

2005, 8 a.m. to March 15, 2005, 4 p.m., Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 800, 200 Independence Avenue, Washington, DC 20201, which was published in the **Federal Register** on February 4, 2005, 70 FR 6025.

The meeting location has changed to the National Library of Medicine, Building 38, 2nd Floor Mezzanine, Board Room, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20894. The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: March 2, 2005.

Anna Snouffer,

Deputy Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health; Request for Public Comment on Draft Reports on Xenotransplantation

The Secretary's Advisory Committee on Xenotransplantation (SACX) is requesting public comment on two draft reports on xenotransplantation. One is on the state of the science of xenotransplantation and the other is on informed consent issues in clinical trials involving xenotransplantation.

Before the reports are finalized and transmitted to the Secretary, the SACX is requesting comments on the draft reports from members of the public. All public comments received will be considered in finalizing the reports. Comments should be submitted by March 31, 2005. Received comments will be available for public inspection at the NIH Office of Biotechnology Activities, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., at the contact address noted below.

Information: The Secretary's Advisory Committee on Xenotransplantation, Department of Health and Human Services, considers the scientific, medical, social, and ethical issues and the public health concerns raised by xenotransplantation and makes recommendations to the Secretary on policy and procedures. The Committee's charges include advising on the current state of knowledge regarding xenotransplantation and on the potential for transmission of infectious diseases as a consequence of xenotransplantation; and deliberating on medical, public health, ethical, legal and socioeconomic issues, including

international policies and developments that are relevant to xenotransplantation.

Overview of Drafts: The state of the science report addresses the scientific challenges in xenotransplantation, the infectious disease risks associated with xenotransplantation, public health concerns associated with xenotourism, knowledge gaps and resource limitations, and alternative strategies to xenotransplantation. The report also proposes a series of recommendations regarding these issues.

The report on informed consent issues in clinical research involving xenotransplantation addresses the ethical foundations and functions of informed consent, components of informed consent, the informed consent process, informed consent forms, and special issues raised by xenotransplantation. The report proposes a series of recommendations regarding informed consent in xenotransplantation research.

The full draft reports are available electronically at <http://www4.od.nih.gov/oba/Sacx.htm>. A paper or electronic copy can also be requested by calling the NIH Office of Biotechnology Activities at (301) 496-9838 or by e-mailing Mary Groesch at groeschm@od.nih.gov.

Contact Person: Mary Groesch, Ph.D., Executive Director, Secretary's Advisory Committee on Xenotransplantation, Office of Biotechnology Activities, Rockledge I, Room 750, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 496-9838.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.14, Intramural Research Training Award; 93.187, Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds; 93.22, Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds; 93.232, Loan Repayment Program for Research Generally; 93.39, Academic Research Enhancement Award; 93.936, NIH Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome Research Loan Repayment Program, National Institutes of Health, HHS.)

Dated: March 1, 2005.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Toxicology Program (NTP); Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction (CERHR); Announcement of the Styrene Expert Panel Meeting and Availability of the Draft Expert Panel Report on Styrene; Request for Public Comment on the Draft Report

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

ACTION: Announcement of a meeting and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The CERHR announces the availability of the draft expert panel report for styrene on March 18, 2005, from the CERHR Web site (<http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov>) or in printed text from the CERHR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** below). The CERHR invites the submission of public comments on sections 1-4 of the draft expert panel report (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below). The expert panel will meet on June 1-3, 2005, at the Holiday Inn Old Town Select in Alexandria, Virginia to review and revise the draft expert panel report and reach conclusions regarding whether exposure to styrene is a hazard to human development or reproduction. The expert panel will also identify data gaps and research needs. CERHR expert panel meetings are open to the public with time scheduled for oral public comment. Attendance is limited only by the available meeting room space. Following the expert panel meeting and completion of the expert panel report, the CERHR will post the report on its Web site and solicit public comment on it through a **Federal Register** notice.

