

products in preference to other products that may meet their needs, but do not have environmental benefits.

### B. Annual Reporting Burden

*Respondents:* 3,200; *annual responses:* 3,200; *average hours per response:* .5; *burden hours:* 16,000.

**COPY OF PROPOSAL:** A copy of this proposal may be obtained from the GSA Acquisition Policy Division (MVP), Room 4011, GSA Building, 1800 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20405, or by telephoning (202) 501-3822, or by faxing your request to (202) 501-3341.

Dated: August 12, 1997.

**Ida M. Ustad,**

*Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Acquisition Policy.*

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### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

#### Region 9, Portfolio Management; Environmental Impact Statement Notice of Availability and Public Meeting Notice

[Contract No. GS-09P-96-KTD-0020, Order No. P-09-96-KT-004-2]

**AGENCY:** United States General Services Administration.

**ACTION:** Environmental Impact Statement Notice of Availability and Public Meeting Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The General Services Administration (GSA) announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for realignment and expansion of the Tecate Port of Entry (POE) in Tecate, California. GSA will hold a public meeting to take public comments on the DEIS. GSA is proposing to realign and expand the United States Border Facility Tecate Port of Entry (POE) to eliminate on-site traffic safety hazards for motorists and pedestrians and upgrade inadequate water supply, wastewater and stormwater facilities. Commercial inspection booths would be constructed so that inspection activity currently taking place on the southbound shoulder of Tecate Road/State Route 188 would be accomplished within POE boundaries. An addition to the main building would be constructed to allow for more administrative space for United States Customs Service, Immigration and Naturalization agents, and the United States Department of Agriculture. The current water supply system would be expanded to accommodate additional employees and the new addition. A stormwater

retention basin would also be constructed. The EIS evaluated alternatives to the preferred action including closure of the POE, placing operating limits on the POE, and no action. This project is necessary to improve the safety and system efficiency of the existing POE. This project is not expected to have a significant impact on environmental resources.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18, 1997 from 6-8 PM. The public comment period ends on Monday, September 29, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held at the Tecate POE, located at the intersection of State Route 188 and the United States/Mexico border. Copies of the EIS are available for review at the following public libraries.

Central Library, 820 East Street, San Diego, CA 92101

Jacumba County Library, P.O. Box 186, Jacumba, CA 91934

Potrero Public Library, 24955 Library Lane, Potrero, CA 91963

Campo Marina County Library, P.O. Box 207, Campo, CA 91906

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

U.S. General Services Administration, Attn: Rosanne Nieto 450 Golden Gate Avenue, 3rd Floor West, San Francisco, California 94102. Fax: (415) 522-3215.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347 and 40 CFR 1500-1508.

Dated: August 14, 1997.

**Arlin M. Timberlake,**

*Director, Portfolio Management.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics: Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the Department of Health and Human Services announced the following advisory committee meeting.

*Name:* National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics (NCVHS).

*Times and Dates:* 9:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m., September 8, 1997. 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., September 9, 1997.

The Subcommittee on Health Data Needs, Standards and Security also will meet on September 8 from 7:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

*Place:* Sheraton City Center Hotel, 1143 New Hampshire Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

The closest metro stops are Foggy Bottom (Blue and Orange lines) and Dupont Circle (Red Line). Limited parking is available in the area.

*Status:* Open.

*Purpose:* The meeting will focus on the Committee's progress in addressing new responsibilities in health data standards and health information privacy as outlined in the administrative simplification provisions of Pub. L. 104-191, the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), as well as on related matters. Department officials will brief the Committee on recent activities of the HHS Data Council, the status of HHS activities in implementing the administrative simplification provisions of Pub. L. 104-191, and related data policy activities.

The Committee also is planning to consider Subcommittee reports relating to standards for health data security pursuant to Pub. L. 104-191, HIPAA data standards content issues, and OMB standards for race and ethnicity reporting. Based on those reports, the full Committee is planning to consider its HIPAA recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services as well as comments to OMB. Breakout sessions are planned for the Subcommittee on Health Data Needs, Standards and Security, the Subcommittee on Privacy and Confidentiality, and the Subcommittee on Population-Specific Issues. In addition, a presentation is scheduled on the recent National Academy of Sciences panel report on Measurement and Data to Support Public Health Program Performance Measurement. The Committee also will discuss its priorities and work plans. All topics are tentative and subject to change.

#### Contact Person for More Information:

Substantive information as well as summaries of the meeting and a roster of committee members may be obtained by visiting the NCVHS website (<http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/ncvhs>) or by calling James Scanlon, NCVHS Executive Staff Director, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, DHHS, Room 440-D, Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, telephone (202) 690-7100, or Marjorie S. Greenberg, Executive Secretary, NCVHS, NCHS, CDC, Room 1100, Presidential Building, 6525 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Maryland 20782, telephone 301/436-7050.

Dated: August 13, 1997.

**James Scanlon,**

*Director, Division of Data Policy.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### Office of the Secretary

#### Findings of Scientific Misconduct

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) has made a final finding of scientific misconduct in the following case:

*Shoushu Jiao, M.D., University of Wisconsin:* Based upon reports from the University of Wisconsin as well as information obtained by the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) during its oversight review, ORI found that Dr. Jiao, former Research Associate, Department of Pediatrics, University of Wisconsin, engaged in scientific misconduct by falsifying and creating laboratory records while conducting biomedical research. The data in these records were reported in a National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant application to support a request for Public Health Service (PHS) funding. Based on the factual findings in the reports, the following article has been retracted: Jiao, S., Gurevich, V., & Wolff, J.A. "Long-term correction of rat model of Parkinson's disease by gene therapy." *Nature* 362:450-453, 1993.

