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LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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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. Appendix 2), 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, ZRG1 CDF-2 (02).

Date: June 10, 2002.¹

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Ramesh K. Nayak, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5146, MSC 7840, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1026.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review, Special Emphasis Panel, Cell Development and Function—2 Study Section (01).

Date: June 17-19, 2002.

Time: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: La Jolla Coves Suites, 1155 Coast Blvd., La Jolla, CA 92037.

Contact Person: Ramesh K. Nayak, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5146, MSC 7840, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1026.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review, Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG1 GMA-1 (15).

Date: June 18, 2002.

Time: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Harold M. Davidson, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4216, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892. 301/435-1776. davidsoh@csr.nih.gov.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review, Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG1 EDC-3 (02).

Date: June 19, 2002.

Time: 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn, Tysons Corner, 1960 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA 22102.

Contact Person: Mary Ann Guadagno, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 1104, MSC 7770, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 451-8011.

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Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review, Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG1 SSS-G (01).

Date: June 26-27, 2002.

Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hyatt Hotel, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Camilla E. Day, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2208, MSC 7890, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-1037. dayc@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review, Special Emphasis Panel, SNEM1 Member Applications.

Date: June 27, 2002.

Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Denise Wiesch, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3150, MSC 7770, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-0684.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the Endocrinology Study Section, June 17, 2002, 8 a.m. to June 18, 2002, 5 p.m., Villa Florence Hotel, 225 Powell Street, San Francisco, CA 94102-2205 which was published in the **Federal Register** on May 30, 2002, 67 FR 37849-37851.

The meeting will be held at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, 450 Powell Street, San Francisco, CA 94109. The dates and time remain the same. The meeting is closed to the public.

Dated: June 6, 2002.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

National Toxicology Program (NTP)

Announcement of and Request for Public Comments on Substances Nominated to the National Toxicology Program (NTP) for Toxicological Studies and on Study Recommendations Made by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination (ICCEC)

Summary

The NTP continuously solicits and accepts nominations for toxicological

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studies to be undertaken by the program. Nominations of substances of potential human health concern are received from Federal agencies, the public, and other interested parties. These nominations undergo several levels of review before selections for testing are made and toxicological studies are designed and implemented. Evaluation by the NTP ICCEC is the initial external review step in the NTP's formal selection process for NTP study nominations. On April 17, 2002 the ICCEC met to review 19 new nominations and make study recommendations. This announcement (1) provides brief background information regarding the substances nominated to NTP for study, (2) presents the ICCEC's study recommendations from its April 17, 2002 meeting, (3) solicits public comment on the nominations themselves and on the study recommendations by the ICCEC, and (4) requests the submission of additional relevant information for consideration by the NTP in its continued evaluation of these nominations.

Review of Study Nominations

At its meeting on April 17, 2002, the ICCEC reviewed 19 new nominations for NTP studies. For 14 of these nominations, one or more types of toxicological studies were recommended, and for 5 nominations, no studies were recommended at this time. The nominated substances with CAS numbers, nomination source, nomination rationale, specific study recommendations, and other pertinent information are given in the attached tables.

Evaluation by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination (ICCEC) is the initial external review step in the NTP's formal selection process for NTP study nominations. The ICCEC is composed of representatives from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Department of Defense, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Food and Drug Administration's National Center for Toxicological Research, National Cancer Institute, National Center for Environmental Health, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, National Library of Medicine, and the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The ICCEC meets once or twice annually to evaluate groups of new study nominations and to make recommendations with respect to both

specific types of studies and testing priorities.

Request for Public Comments

Interested parties are invited to submit comments or supplementary information on the nominated substances and study recommendations that appear in the attached tables. The NTP welcomes toxicology and carcinogenesis information from completed, ongoing, or planned studies, as well as information on current production levels, use patterns, human exposure, environmental occurrence, or public health concerns for any of the nominated substances. The NTP is also interested in identifying appropriate new animal models for mechanistic based research, including transgenic or knockout mice, and welcomes comments regarding the use of specific animal models to address scientific questions relevant to the nominated substances and studies under consideration. All information received will be considered by the NTP in its continued review of these nominations. Comments or information should be sent to Dr. Scott Masten by August 12, 2002. Persons responding to this request should include their name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, e-mail address and sponsoring organization (if any) with the submission. Written submissions will be made available electronically on the NTP's web site as they are received.

