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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Mental Health; Closed Meetings

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 meetings of the National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel:

*Agenda/Purpose:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Committee Name:* National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* April 7, 1998.

*Time:* 12 p.m.

*Place:* Parklawn, Room 9C-18, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

*Contact Person:* W. Gregory Zimmerman, Parklawn, Room 9C-18, 5600 Fishes Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: 301, 443-1340.

*Committee Name:* National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* April 10, 1998.

*Time:* 1 p.m.

*Place:* Parklawn, Room 9C-18, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857.

*Contract Person:* W. Gregory Zimmerman, Parklawn, Room 9C-18, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone: 301, 443-1340.

The meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Numbers 93.242, 93.281, 93.282)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), May 3-5, 1998. The meeting will begin at 8:00 p.m. on May 3, at the Siena Hotel, 1505 E. Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. It will resume on May 4 at South Campus, Conference Rooms 101 ABC, NIEHS, 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

This meeting will be open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m. on May 4 for the purpose of presenting an overview of the organization and conduct of research in the Laboratory of Environmental Carcinogenesis and Mutagenesis. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in sec. 552b(c)(6) of the Title 5, U.S. Code and sec. 10(d) of Pub. L. 92-463, the prereview meeting will be closed to the public on May 3 from approximately 8:00 p.m. to recess, as will the post review discussions on May 4 from 3:30 p.m. to adjournment and May 5 from 8:30 a.m. to adjournment, for the evaluation of the programs of the laboratory listed above, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, the competence of individual investigators, and similar items, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

The Executive Secretary, Dr. Carl Barrett, Scientific Director, Division of Intramural Research, NIEHS, Research Triangle Park, N.C. 27709, telephone (919) 541-3205, will furnish rosters of committee members and program information.

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should

contact the Executive Secretary in advance of the meeting.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases; 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 National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases Special Emphasis Panel meeting:

*Name of SEP:* ZDK1 GRB-6 M2 M.

*Date:* April 24, 1998.

*Time:* 4:00 pm.

*Place:* Room 6AS-37A, Natcher Building, NIH (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact:* Neal Musto, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Review Branch, DEA, NIDDK, Natcher Building, Room 6AS-37A, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-6600, Phone: (301) 594-7798.

*Purpose/Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

This meeting will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.847-849, Diabetes, Endocrine and Metabolic Diseases; Digestive Diseases and Nutrition; and Kidney Diseases, Urology and Hematology Research, National Institutes of Health)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Dental Research; 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 National Institute of Dental Research Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings:

*Name of SEP:* National Institute of Dental Research Special Emphasis Panel-Review of R03 (98-34).

*Dates:* April 1, 1998.

*Time:* 10:00 a.m.

*Place:* Natcher Building, Rm. 4AN-44F, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892 (teleconference).

*Contact Person:* Dr. Philip Washko, Scientist Review Administrator, 4500 Center Drive, Natcher Building, Room 4AN-44F, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-2372.

*Purpose/Agenda:* To evaluate and review grant applications and/or contract proposals.

This notice is being published less than fifteen days prior to this meeting due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

*Name of SEP:* National Institute of Dental Research Emphasis Panel-Review of P01 (98-18).

*Dates:* April 16-17, 1998.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m.

*Place:* Marriott Suites Bethesda, 6711 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Philip Washko, Scientist Review Administrator, 4500 Center Drive, Natcher Building, Room 4AN-44F, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-2372.

*Purpose/Agenda:* To evaluate and review grant applications and/or contract proposals.

*Name of SEP:* National Institute of Dental Research Special Emphasis Panel-Review of R01 (98-38).

*Dates:* April 21, 1998.

*Time:* 1:00 p.m.

*Place:* Natcher Building, Rm 4AN-44F, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892 (teleconference).

*Contact Person:* Dr. Philip Washko, Scientist Review Administrator, 4500 Center Drive, Natcher Building, Room 4AN-44F, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-2372.

*Purpose/Agenda:* To evaluate and review grant applications and/or contract proposals.