DATES: The expert panel meeting for styrene will be held on June 1-3, 2005. Sections 1-4 of the draft expert panel report will be available for public comment on March 18, 2005. Written public comments on the draft report must be received by May 2, 2005. Time is set-aside at the expert panel meeting on June 1, 2005 for oral public comments. Individuals wishing to make oral public comments are asked to contact Dr. Michael D. Shelby, CERHR Director, by May 25, 2005, and if possible, also send a copy of the statement or talking points at that time. Persons needing special assistance in order to attend are asked to contact Dr. Shelby at least 7 business days prior to the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The expert panel meeting for styrene will be held at the Holiday

Inn Old Town Select Alexandria, Virginia (telephone: (703) 549-6080, facsimile: (703) 684-6508). Comments on the draft expert panel report should be sent to Dr. Michael D. Shelby, CERHR Director, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD EC-32, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 (mail), (919) 316-4511 (fax), or shelby@niehs.nih.gov (e-mail). Courier address: CERHR, 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Building 4401, Room 103, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Michael D. Shelby, CERHR Director, (919) 541-3455, shelby@niehs.nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Styrene (ethenylbenzene; CAS RN: 100-42-5) is a high production volume chemical used in the production of polystyrene resins and as a co-polymer with acrylonitrile and 1,3-butadiene. Styrene is found in items such as foam cups, dental fillings, matrices for ion exchange filters, construction materials, and boats. It is also used in protective coatings, reinforced glass fiber, agricultural products, and as a food additive. The public can be exposed to styrene by ingesting food or drink that has been in contact with styrene polymers or through inhalation of polluted air and cigarette smoke. CERHR selected styrene for expert panel evaluation because of: (1) Public concern about styrene exposure and (2) recently available exposure studies.

At the expert panel meeting, the expert panel will review and revise the draft expert panel report and reach conclusions regarding whether exposure to styrene is a hazard to human reproduction or development. Each draft expert panel report has the following sections:

- 1.0 Chemistry, Use, and Human Exposure
- 2.0 General Toxicological and Biological Effects
- 3.0 Developmental Toxicity Data
- 4.0 Reproductive Toxicity Data
- 5.0 Summary, Conclusions, and Critical Data Needs (to be prepared at expert panel meeting)

Request for Comments

The CERHR invites written public comments on sections 1-4 of the draft expert panel report on styrene. Any comments received will be posted on the CERHR Web site prior to the meeting and distributed to the expert panel and CERHR staff for their consideration in revising the draft report and preparing for the expert panel meeting. Persons submitting written comments are asked to include their

name and contact information (affiliation, mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers, e-mail, and sponsoring organization, if any) and send them to Dr. Shelby (*see ADDRESSES* above) for receipt by May 2.

Time is set aside on June 1, 2005, for the presentation of oral public comments at the expert panel meeting. Seven minutes will be available for each speaker (one speaker per organization). When registering to comment orally, please provide your name, affiliation, mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers, e-mail and sponsoring organization (if any). If possible, also send a copy of the statement or talking points to Dr. Shelby by May 25. This statement will be provided to the expert panel to assist them in identifying issues for discussion and will be noted in the meeting record. Registration for presentation of oral comments will also be available at the meeting on June 1, 2005, from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Those persons registering at the meeting are asked to bring 20 copies of their statement or talking points for distribution to the expert panel and for the record.

Preliminary Agenda

The meeting begins each day at 8:30 a.m. On June 1 and 2, it is anticipated that a lunch break will occur from noon-1 p.m. and the meeting will adjourn at 5-6 p.m. The meeting is expected to adjourn by noon on June 3; however, adjournment may occur earlier or later depending upon the time needed by the expert panel to complete its work. Anticipated agenda topics for each day are listed below.

June 1, 2005

- Opening remarks.
- Oral public comments (7 minutes per speaker; one representative per group).
- Review of sections 1-4 of the draft expert panel report on styrene.
- Discussion of section 5.0 Summary, Conclusions, and Critical Data Needs.

June 2, 2005

- Discussion of section 5.0 Summary, Conclusions, and Critical Data Needs.
- Preparation of draft summaries and conclusion statements.

June 3, 2005

- Presentation, discussion of, and agreement on summaries, conclusions, and data needs.
- Closing comments.

Expert Panel Roster

The CERHR expert panel is composed of independent scientists selected for

their scientific expertise in reproductive and/or developmental toxicology and other areas of science relevant for this review.

Ulrike Luderer, Ph.D., M.D., M.P.H.
(Chair)—University of California, Irvine, CA

Thomas F. X. Collins, Ph.D.—U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Laurel, MD

George P. Daston, Ph.D.—The Procter & Gamble Company, Cincinnati, OH

Lawrence J. Fischer, Ph.D.—Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Ronald Gray, M.D., M.Sc.—The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Franklin E. Mirer, Ph.D., CIH—International Union, UAW, Detroit, MI

Andrew D. Olshan, Ph.D.—University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC

R. Woodrow Setzer, Ph.D.—U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC

Kimberly A. Treinen, Ph.D.—Schering-Plough Research Institute, Lafayette, NJ

Roel Vermeulen, Ph.D.—National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, MD

Background Information on the CERHR

The NTP established the NTP CERHR in June 1998 [*Federal Register*, December 14, 1998 (Volume 63, Number 239, page 68782)]. The CERHR is a publicly accessible resource for information about adverse reproductive and/or developmental health effects associated with exposure to environmental and/or occupational exposures. Expert panels conduct scientific evaluations of agents selected by the CERHR in public forums.