An electronic copy of this announcement, internet links to electronic versions of supporting documents for each nomination, and further information on the NTP and the NTP Chemical Nomination and Selection Process can be accessed through the NTP web site: <http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov>.

Send comments or information to Dr. Scott A. Masten, Office of Chemical Nomination and Selection, NIEHS/NTP, P. O. Box 12233, MD A3-07, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709; telephone: (919) 541-5710; FAX: (919) 541-3647; email: masten@niehs.nih.gov.

Background

The NTP actively seeks to identify and select for study chemicals and other agents 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) Those substances of greatest concern for public health 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. Input is also solicited regarding the nomination of studies that permit the testing of hypotheses to enhance the predictive ability of future NTP studies, address mechanisms of toxicity, or fill significant gaps in the knowledge of the toxicity of classes of chemical, biological, or physical substances. Substances may be studied to evaluate a variety of health-related effects, including but not limited to reproductive and developmental toxicity, genotoxicity, immunotoxicity, neurotoxicity, metabolism and disposition, and carcinogenicity. In reviewing and selecting nominated substances, the NTP also considers legislative mandates that require responsible private sector commercial organizations to evaluate their products for health and environmental effects. The possible human health consequences of anticipated or known human exposure, however, remain the over-riding factor in the NTP's decision to study a particular substance.

The review and selection of substances nominated for study is a multi-step process. A broad range of concerns are addressed during this process through the participation of representatives from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, other Federal agencies, the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors—an external scientific advisory body, the NTP Executive Committee—the NTP Federal interagency policy body, and the public. This process is described in further detail in a March 2, 2000 **Federal Register** announcement (Volume 65, Number 42, pages 11329–11331). This multi-step evaluative process provides the NTP with direction and guidance to ensure that its testing program addresses toxicological concerns relative to all areas of public health, and furthermore, that there is balance among the types of substances selected for study (e.g., industrial chemicals, consumer products, therapeutic agents). As such, it should be recognized that at any given time, the new study nominations under consideration do not necessarily reflect the overall balance of substances historically or currently being evaluated by the NTP in its testing program. For further information on NTP toxicology studies (previous or in progress) visit

the NTP web site at <http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov>.

Dated: June 5, 2002.
Samuel Wilson,
Deputy Director, National Toxicology Program.

Attachment

Substances Nominated to the NTP for Toxicological Studies and Recommendations Made by the ICCEC on April 17, 2002

TABLE 1.—SUBSTANCES RECOMMENDED FOR STUDY

Substance [CAS No.]	Nominated by	Nomination rationale; other information	Recommendations for toxicological studies
Abrasive blasting agents; Coal slag; Crushed glass; Garnet; Sand; Specular hematite; Steel grit.	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; Occupational Safety and Health Administration.	High production volume and widespread occupational exposure; lack of adequate health effects information; data needed to establish safe exposure limits.	—Chronic inhalation toxicity in male rats; —Pulmonary tissue burden analysis.
5-Amino-o-cresol [2835–95–2]	National Cancer Institute	Widely used in permanent hair dyes; some evidence of toxicity; lack of carcinogenicity data.	—Metabolism; —Developmental and reproductive toxicity; —Carcinogenicity.
tert-Butyl hydroperoxide [75–91–2]	National Cancer Institute	High production volume industrial chemical; evidence for genotoxicity and tumor promotion activity; lack of carcinogenicity data.	—Carcinogenicity; —Consider mechanistic studies related to carcinogenicity of organic peroxides as a class.
Chloramine-T [127–65–1] and p-Toluenesulfonamide [70–55–3].	Private Individual	Investigational new animal drug for antimicrobial use in aquaculture; evidence for toxicity further studies needed to establish safe residue levels.	— <i>In vitro</i> and <i>in vivo</i> genotoxicity; —Subchronic toxicity; and/or carcinogenicity studies may be considered when results of genotoxicity studies are available for review.
Cobalt metal dust [7440–48–4]	Cobalt Development Institute; International Union, United Auto Workers; Occupational Safety and Health Administration.	Widespread occupational exposure; evidence for toxicity; insufficient data to assess chronic toxicity and carcinogenic potential.	—Toxicological characterization including carcinogenicity and developmental toxicity (inhalation studies).
Ephedrine alkaloid dietary supplements [no CAS No.].	National Cancer Institute; National Institutes of Health Office of Dietary Supplements.	Widely used dietary supplement; reports of adverse effects in consumers; lack of adequate toxicological information for multi-component dietary supplement formulations.	—Developmental and reproductive toxicity; —Subchronic toxicity; —Special emphasis on assessment of potential cardiovascular and central nervous systems effects; —Studies should use commercial ephedra products with and without caffeine and other additives.
Ethanone, 1–(1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8-octahydro-2,3,8,8-tetramethyl-2-naphthalenyl)–(iso-E Super) [54464–57–2].	Private Individual	High production volume fragrance material; widespread consumer exposure; lack of toxicity data.	—Toxicological characterization including genotoxicity.
Hexafluorosilicic acid [16961–83–4] and Sodium hexafluorosilicate [16893–85–9].	Private Individuals (multiple nominations).	Primary agents used to fluoridate public drinking water systems; lack of toxicity information; assumed complete dissociation to free fluoride under normal conditions of use not supported by experimental evidence.	—Chemical characterization studies to assess chemical fate under aqueous conditions; —Toxicological studies may be considered when results of chemical characterization studies are available for review.
Ketamine hydrochloride [1867–66–9].	U.S. Food and Drug Administration.	Approved drug for anesthetic use in adults; off-label pediatric use thought to occur; causes severe lesions in developing rat brain; further studies needed to assess safety of pediatric use.	—Comprehensive neurotoxicity assessment and toxicokinetics in developing (post-natal) non-human primates.

