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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of Closed Meeting

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 meeting.

The meeting 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: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel Gene-Environment Effects and Epigenesis in Depression.

Date: October 13, 2004.

Time: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn Select Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: A. Roger Little, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Room 6157, MSC 9608, Bethesda, MD 20892-9608, (301) 402-5844, alittle@mail.nih.gov.

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(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.242, Mental Health Research Grants; 93.281, Scientist Development Award, Scientist Development Award for Clinicians, and Research Scientist Award; 93.282, Mental Health National Research Service Awards for Research Training, National Institutes of Health, HHS).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

National Toxicology Program (NTP); Notice of a Meeting of the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Board of Scientific Counselors on October 26, 2004, in the Rodbell Auditorium, Rall Building at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

The NTP Board of Scientific Counselors ("the NTP Board") is composed of scientists from the public and private sector and provides primary scientific oversight to the NTP.

Agenda

The meeting being held on October 26, 2004, begins at 8:30 a.m. and is open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to adjournment with attendance limited only by the space available. Persons needing special assistance should contact the NTP Executive Secretary (contact information below) at least seven business days in advance of the meeting. A draft agenda with a tentative schedule is provided below. Primary agenda topics include: (1) NTP initiatives to enhance toxicology, (2) substances nominated to the NTP for study and recommendations of the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination (ICCEC), (3) new approaches for statistical analyses for chronic tests, (4) a proposed process for evaluating chemicals with limited data sets by the Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction, and (5) a research program on *Caenorhabditis elegans*. The NTP Board will also review three concept proposals for the conduct of research through the use of a contract mechanism. These concepts include: (1) The evaluation of chemicals for their potential to modulate immune responses, (2) chemical characterization of substances for testing in high-throughput screening and chronic assays, and (3) application of automated techniques to toxicity testing. Time is

allotted during the meeting for the public to present comments to the NTP Board and NTP staff on any agenda topic.

The agenda and background materials on agenda topics, as available, will be posted on the NTP Web site (<http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov>, see What's New) or available upon request to the NTP Executive Secretary (contact information below). The NTP is making plans to videocast the meeting through the Internet at <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/external/video.htm>. Following the meeting, summary minutes will be prepared and available through the NTP Web site and upon request to Central Data Management, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD E1-02, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone: 919-541-3419, fax: 919-541-3687, and e-mail: CDM@niehs.nih.gov.

ICCEC Recommendations for Substances Nominated for Future NTP Studies

Information about substances nominated to the NTP for toxicology and carcinogenicity studies and the ICCEC's recommendations were published in the **Federal Register** on August 20, 2004 (Vol. 69, No. 161, pages 51691-51693). This notice is available on the Web (<http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov/htdocs/liason/04JuneICCECFR.html>) along with the list of nominations (<http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov/NomPage/2004Noms.html>) and supporting documents for each nomination (<http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov/NomPage/BkgrSum04June.html>) or is available by contacting the NTP Executive Secretary (contact information below). This meeting provides an additional opportunity for the public to provide comment on these nominations and study recommendations to the NTP Board and NTP staff. Comments submitted to the NTP in response to the August 20, 2004, **Federal Register** notice are under consideration and do not need to be resubmitted or readdressed.

Public Comment Encouraged

Public input at this meeting is invited and time is set aside for the presentation of public comments on any agenda topic. At least 7 minutes will be allotted to each speaker and, if time permits, may be extended to 10 minutes. Each organization is allowed one time slot per agenda topic. Persons registering to make oral comments are asked to provide their name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, e-mail, and sponsoring organization (if any). To