

the office of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than October 17, 2008.

**A. Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago**  
(Burl Thornton, Assistant Vice President) 230 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60690-1414:

1. *Peter T. Rogers*, Appleton, Wisconsin, to retain voting shares of M.S.B. Bancorporation, Inc., and thereby indirectly retain voting shares of Premier Community Bank, Marion, Wisconsin.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, September 29, 2008.

**Robert deV. Frierson,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Board.*

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## FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

### Consumer Advisory Council; Notice of Meeting of the Consumer Advisory Council

The Consumer Advisory Council will meet on Thursday, October 23, 2008. The meeting, which will be open to public observation, will take place at the Federal Reserve Board's offices in Washington, DC, in Dining Room E on the Terrace Level of the Martin Building. Anyone planning to attend the meeting should, for security purposes, register no later than Tuesday, October 21, by completing the form found on line at: <https://www.federalreserve.gov/secure/forms/cacregistration.cfm>.

Additionally, attendees must present photo identification to enter the building.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and is expected to conclude at 1 p.m. The Martin Building is located on C Street, NW., between 20th and 21st Streets.

The Council's function is to advise the Board on the exercise of the Board's responsibilities under various consumer financial services laws and on other matters on which the Board seeks its advice. Time permitting, the Council will discuss the following topics:

- Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008: Members will discuss various initiatives included in the legislation, such as the new Federal Housing Administration "HOPE for Homeowners" refinancing program and the provision of \$4 billion in block grant funds for the redevelopment of abandoned and foreclosed homes
- Proposed rules regarding credit cards and overdraft services: Members

will discuss issues raised in the public comments received on the Board's proposed rules prohibiting unfair or deceptive acts or practices in connection with credit card accounts and overdraft services for deposit accounts.

- Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA): Members will discuss key findings from the 2007 HMDA data.

Reports by committees and other matters initiated by Council members also may be discussed.

Persons wishing to submit views to the Council on any of the above topics may do so by sending written statements to Jennifer Kerslake, Secretary of the Consumer Advisory Council, Division of Consumer and Community Affairs, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, DC 20551. Information about this meeting may be obtained from Ms. Kerslake, 202-452-6470.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, September 29, 2008.

**Jennifer J. Johnson,**

*Secretary of the Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Toxicology Program (NTP); Office of Liaison, Policy and Review; Meeting of the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors

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

**ACTION:** Meeting announcement and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors (NTP BSC). The NTP BSC is a federally chartered, external advisory group composed of scientists from the public and private sectors that provides primary scientific oversight to the NTP Director and evaluates the scientific merit of the NTP's intramural and collaborative programs.

**DATES:** The NTP BSC meeting will be held on November 20-21, 2008. The deadline for submission of written comments is November 6, 2008, and for pre-registration to attend the meeting, including registering to present oral comments, is November 13, 2008.

Persons needing interpreting services in order to attend should contact 301-402-8180 (voice) or 301-435-1908 (TTY). For other accommodations while on the

NIEHS campus, contact 919-541-2475 or e-mail [niehsoeeo@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:niehsoeeo@niehs.nih.gov). Requests should be made at least 7 days in advance of the event.

**ADDRESSES:** The NTP BSC meeting will be held in the Rodbell Auditorium, Rall Building at the NIEHS, 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709. Public comments on all agenda topics and any other correspondence should be submitted to Dr. Barbara Shane, Executive Secretary for the NTP BSC, NTP Office of Liaison, Policy and Review, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD A3-01, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone: 919-541-4253; fax: 919-541-0295; or e-mail: [shane@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:shane@niehs.nih.gov). Courier address: NIEHS, 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, Room A322, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Barbara Shane (telephone: 919-541-4253 or e-mail: [shane@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:shane@niehs.nih.gov)).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Preliminary Agenda Topics and Availability of Meeting Materials

November 20-21, 2008

- Update of NTP activities
- NTP testing program: nominations and proposed research projects on bisphenol AF, dimethylamine borane, ethylene glycol 2-ethylhexyl ether, hydroxyurea, L-beta-methylaminoalanine, and triclosan
- BSC working group report on criteria for evaluating outcomes in immunotoxicology studies
- BSC working group report on criteria for evaluating outcomes in reproductive toxicology studies
- BSC working group report on criteria for evaluating outcomes in developmental toxicology studies
- Toxicology of DNA-based therapies
- Concept review: production of mold materials
- Sources of variability in NTP toxicogenomic studies
- Update on the High Throughput Screening Initiative

The preliminary agenda, roster of NTP BSC members and *ad hoc* reviewers, draft NTP research concepts, public comments, and any additional information, when available, will be posted on the NTP BSC meeting Web site (<http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165>) or may be requested in hardcopy from the Executive Secretary for the NTP BSC (see **ADDRESSES** above). Updates to the agenda will also be posted to this site. Following the meeting, summary minutes will be prepared and made available on the NTP meeting Web site.