*Name of SEP:* National Institute of Dental Research Special Emphasis Panel-Review of R13 (98-40)

*Dates:* April 23, 1998.

*Time:* 4:00 p.m.

*Place:* Natcher Building, Rm. 4AN-44F, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892 (teleconference).

*Contact Person:* Dr. George Hausch, Chief, Extramural Review Division, 4500 Center Drive, Natcher Building, Room 4AN-44F, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-2372.

*Purpose/Agenda:* To evaluate and review grant applications and/or contract proposals.

*Name of SEP:* National Institute of Dental Research Special Emphasis Panel-Review of R13 (98-23).

*Dates:* April 27-28, 1998.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m.

*Place:* The Bethesda Ramada, 8300 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Dr. George Hausch, Chief, Extramural Review Division, 4500 Center Drive, Natcher Building, Room 4AN-44F, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-2372.

*Purpose/Agenda:* To evaluate and review grant applications and/or contract proposals.

*Name of SEP:* National Institute of Dental Research Emphasis Panel-Review of R03 & R13 (98-35).

*Dates:* May 7, 1998.

*Time:* 1:00 p.m.

*Place:* Natcher Building, Rm. 4AN-44F, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892 (teleconference).

*Contact Person:* Dr. Philip Washko, Scientist Review Administrator, 4500 Center Drive, Natcher Building, Room 4AN-44F, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-2372.

*Purpose/Agenda:* To evaluate and review grant applications and/or contract proposals.

These meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Public Health Service

#### National Toxicology Program; Call for Public Comments; Agents, Substances, Mixtures and Exposure Circumstances Proposed for Listing in or Removing From the Report on Carcinogens, Ninth Edition

#### Background

The National Toxicology Program (NTP) solicits final public comments on its intent to recommend additional agents, substances, mixtures and exposure circumstances for listing in or delisting from the Report on Carcinogens, Ninth Edition. This Report is a Congressionally-mandated listing of known human carcinogens and reasonably anticipated human carcinogens and its preparation is delegated to the National Toxicology Program by the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Section 301(b)(4) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, provides that the Secretary, (HHS), shall publish a report which contains a list of all substances (1) which either are known to be human carcinogens or may reasonably be anticipated to be human

carcinogens; and (2) to which a significant number of persons residing in the United States (US) are exposed. The law also states that the report should provide available information on the nature of exposures, the estimated number of persons exposed and the extent to which the implementation of Federal regulations decreases the risk to public health from exposure to these chemicals.

In 1997, 14 substances or exposure circumstances were reviewed for listing in or removal from the Ninth Report. This review included two Federal and one non-government, scientific peer reviews and public comment and review. All available data relevant to the criteria for inclusion or removal of candidate substances or exposure circumstances in the Report were evaluated by the three scientific review committees. The criteria used in the review process and the detailed description of the review procedures, including the steps in the current formal review process, can be obtained by contacting: Dr. C.W. Jameson, National Toxicology Program, Report on Carcinogens, MD EC-14, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; phone: (919) 541-4096, fax: (919) 541-2242, email:jameson@niehs.nih.gov.

#### Public Comment Requested

The NTP will be making a final recommendation for the 14 substances or exposure circumstances reviewed in 1997, for either listing in, delisting from, or changing the current listing from reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen to the known to be a human carcinogen category in the Ninth Report. These nominated substances or exposure circumstances are provided in the following table with their Chemical Abstracts Services (CAS) Registry numbers (where available) and the recommendations from the three scientific peer reviews of the nominations.

Background documents provided to the review committees and the interested public and summary minutes of the public peer review by the NTP Board Subcommittee are available upon request. The NTP will review the recommendations of each of the review committees and consider the public comments received throughout the process in making decisions regarding the NTP recommendations to the Secretary, DHHS, for listing or removal of the nominated substances and exposure circumstances in the Ninth Edition of the Report on Carcinogens. The NTP solicits final public comment to supplement any previously submitted