Dr. Jiao has entered into a Voluntary Exclusion Agreement with ORI in which he has voluntarily agreed:

(1) To exclude himself from serving in any advisory capacity to PHS, including but not limited to service on any PHS advisory committee, board, and/or peer review committee, or as a consultant for a period of four (4) years, beginning on August 8, 1997.

(2) To exclude himself from any contracting or subcontracting with any agency of the United States Government and from eligibility for, or involvement in, nonprocurement transactions (e.g., grants and cooperative agreements) of the United States Government as defined in 45 CFR part 76 (Debarment Regulations) for a period of three (3) years, beginning on August 8, 1997; and

(3) That any institution that submits an application for PHS support for a research project on which Dr. Jiao's participation is proposed, uses him in any capacity on PHS supported research, or submits a report of PHS-funded research in which he is involved must concurrently submit a plan for supervision of his duties to the funding agency for approval for a period of one (1) year following the three (3) year exclusion. The supervisory plan must be designed to ensure the scientific integrity of Dr. Jiao's research contribution. The institution also must submit a copy of the supervisory plan to ORI.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Acting Director, Division of Research Investigations, Office of Research

Integrity, 5515 Security Lane, Suite 700, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 443-5330.

**Chris B. Pascal,**

*Acting Director, Office of Research Integrity.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of the Secretary

#### Findings of Scientific Misconduct

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, HHS.  
**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) has made a final finding of scientific misconduct in the following case:

*Jill A. London, Ph.D., University of Connecticut Health Center:* Based upon a report from the University of Connecticut Health Center as well as information obtained by the Office of Research Integrity (ORI) during its oversight review, ORI found that Dr. London, former Assistant Professor, Department of Biostructure and Function, School of Dental Medicine, University of Connecticut Health Center, engaged in scientific misconduct by intentionally falsifying data in conjunction with applying for and reporting research supported by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) and the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Specifically, ORI found that Dr. London's grant applications and articles contained numerous falsifications, including:

(1) Figures 6, 7, and 8 in a paper (London, J.A. & Cohen, L.B. "High time resolution, multi-site optical measurement of vertebrate somatosensory cortex during epileptiform discharges and vertebrate gustatory cortex." *Optical Methods in Neurobiology*, pp. 61-78, 1988.) prepared for the 11th Annual Meeting of the European Neuroscience Association (hereafter referred to as the European Neuroscience paper) that cited support by NINDS, NIH grants R01 NS08437 and P01 NS16993;

(2) Figure 1A in a paper (London, J.A., "Optical recording of activity in the hamster gustatory cortex elicited by electrical stimulation of the tongue." *Chemical Senses* 15:137-143, 1990.) that cited support by NINDS, NIH grants R01 NS08437 and P01 NS16993; Figure 1A was found to be very similar or

identical to Figure 7 of the European Neuroscience paper in #1 above;

(3) Figures 10 to 13 in grant application 2 P50 DC00168-14, "Connecticut Chemosensory Clinical Research Center," submitted to NIDCD, NIH on January 28, 1994; these figures also appear as Figures 4 to 7 in grant application 2 P50 DC00168-14A1, submitted to NIDCD, NIH on September 28, 1994;

(4) Figures 2, 8, and 9 in grant application 1 R01 DC01752-01, "Optical recording of hamster gustatory cortex activity," submitted to NIDCD, NIH on January 29, 1992; these figures were the same as Figures 11, 12, and 13, respectively, in grant application 2 P50 DC00168-14 (see #3 above);

(5) Figures supplied for Figures 1 and 3 in grant application 1 F32 NS09601-01, "Modular response patterns in hamster gustatory cortex," submitted to NINDS, NIH on August 3, 1993; these figures were the same as Figures 10 and 11, respectively, in grant application 2 P50 DC00168-14 (see #3 above);

(6) Figure 3 of a handout that Dr. London provided during an NIH site visit on April 25, 1994, conducted in conjunction with the review of grant application 2 P50 DC00168-14; the top and bottom portions of Figure 3 of the site visit handout were very similar or identical to Figures 6 and 7, respectively, of the European Neuroscience paper (see #1 above), and approximately 115 of the 125 traces appearing in each of the figures showed identities, with one or two "active" traces being identical;

(7) Figures 1, 2, and 3 in a paper (London, J.A. & Wehby, R.G. "Classification of inhibitory responses of hamster gustatory cortex." *Brain Research* 666:270-274, 1994.) that cited support by NIDCD, NIH grants P50 DC00168 and T32 DC00025; and

(8) Nine figures included in a manuscript (London, J.A. & Wehby, R.G. "Excitatory neural responses in the hamster gustatory cortex." Submitted to *Brain Research*, 1996.) that cited support by NIDCD, NIH grants P50 DC00168 and T32 DC00025. Dr. London has accepted the ORI finding and has entered into a Voluntary Exclusion Agreement with ORI in which she has voluntarily agreed, for a period of five (5) years, beginning August 8, 1997:

(1) To exclude herself from any contracting or subcontracting with any agency of the United States Government and from eligibility for, or involvement in, nonprocurement transactions (e.g., grants and cooperative agreements) of the United States Government as defined in 45 C.F.R. Part 76 (Debarment Regulations); and