

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is providing clarification after analyzing public comments received regarding the 10 Position Statements that were developed to aid research institutions in their implementation of the 8th Edition of the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (Guide)*. In response to those comments, NIH has clarified Position Statements (1) Cost, (2) Housing, (2a) Nonhuman Primate Housing, (2c) Rodent Housing, and (3) Non-Pharmaceutical-Grade Substances.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare, Office of Extramural Research, NIH, RKL1, Suite 360, 6705 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892–7982; phone 301–496–7163.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

Since 1985, the Public Health Service (PHS) Policy on Humane Care and Use of Laboratory Animals, authorized by Public Law 99–158, 42 U.S.C. 289d, and incorporated by reference at 42 CFR 52.8 and 42 CFR 52a.8, has required that institutions receiving PHS support for animal activities base their animal care and use programs on the current edition of the *Guide*. The 8th Edition of the *Guide* was published in January 2011 by the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences. (See http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12910.) Following a public comment period, NIH adopted the 8th Edition of the *Guide* in December 2011 and released 10 Position Statements to aid PHS-Assured institutions—those with an approved Animal Welfare Assurance—in their implementation of the *Guide* (76 FR 74803). The public was invited to submit comments on their understanding of the Position Statements until February 3, 2012 (76 FR 74804, <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-12-042.html>). NIH received a total of 44 comments: 26 responses from those who identified themselves as individuals, 6 from PHS-Assured institutions, 2 from animal advocacy organizations, and 9 from professional organizations. The comments may be viewed at http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/2011position_statement_comments/web_listing.htm.

In response to those comments, NIH has clarified the following Position Statements: (1) Cost, (2) Housing, (2a) Nonhuman Primate Housing, (2c) Rodent Housing, and (3) Non-Pharmaceutical-Grade Substances. (See <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/>

http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/2011positionstatement_maysummary.pdf (PDF). For an archive of the original version, see http://grants.nih.gov/grants/olaw/2011position_statement_decarchive.pdf (PDF).

II. Electronic Access

The 8th Edition of the *Guide* is available on the NIH Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare Web site at <http://olaw.nih.gov>.

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Francis S. Collins,

Director, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**National Institutes of Health****Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings**

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

The meetings 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: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Small Business: Hematology.

Date: July 16, 2012.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Embassy Suites at the Chevy Chase Pavilion, 4300 Military Road NW., Washington, DC 20015.

Contact Person: Bukhtiar H. Shah, DVM, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4120, MSC 7802, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–806–7314, shahb@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Small Business: Hematology.

Date: July 16, 2012.

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Embassy Suites at the Chevy Chase Pavilion, 4300 Military Road NW., Washington, DC 20015.

Contact Person: Anshumali Chaudhari, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4124, MSC 7802, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1210, chaudhaa@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Member Conflict: Biobehavioral Mechanisms of Emotion, Stress and Health.

Date: July 18, 2012.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Mark Lindner, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3182, MSC 7770, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–0913, mark.lindner@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Small Business: Digestive Sciences.

Date: July 23, 2012.

Time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Embassy Suites at the Chevy Chase Pavilion, 4300 Military Road NW., Washington, DC 20015.

Contact Person: Bonnie L. Burgess-Beusse, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2182, MSC 7818, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1783, beusseb@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Program Project: MacCHESS.

Date: July 23–25, 2012.

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Cornell University, Campus Information and Visitor Relations, Day Hall Lobby, Ithaca, NY 14853.

Contact Person: Nitsa Rosenzweig, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 1102, MSC 7760, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1747, rosenzweig@csr.nih.gov.

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Dated: June 20, 2012.

Jennifer S. Spaeth,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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