TABLE 1.—SUBSTANCES RECOMMENDED FOR STUDY—Continued

Substance [CAS No.]	Nominated by	Nomination rationale; other information	Recommendations for toxicological studies
Mercury, ((o-carboxyphenyl)thio)ethyl-, sodium salt (Thimerosal) [54–64–8].	U.S. Food and Drug Administration.	Organomercurial preservative widely used in vaccines and other therapeutics; large exposed population; insufficient toxicity data.	—Toxicokinetics; —Neurodevelopmental toxicity; —Comparative studies with ethylmercury and methylmercury under different dosing regimens in non-human primates; —Coordinate with ongoing federally-sponsored research efforts.
Nitrogen trifluoride [7783–54–2]	National Cancer Institute	Rapidly increasing industrial demand; acute toxic effects well described; potential for toxicity based on oxidizing properties.	—Genotoxicity; —Metabolism.
Sodium metasilicate [6834–92–0] ..	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.	Widespread occupational exposure; evidence for biological activity; insufficient toxicity data.	—Subchronic toxicity (inhalation studies); —Respiratory hypersensitivity.
Turpentine [8006–64–2]	International Union, United Auto Workers.	Widespread occupational and consumer exposure; reports of kidney toxicity in exposed humans; insufficient chronic toxicity information.	—Chronic toxicity; —Carcinogenicity.
Welding fume: Gas metal arc welding with stainless steel electrode; Gas metal arc welding with mild steel electrode; Manual arc welding with stainless steel electrode.	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; International Union; United Auto Workers.	Widespread Occupational exposure; evidence for toxicity of mixture and components; gaps in available health effects data.	—Acute and subchronic inhalation exposure studies to assess neurotoxicity, immunotoxicity, and pulmonary toxicity of all 3 welding fume types; —Chronic inhalation toxicity and carcinogenicity studies with one or more welding fume types.

TABLE 2.—SUBSTANCES FOR WHICH NO STUDY IS RECOMMENDED AT THIS TIME

Substance [CAS No.]	Nominated by	Nominated for	Nomination rationale; other information	Rationale for recommending no toxicological studies
Hexachloro-1,3-butadiene [87–68–3].	Carcinogen Identification Committee (Advisory Body for California Environmental Protection Agency).	—Carcinogenicity (at doses intermediate to those used in previous studies).	Persistent industrial by-product widely dispersed in environment; some evidence for carcinogenicity; existing data insufficient to characterize carcinogenic hazard.	Low commercial production volume, insufficient evidence of significant human exposure, and availability of adequate toxicological data.
Infrasound [no CAS No.]	National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.	—Toxicological characterization.	Low frequency sound ubiquitous in occupational and community settings; insufficient settings; insufficient data to address public concerns regarding potential health hazards at low exposure levels.	Insufficient information on human exposures in community settings and questionable utility of additional studies in available animal models/test systems; Consider seeking additional expert opinion on human exposure and toxicity data needs.
Magnesium oxide [1309–48–4].	National Cancer Institute ..	—Biological disposition —Chronic inhalation toxicity.	High production volume industrial chemical; widespread occupational exposure; lack of chronic inhalation toxicity data.	Adequate available toxicological data.
Methylolurea [1000–82–4] ...	National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.	—Toxicological characterization.	High production volume industrial chemical; widespread use and potential for human exposure; lack of toxicity information.	Inclusion in the High Production Volume Chemical Challenge Program.