### NTP Testing Program: Nominations and Proposed Research Projects

The NTP actively seeks to identify and select for study chemicals and other substances for which sufficient information is not available to adequately evaluate potential human health hazards. The NTP accomplishes this goal through a formal open nomination and selection process. Substances considered appropriate for study generally fall into two broad, yet overlapping categories: (1) Substances judged to have high concern as possible public health hazards based on the extent of human exposure and/or suspicion of toxicity and (2) substances for which toxicological data gaps exist and additional studies would aid in assessing potential human health risks, e.g., by facilitating cross-species extrapolation or evaluating dose-response relationships. Nominations are subject to a multi-step, formal process of review before selections for testing are made and toxicological studies are

designed and implemented. The nomination review and selection process is accomplished through the participation of representatives from the NIEHS, other federal agencies represented on the Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination (ICCEC), the NTP BSC, the NTP Executive Committee—the NTP federal interagency policy body, and the public. The nomination review and selection process is described in further detail on the NTP Web site (<http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/>, select “Nominations to the Testing Program”).

Table 1 lists new nominations to be reviewed at the NTP BSC meeting. Background documents for each nomination are available on the NTP Web site at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/nom>. The NTP invites interested parties to submit written comments, provide supplementary information, or present oral comments at the NTP BSC meeting on the nominated substances and preliminary study recommendations (see “Request for Comments” below).

The NTP welcomes toxicology study information from completed, ongoing, or anticipated studies, as well as information on current U.S. production levels, use or consumption patterns, human exposure, environmental occurrence, or public health concerns for any of the nominated substances. The NTP is interested in identifying appropriate animal and non-animal experimental models for mechanistic-based research, including genetically modified rodents and high-throughput *in vitro* test methods, and as such, solicits comments regarding the use of specific *in vivo* and *in vitro* experimental approaches to address questions relevant to the nominated substances and issues under consideration. Although the deadline for submission of written comments to be considered at the NTP BSC meeting is November 6, 2008 (see “Request for Comments” below), the NTP welcomes comments or additional information on these study nominations at any time.

TABLE 1—TESTING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUBSTANCES NOMINATED TO THE NTP FOR TOXICOLOGICAL STUDIES

Substance [CAS No.]	Nominated by <sup>1</sup>	Nomination rationale	Preliminary study recommendations <sup>2</sup>
Bisphenol AF [1478–61–1] .....	NIEHS .....	Moderate production and use in polymer synthesis; short-term studies suggest potential for endocrine disruption and adverse reproductive effects; lack of adequate toxicity data.	—Comprehensive toxicological characterization.
Dimethylamine borane [74–94–2] ..	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.	Possible contact sensitizer and systemic toxicant but insufficient evidence as determined by the NIOSH Dermal Subject Matter Expert Workgroup.	—Dermal absorption studies. —Skin sensitization studies. —Subchronic dermal toxicity studies with neurotoxicity and behavioral assessments.
Ethylene glycol 2-ethylhexyl ether [1559–35–9].	NIEHS .....	High production volume; potential worker exposures; suspicion of toxicity based on chemical structure; lack of adequate toxicity data.	—Reproductive and developmental toxicity studies.
Hydroxyurea [127–07–1] .....	NIEHS and Private Individual .....	Long-term safety concern when used as therapy for sickle cell anemia; NTP Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction (CERHR) Expert Panel identified a critical data need for multi-generational experimental animal studies to assess the long-term effects of prenatal and postnatal exposures on postnatal development including developmental neurotoxicity, reproductive function, and carcinogenicity.	No experimental animal toxicity studies at this time; human studies currently being considered by the NIH and other federal agencies may address outstanding safety concerns.
L-beta-Methylaminoalanine [15920–93–1].	NIEHS .....	Natural product produced by cyanobacteria with localized and potentially widespread environmental occurrence; suspected risk factor for neurological disease(s); lack of adequate toxicity data.	—Absorption, distribution, metabolism, and elimination studies. —Neurotoxicity studies. —Biomolecular screening studies.

TABLE 1—TESTING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SUBSTANCES NOMINATED TO THE NTP FOR TOXICOLOGICAL STUDIES—Continued

Substance [CAS No.]	Nominated by <sup>1</sup>	Nomination rationale	Preliminary study recommendations <sup>2</sup>
Triclosan [3380–34–5] .....	Private Individual and U.S. Food and Drug Administration.	Widespread use in consumer products; frequent and long-term exposure for all age groups; lack of adequate toxicity data for dermal exposures.	—Carcinogenicity studies via dermal administration. —Phototoxicity studies. —Reproductive toxicity studies.

