

Summaries of the ICCEC's recommendations and public comments received are next presented to the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors for their review and comment in an open public session. ICCEC recommendations, Board recommendations, and public comments are incorporated into recommendations that are then submitted to the NTP Executive Committee. The Executive Committee reviews and approves action to move forward to test, defer, or delete each of the nominated chemicals, classes or mixtures for the various types of study, and recommends priorities.

Request for Comment

Interested parties are encouraged to comment and provide information on

chemicals under consideration for study listed in the Table. The Program would welcome receiving toxicology and carcinogenesis information from completed, ongoing, or planned studies by others, as well as current production data, human exposure information, use patterns, and environmental occurrence for any of the chemicals listed in this announcement. To provide comments or information, please contact Dr. William Eastin at the address given below within 60 days of the appearance of this announcement.

At their meeting on December 11, 1997, the ICCEC reviewed and recommended 9 chemicals or chemical classes for metabolism, toxicity, or carcinogenicity studies. It was also recommended that testing not be

performed on one chemical, *trans*-1,4-dichloro-2-butene (CAS Number 110-57-6), because industry studies showed it to be a potent carcinogen. Chemicals with CAS numbers, nomination source, types of studies under consideration, and other information are given in the Table.

Contact may be made by mail to: Dr. William Eastin, NIEHS/NTP, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709; by telephone at (919) 541-7941; by FAX at (919) 541-3687; or by email at Eastin@NIEHS.NIH.GOV.

Dated: January 5, 1998.

Kenneth Olden,

Director, National Toxicology Program.

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CHEMICALS RECOMMENDED FOR STUDY BY THE NTP INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE FOR CHEMICAL EVALUATION AND COORDINATION (ICCEC) ON DECEMBER 11, 1997

Chemical [CAS No.]	Nomination source	Testing recommendations	Study rationale/remarks
2-Acetylpyridine [1122-62-9] ...	NCI	—Cardinogenicity	—Potential for human exposure.
2-Chloropyridine [109-09-1]	NCI	—Dermal carcinogenicity in transgenic mice.	—Suspicion of carcinogenicity.
Comfrey [72698-57-8]	NIEHS	—Carcinogenicity;	—Increasing production.
Symphytine [22571-95-5]		—Reproductive and developmental toxicity.	—Occupational and environmental exposure.
Glycoluril [496-46-8]	NCI	—In vitro and in vivo nitrosation studies.	—Extensive use as a herbal supplement and medicinal.
Goldenseal	NIEHS	—Carcinogenicity	—Contains pyrrolizidine alkaloids including symphytine.
Berberine [2086-83-1]		—Reproductive and developmental toxicity.	—Moderate production.
Hydrastine [118-08-1]		—Chemical disposition	—Potential human exposure.
4-Methoxy-N-methyl-1,8-naphthalimide [3271-05-4].	NCI	—Genetic toxicity;	—Potential to form nitrosamides.
Myristicin [607-91-0]	NCI	—Metabolism;	—Extensive use as a herbal supplement and medicinal.
		—Carcinogenicity in transgenic animals.	—Contains active alkaloids berberine and hydrastine.
		—Chemical disposition	—Occupational exposure.
7-2H-Naphthol[1,2-d]triazol-2-yl)-3-phenylcoumarine [333-62-8].	NCI	—Multigeneration reproductive toxicity.	—Extensive consumer exposure.
Saw Palmetto β -Sitosterol [83-46-5].	NIEHS		—Widespread natural product.
			—Extensive consumer exposure.
			—Similarity to known carcinogen safrole.
			—Moderate production.
			—Extensive occupational and consumer exposure.
			—Widely used herbal remedy for benign prostate hyperplasia.
			—Contains active sitosterols.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Prospective Grant of Exclusive License: Dynamically Stable Associative Learning Neural Network System

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice in accordance with 15 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 license to practice the invention embodied in U.S. Patent Numbers 5,119,469, 5,222,195, 5,402,522, 5,588,091, and U.S. Patent Application Number 08/331,554, entitled "Dynamically Stable Associative Learning Neural Network System", to Distil Technologies, Inc., having a place of business in New York, New York. The patent rights in this application have been assigned to the United States of America.

DATES: Only written comments and/or applications for a license which are received by the NIH Office of Technology Transfer on or before March 9, 1998 will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Requests for a copy of this patent application, inquiries, comments, and other materials relating to the contemplated license should be directed to: John Fahner-Vihetic, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, Maryland 20852-3804; Telephone: 301/496-7735 extension 270; Fax: 301/402-0220; e-mail: jf36z@nih.gov. A signed

Confidentiality Agreement will be required to review copies of the patent application.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The present inventions generally relate to the field of artificial neural networks. More specifically, these patents and patent application describe a dynamically stable associative learning neural network. Included in their basic architectural units are, at least one each of a conditioned signal input, an unconditioned signal input, and an output. Interposed between input and output elements are "patches," or storage areas of the dynamic interaction between conditioned and unconditioned signals. These signals process information to achieve associative learning locally under rules designed for application-related goals of the system. Patches may be fixed or variable in size. The neural network is taught by successive application of training sets of input signals to the input terminals until dynamic equilibriums are reached. This technology is useful in pattern classification and completion, robotics, and control applications.

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: December 18, 1997.

Barbara M. McGarey,
Deputy Director, Office of Technology Transfer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the teleconference meeting of the Substance Abuse and

Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) National Advisory Council in January 1998.

The meeting will include the review, discussion and evaluation of individual contract proposals. Therefore, the meeting will be closed to the public as determined by the Administrator, SAMHSA, in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(3), (4), and (6) and 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(d).

A summary of the meeting and a roster of Council members may be obtained from: Ms. Le Vonne Key, Committee Management Specialist, SAMHSA National Advisory Council, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 12C-15, Rockville, Maryland 20857. Telephone: (301) 443-9912.

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

Committee Name: SAMHSA National Advisory Council.

Meeting Date: January 21, 1998.

PLACE: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Parklawn Building, Conference Room 12-94, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857.

CLOSED: January 21, 1998, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

CONTACT: Toian Vaughn, Executive Secretary, Room 12C-15, Parklawn Building, Telephone: (301) 443-4640 and Fax: (301) 443-1450.

Dated: January 5, 1998.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4200-N-24]

Announcement of OMB Approval Number; Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment

AGENCY: Office of Policy Development and Research, HUD.

ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection for public comment; announcement of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval number.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this document is to announce the OMB approval number for the collection and analysis of data on the housing conditions of Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ndeye Jackson, Office of Policy Development and Research, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 8154, Washington, D.C. 20410, (202) 708-5537. A telecommunications device for the hearing impaired (TTY) is available at (202) 708-3259. (These are not toll free numbers.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 13, 1997 (62 FR 6792), the Department published in the **Federal Register**, a notice of proposed data collection on the housing conditions of migrant and seasonal farmworkers. The document—titled, "Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment"—indicated that information collection requirements contained in the notice had been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for review and approval under section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C., chapter 35 as amended) The notice also listed the title of the proposal, and description of the need for the information and proposed use.

This present document provides notice of the OMB approval number. Accordingly, the control number approved by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501-3520) for the Notice of Proposed Information Collection for Public Comment is 2528-0190. This approval number expires on November 30, 2000. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a valid control number.

Dated: December 16, 1997.

Paul A. Leonard,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Policy Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Performance Review Board Appointments

AGENCY: Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Performance Review Board appointments.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the names of individuals who have been appointed to serve as members of the Department of the Interior Performance Review Board. The publication of these appointments is required by Section 405(a) of the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-454, 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4)).