided standard procedures for two *in vitro* basal cytotoxicity test methods and instructions for using these test methods to estimate starting doses for *in vivo* testing.