

SUMMARY: This is notice, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i), that the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services, is contemplating the grant of an exclusive worldwide license to practice the invention embodied in: E-181-2002; U.S. Provisional Patent Application 60/413,773 entitled "Methods and Devices for Intramuscular Stimulation of Upper Airway and Swallowing Muscle Groups," to Medtronic, Inc., a corporation incorporated under the laws of the state of Minnesota and having a place of business at 710 Medtronic Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55432 and its wholly owned affiliate Medtronic Xomed, Inc., a corporation incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware and having a place of business at 6743 Southpoint Drive North, Jacksonville, FL 32216. The United States of America is an assignee to the patent rights of these inventions.

The contemplated exclusive license may be limited to the treatment of dysphagia using the Medtronic Implantable Pulse Generator (IPG) System but excluding the use of devices and systems described and claimed in U.S. Patent Nos. 6,185,452; 5,193,540; 5,193,539; 5,324,316; 5,358,514.

DATES: Only written comments and/or applications for a license which are received by the NIH Office of Technology Transfer on or before January 26, 2004, will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Requests for a copy of the patent application, inquiries, comments and other materials relating to the contemplated license should be directed to: Michael A. Shmilovich, J.D., Technology Licensing Specialist, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, MD 20852-3804; Telephone: (301) 435-5019; Facsimile: (301) 402-0220; E-mail: shmilovichm@od.nih.gov. A signed Confidential Disclosure Agreement will be required to receive copies of the patent application.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The patent application covers devices and methods for intramuscular stimulation (stimulation of the geniopharyngeal, mylohyoid, and thyrohyoid muscles) in patients with neuromuscular disorders. The invention provides autonomous control of both hyolaryngeal elevations, anterior hyoid motion and opening of the upper esophageal sphincter for swallowing, vocalization and speech. Primarily, the technology allows self-stimulation of swallowing and can return oral feeding to dysphagia patients. Electrodes are attached to the

appropriate musculature of the neck and an electrode stimulator or subcutaneous signal generator modulates electrostatic pulses through the electrodes that cause the attached muscles to contract thus simulating natural swallowing or vocalization depending on placement.

The prospective exclusive license will be royalty bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within 60 days from the date of this published Notice, NIH receives written evidence and argument that establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Properly filed competing applications for a license filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the contemplated license. Comments and objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available for public inspection, and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: November 19, 2003.

Steven M. Ferguson,

Director, Division of Technology Development and Transfer, Office of Technology Transfer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Transportation Security Administration

Notice of Intent To Request Approval From the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for the Renewal of a Public Collection of Information; Aircraft Operator Security

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration (TSA), DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: TSA invites public comment on the information collection requirement abstracted below that will be submitted to OMB for renewal in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Send your comments by January 26, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Conrad Huygen, Privacy Act Officer, Information Management Programs, TSA Headquarters, West Tower 412-S, TSA-17, 601 S. 12th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-4220; telephone (571) 227-1954; facsimile (571) 227-2912.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: See **ADDRESSES**, above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*), an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information, unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Therefore, in preparation for submission of clearance of the following information collection, TSA solicits comments in order to—

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed information requirement is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

TSA is seeking to renew information collection request number 1652-0003, which was originally obtained by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to ensure compliance with the standards that were developed and implemented at 14 CFR part 108. The Aviation and Transportation Security Act of 2001 (ATSA), Pub. L. 107-71, transferred the responsibility for civil aviation security from the FAA to TSA. In February 2002, TSA implemented aircraft operator security standards at 49 CFR part 1544, while 14 CFR part 108 was repealed. This regulation requires aircraft operators to maintain and update their security programs for inspection by TSA to ensure security, safety, and regulatory compliance. TSA estimates the 83 respondent air carriers will carry a burden of 43,160 hours per year and encourages all interested parties to comment on this burden estimate.

Issued in Arlington, Virginia, on November 21, 2003.

Susan T. Tracey,

Deputy Chief Administrative Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of the Secretary

Statement of Findings: Shivwits Band of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Water Rights Settlement Act

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior

ACTION: Notice of statement of findings in accordance with Public Law 106–263.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of the Interior is causing this notice of Statement of Findings to be published as required by section 14 of the Shivwits Band of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Water Rights Settlement Act (Settlement Act), Pub. L. 106–263, 114 Stat. 737, 746–47. The publication of this notice causes the waiver and release of certain claims to become effective as required to implement the Settlement.