TABLE 2.—SUBSTANCES FOR WHICH NO STUDY IS RECOMMENDED AT THIS TIME—Continued

Substance [CAS No.]	Nominated by	Nominated for	Nomination rationale; other information	Rationale for recommending no toxicological studies
4-Methylquinoline [491–35–0].	Carcinogen Identification Committee (Advisory Body for California Environmental Protection Agency).	—Comparative metabolism studies (with quinoline). —Carcinogenicity	Ubiquitous environmental contaminant; some evidence for carcinogenicity; existing data insufficient to characterize carcinogenic hazard.	Low commercial production volume, insufficient evidence of significant human exposure, and availability of adequate toxicological data.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

The President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Executive Order 13263, notice is hereby given of a meeting of The President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health in June, 2002.

The meeting will be open and will consider how to best accomplish the Commission's mandate to conduct a comprehensive study of the United States mental health service delivery system and to make recommendations on improving the delivery of public and private mental health services for adults and children. It will, among other things, seek to establish issue priorities for the Commission, and will discuss administrative matters, including how to best receive public input on particular areas of interest.

Attendance by the public will be limited to space available. Public comments are welcome. Please communicate with the individual listed as contact below to make arrangements to comment or to request special accommodations for persons with disabilities.

Substantive program information, a summary of the meeting and a roster of Commission members may be obtained from the contact whose name and telephone number is listed below.

Committee Name: President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health.

Meeting Date/Time: June 18, 2002, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; June 19, 2002, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Place: Ritz Carlton at Pentagon City, 1250 S. Hayes Street, Salon III, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

Contact: Claire Heffernan, Executive Secretary 5600 Fishers Lane, Parklawn

Building, Room 13C–26 Rockville, MD 20857. Telephone: (301) 443–1545; Fax: (301) 480–1554 and e-mail: Cheffern@samhsa.gov.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the difficulty in coordinating the scheduling of the Commissioners and the urgent need to begin considering important mental health issues so as to present recommendations to the President in a timely fashion as set out in Executive Order No. 13263 (April 29, 2002).

Dated: June 7, 2002.

Toian Vaughn,

Committee Management Officer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Associated Environmental Impact Statement for Hanford Reach National Monument/Saddle Mountain National Wildlife Refuge

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Associated Environmental Impact Statement for the Hanford Reach National Monument/Saddle Mountain National Wildlife Refuge.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), in cooperation with the Department of Energy (DOE) and other cooperating agencies, is preparing a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Hanford Reach National Monument/Saddle Mountain National Wildlife Refuge in Benton, Franklin, Adams, and Grant counties, Washington. The Service is furnishing

this notice in compliance with the Service's National Wildlife Refuge planning policy and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA), and implementing regulations for the following purposes: (1) To advise other agencies, Tribal governments, and the public of our intentions; (2) To obtain comments and information on the issues and alternatives to be addressed in the CCP and EIS; and (3) to describe additional opportunities for public comment during the scoping phase for the CCP and EIS.

DATES: Public comments are requested within 90 days of the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Address comments and requests for more information to: Greg Hughes, Project Leader, Hanford Reach National Monument, 3250 Port of Benton Blvd., Richland, Washington 99352, Fax (509) 375–0196.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Hughes, Project Leader, at (509) 371–1801, Fax (509) 375–0196. Documents referenced herein can be viewed during business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at the address above or at the DOE Public Reading Room located in the Washington State University Tri-Cities Library at 2770 University Drive, Richland, Washington 99352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Hanford Reach National Monument (Monument) was designated by Presidential Proclamation 7319 on June 9, 2000. The Monument encompasses approximately 195,000 acres, of which approximately 166,000 acres are currently managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) as the Saddle Mountain National Wildlife Refuge under its authority pursuant to the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 668dd–ee), and through agreements with the DOE. The entire Monument is superimposed over a portion of the 375,040-acre DOE Hanford Site, in Richland, Washington. The Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) administers