

## Background

The NTP was established within the Public Health Service of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in November 1978. The NTP is an interagency program whose mission is to evaluate agents of public health concern by developing and applying the tools of modern toxicology and molecular biology. In carrying out its mission, the NTP has several goals to:

- Broaden the spectrum of toxicological information obtained on selected chemicals;
- Develop and validate more sensitive and specific test methods;
- Develop improved strategies for generating scientific data that strengthen the scientific foundation for risk assessments; and
- Communicate NTP plans and results to government agencies, the medical and scientific communities, and the public.

A balanced program was created that includes chronic exposure studies, short-term exposure studies, the collection and application of mechanistic information, model development, alternative methods, and human studies. Scientific activities are divided into several major program areas: carcinogenesis, risk assessment research, alternative test systems, and toxicology. Toxicology covers activities in immunotoxicology, neurobehavioral toxicology, reproductive and developmental toxicology, respiratory toxicology and phototoxicology. Program and project leaders along with contact information are provided in the plan.

The NTP is headquartered at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences of the National Institutes of Health (NIEHS/NIH). The NTP consists of the relevant toxicology activities of the NIEHS/NIH, the National Center for Toxicological Research of the Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. The Director of the NIEHS is also the NTP Director.

## Availability of the NTP Annual Plan

The NTP Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2002 is available electronically on the NTP Web site (<http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov>). Hard copies are available from the NTP Central Data Management (NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD EC-03, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone 919-541-3419; fax 919-541-3687; [cdm@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:cdm@niehs.nih.gov)).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

#### Office for Women's Services; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the Advisory Committee for Women's Services of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in April 2003.

The meeting of the Advisory Committee for Women's Services will include welcoming three new members to the Committee, discussion involving SAMHSA's Priorities, Programs and Principles Matrix, activities of the Women, Youth and Families Task Force; and other substance abuse and mental health issues affecting women. A summary of the meeting and/or a roster of committee members may be obtained from: Nancy P. Brady, Executive Secretary, Advisory Committee for Women's Services, Office for Women's Services, SAMHSA, Parklawn Building, Room 12C-26, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone: (301) 443-1135.

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 information may be obtained from the contact whose name and telephone number is listed below.

*Committee Name:* Advisory Committee for Women's Services.

*Meeting Date/Time:* Open: April 11, 2003, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

*Place:* Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact:* Nancy P. Brady, Executive Secretary, 5600 Fishers Lane, Parklawn Building, Room 12C-26, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: (301) 443-1135; FAX: (301) 594-6159 and e-mail: [nbrady@samhsa.gov](mailto:nbrady@samhsa.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

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### Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Safety Advisory Committee; Vacancies

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard seeks applications for membership on the Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Safety Advisory Committee (CFIVSAC). CFIVSAC advises and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard on the safety of the commercial fishing industry.

**DATES:** Application forms should reach us on or before July 20, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** You may request an application form by writing to Commandant (G-MOC-3), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling 202-267-0315; or by faxing 202-267-0506; or by emailing [kfrost@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:kfrost@comdt.uscg.mil). Send your application in written form to the above street address. This notice and the application form are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Commander Joseph A. Servidio, Executive Director of CFIVSAC, or Kevin Frost, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202-267-0315, fax 202-267-0506, e-mail: [kfrost@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:kfrost@comdt.uscg.mil) or <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/gm/cfvs/cfivac.htm>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Safety Advisory Committee (CFIVSAC) is a Federal advisory committee under 5 U.S.C. App. 2. As required by the Commercial Fishing Industry Vessel Safety Act of 1988, the Coast Guard established CFIVSAC to provide advice to the Coast Guard on issues related to the safety of commercial fishing vessels regulated under chapter 45 of Title 46, United States Code, which includes uninspected fishing vessels, fish processing vessels, and fish tender vessels. (See section 4508 of title 46 of the U.S. Code, 46 U.S.C. 4508).

CFIVSAC consists of 17 members as follows: Ten members from the commercial fishing industry who reflect a regional and representational balance and have experience in the operation of vessels to which chapter 45 of Title 46, United States Code applies, or as a crew member or processing line member on an uninspected fish processing vessel; one member representing naval