The CERHR invites the nomination of agents for review or scientists for its expert registry. Information about CERHR and the nomination process can be obtained from its homepage (<http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov>) or by contacting Dr. Shelby (*see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT* above). The CERHR selects chemicals for evaluation based upon several factors including production volume, extent of human exposure, public concern, and published evidence of reproductive or developmental toxicity.

CERHR follows a formal, multi-step process for review and evaluation of selected chemicals. The formal evaluation process was published in the *Federal Register* on July 16, 2001 (Volume 66, Number 136, pages 37047-37048) and is available on the CERHR Web site under "About CERHR" or in printed copy from the CERHR.

Dated: February 28, 2005.

Samuel H. Wilson,

*Deputy Director, National Institute of
Environmental Health Sciences.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2005-20463]

Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) and its working groups will meet to discuss various issues relating to the training and fitness of merchant marine personnel. MERPAC advises the Secretary of Homeland Security on matters relating to the training, qualifications, licensing, and certification of seamen serving in the U.S. merchant marine. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: MERPAC will meet on Tuesday, April 5, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Wednesday, April 6, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. These meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. Requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before March 22, 2005. Written material and requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee should reach the Coast Guard on or before March 22, 2005.

ADDRESSES: MERPAC will meet on both days in the Classroom Building Auditorium of the Calhoun MEBA Engineering School, 27050 St. Michaels Road, Easton, MD 21601. Further directions regarding the location of the Calhoun MEBA Engineering School may be obtained by contacting 410-822-9600. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Mr. Mark Gould, Commandant (G-MSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, contact Mr. Gould, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202-267-6890, fax 202-267-4570, or e-mail mgould@comdt.uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2 (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, as amended).

Agenda of Meeting on April 5, 2005

The full committee will meet to discuss the objectives for the meeting. The working groups addressing the following task statements may meet to deliberate: Task Statement 30, concerning utilizing military sea service for STCW certifications; Task Statement 47, concerning recommendations on knowledge and practical qualifications for engineers at the operational and management levels to serve on steam propelled vessels; Task Statement 48, concerning recommendations to develop training and service requirements for personnel with limited engineer licenses to obtain STCW OICEW and unlimited third assistant engineer licenses; and Task Statement 49, concerning recommendations for use of a model sea course project in conjunction with an approved program for officer in charge of an engineering watch coming up through the hawse pipe. In addition, new working groups may be formed to address issues proposed by the Coast Guard, MERPAC members, or the public. All task statements may be viewed at the MERPAC Web site at <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/advisory/merpac/merpac.htm>.

At the end of the day, the working groups will make a report to the full committee on what has been accomplished in their meetings. No action will be taken on these reports on this date.

Agenda of Meeting on April 6, 2005

The agenda comprises the following:

- (1) Introduction.
- (2) Working Groups' Reports:
 - (a) Task Statement 30, concerning utilizing military sea service for STCW certifications;
 - (b) Task Statement 47, concerning recommendations on knowledge and practical qualifications for engineers at the operational and management levels to serve on steam propelled vessels;
 - (c) Task Statement 48, concerning recommendations to develop training and service requirements for personnel with limited engineer licenses to obtain STCW OICEW and unlimited third assistant engineer licenses;
 - (d) Task Statement 49, concerning recommendations for use of a model sea course project in conjunction with an approved program for officer in charge of an engineering watch coming up through the hawse pipe, and

(e) Other task statements which may have been adopted for discussion and action.

(3) Other items to be discussed:

(a) Standing Committee—Prevention Through People.

(b) Briefings concerning on-going projects of interest to MERPAC.

(c) Other items brought up for discussion by the committee or the public.

Procedural

Both meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify Mr. Gould no later than March 22, 2005. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than March 22, 2005. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee or subcommittee in advance of the meeting, please submit 25 copies to Mr. Gould no later than March 22, 2005.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact Mr. Gould as soon as possible.

Dated: March 1, 2005.

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*Acting Director of Standards, Marine Safety,
Security and Environmental Protection.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Application for Waiver of Passport and/or Visa (Form I-193)

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burdens, the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on an information collection requirement concerning the Application for Waiver of Passport and/or Visa (Form I-193). This request for comment is being made pursuant to the