<sup>1</sup> National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS).

<sup>2</sup> The term “comprehensive toxicological characterization” in this table refers to the approximate scope of a research program to address toxicological data needs. The types of toxicological studies that would be considered by NTP staff during the conceptualization and design of a research program are biomolecular screening, in vitro mechanistic, in vitro and in vivo genotoxicity, absorption, disposition, metabolism, and elimination, short-term repeat dose (2–4 weeks) in vivo studies, subchronic toxicity (13–26 weeks), chronic toxicity (1–2 years), carcinogenicity in conventional or genetically modified rodent models, organ systems toxicity (immunotoxicity, reproductive and developmental toxicity, neurotoxicity), in vivo mechanistic, toxicokinetics, and other special studies as appropriate (e.g., chemistry, toxicogenomics, phototoxicity).

To facilitate review of proposed research projects by the NTP BSC and the public, NTP staff developed a draft research concept document for each nomination recommended for study. A research concept is a brief document outlining the nomination or study rationale, and the significance, study approach, and expected outcome of a proposed research program tailored for each nomination. The purpose of these research concepts is to outline the general elements of a program of study that would address the specific issues that prompted the nomination, but also encompass studies that may address larger public health issues or topics in toxicology that could be addressed appropriately through studies on the nominated substance(s). Draft research concepts for the new nominations listed in Table 1 will be available on the NTP BSC meeting page (<http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165>) by October 9, 2008.

#### Attendance and Registration

The meeting is scheduled for November 20–21, 2008, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on each day and continuing to 5 p.m. on November 20 and on November 21 until adjournment. The meeting is open to the public with attendance limited only by the space available. Individuals who plan to attend are encouraged to register online at the NTP BSC meeting Web site (<http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/165>) by November 13, 2008, to facilitate planning for the meeting. The NTP is making plans to videocast the meeting through the Internet at <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/news/video/live>.

#### Request for Comments

Written comments submitted in response to this notice should be received by November 6, 2008. Comments will be posted on the NTP BSC meeting Web site and persons

submitting them will be identified by their name and affiliation and/or sponsoring organization, if applicable. Persons submitting written comments should include their name, affiliation (if applicable), phone, e-mail, and sponsoring organization (if any) with the document.

Time will be allotted during the meeting for the public to present oral comments to the NTP BSC on the agenda topics. Each organization is allowed one time slot per agenda topic. At least 7 minutes will be allotted to each speaker, and if time permits, may be extended to 10 minutes at the discretion of the NTP BSC chair. Persons wishing to present oral comments are encouraged to pre-register on the NTP meeting Web site. Registration for oral comments will also be available on-site, although time allowed for presentation by on-site registrants may be less than that for pre-registered speakers and will be determined by the number of persons who register at the meeting.

Persons registering to make oral comments are asked, if possible, to send a copy of their statement to the Executive Secretary for the NTP BSC (see **ADDRESSES** above) by November 13, 2008, to enable review by the NTP BSC prior to the meeting. Written statements can supplement and may expand the oral presentation. If registering on-site and reading from written text, please bring 40 copies of the statement for distribution to the NTP BSC and NIEHS/NTP staff and to supplement the record.

#### Background Information on the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors

The NTP BSC is a technical advisory body comprised of scientists from the public and private sectors that provides primary scientific oversight to the overall program and its centers. Specifically, the NTP BSC advises the NTP on matters of scientific program

content, both present and future, and conducts periodic review of the program for the purpose of determining and advising on the scientific merit of its activities and their overall scientific quality. Its members are selected from recognized authorities knowledgeable in fields such as toxicology, pharmacology, pathology, biochemistry, epidemiology, risk assessment, carcinogenesis, mutagenesis, molecular biology, behavioral toxicology, neurotoxicology, immunotoxicology, reproductive toxicology or teratology, and biostatistics. Members serve overlapping terms of up to four years. NTP BSC meetings are held annually or biannually.

Dated: September 23, 2008.

**Samuel H. Wilson,**

*Acting Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and National Toxicology Program.*

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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 Plans for Updated Evaluations of Genistein and Soy Formula; Request for Public Comments and Nomination of Expert Panel Members**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of expert panel evaluation of the reproductive and developmental toxicities of genistein and soy formula.

**SUMMARY:** The CERHR plans to convene an expert panel to conduct updated evaluations of the scientific evidence