DATES: In accordance with section 14 of the Settlement Act, the waiver and release of claims described in section 9(b) of the Settlement Act are effective on November 26, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Ms. Catherine Wilson, Shivwits Band of the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Water Rights Settlement Act Implementation Team Chairperson, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Regional Office, 400 North 5th Street, MS–420, Phoenix, Arizona, 85004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Catherine Wilson, 602–379–6789.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purposes of the Settlement Act are:

(1) To achieve a fair, equitable, and final settlement of all claims to water rights in the Santa Clara River for the Shivwits Band, and the United States for the benefit of the Shivwits Band;

(2) To promote the self-determination and economic self-sufficiency of the Shivwits Band, in part by providing funds to the Shivwits Band for its use in developing a viable reservation economy;

(3) To approve, ratify, and confirm the St. George Water Reuse Project Agreement, the Santa Clara Project Agreement, and the Settlement Agreement, and the Shivwits Water Right described therein;

(4) To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to execute the St. George Water Reuse Project Agreement, the Santa Clara Project Agreement, and the Settlement Agreement, and to take such actions as are necessary to implement these agreements in a manner consistent with the Settlement Act; and

(5) To authorize the appropriation of funds necessary for implementation of the St. George Water Reuse Project Agreement, the Santa Clara Project Agreement, and the Settlement Agreement.

Statement of Findings

As required by section 14 of the Settlement Act, I find as follows:

1. The funds authorized by sections 11(b) and 11(c) of the Settlement Act

have been appropriated and deposited into the Shivwits Band Trust Fund;

2. The funds authorized by section 10(f) of the Settlement Act have been appropriated;

3. The St. George Water Reuse Project Agreement has been modified, to the extent it was in conflict with the Settlement Act, and is effective and enforceable according to its terms;

4. The Santa Clara Project Agreement has been modified, to the extent it was in conflict with the Settlement Act, and is effective and enforceable according to its terms;

5. The Settlement Agreement has been modified, to the extent it was in conflict with the Settlement Act, and is effective and enforceable according to its terms;

6. The State Engineer of Utah has taken all actions and approved all applications necessary to implement the provisions of the St. George Water Reuse Agreement, the Santa Clara Project Agreement, and the Settlement Agreement, from which no further appeals may be taken; and

7. The District Court of the Fifth Judicial District in Washington County, Utah, has entered a judgment and decree confirming the Shivwits Water Right in the Virgin River Adjudication pursuant to Utah Rule of Civil Procedure 54(b), that confirms the Shivwits Water Right and is final as to all parties to the Santa Clara Division of the Virgin River Adjudication and from which no further appeals may be taken, which the United States and Utah find is consistent in all material aspects with the Settlement Agreement and with the proposed judgment and decree agreed to by the parties to the Settlement Agreement.

Dated: November 21, 2003.

Gale A. Norton,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Intent To Revise a Comprehensive Conservation Plan and Associated Environmental Impact Statement for the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, Cold Bay, AK

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) intends to gather information necessary to revise the Comprehensive

Conservation Plan (Plan) and an associated Environmental Impact Statement, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations, for the Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, which includes the Unimak Island unit of the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge and the North Creek and Pavlof units of Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge, headquartered in Cold Bay, Alaska. The Service is furnishing this notice in compliance with the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended, and with Service planning policy to advise other agencies and the public of our intentions and to obtain suggestions and information on the scope of issues to be addressed in the environmental documents.

Special mailings, newspaper articles, and other media announcements will inform people of opportunities to provide written input throughout the planning process. Public meetings will be held in communities near the Refuge (e.g., Cold Bay, King Cove, False Pass, Sand Point, and Nelson Lagoon) and in the city of Anchorage. The Draft and Final Plans and associated Environmental Impact Statement will be available for viewing and downloading at www.r7.fws.gov/planning.

ADDRESSES: Address comments, questions, and requests to Maggi Arend, Planning Team Leader, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 East Tudor Rd. MS–231, Anchorage, AK 99503 or fw7_izembek_planning@fws.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Maggi Arend, Planning Team Leader, US Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 East Tudor Rd., MS–231, Anchorage, AK 99503 or fw7_izembek_planning@fws.gov. Additional information concerning the Plan can be found at <http://www.r7.fws.gov/planning> and concerning the Refuge at <http://refuges.fws.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: By Federal law (National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966, as amended by the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 (Administration Act) [16 U.S.C. 668dd–668ee]), all lands within the National Wildlife Refuge System are to be managed in accordance with an approved Comprehensive Conservation Plan. Section 304(g) of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (Pub. L. 96–487, 94 Stat. 2371) also directs that these plans be prepared. The Plan guides management decisions and identifies Refuge goals, long-range objectives, and strategies for achieving