

findings in classrooms and at home. Its members include prominent reading researchers, teachers, child development experts, leaders in elementary and higher education, and parents. The Chair of the Panel is Dr. Donald N. Langenberg, Chancellor of the University System of Maryland.

The Panel will build on the recently announced findings presented by the National Research Council's Committee on the Prevention of Reading Difficulties in Young Children. Based on a review of the literature, the Panel will: determine the readiness for application in the classroom of the results of these research studies; identify appropriate means to rapidly disseminate this information to facilitate effective reading instruction in the schools; and identify gaps in the knowledge base for reading instruction and the best ways to close these gaps.

This meeting will focus primarily on reviewing preliminary literature searches by subpanels and finalizing search criteria and research evaluation standards. A period of time will be set aside at approximately 3:00 p.m. for members of the public to address the Panel and express their views regarding the Panel's mission. Individuals desiring an opportunity to speak before the Panel should address their requests to F. William Dommel, Jr., Executive Director, National Reading Panel, c/o Ms. Amy Andryszak and either mail them to the Widmeyer-Baker Group, 1875 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20009, or e-mail them to amya@twbg.com, or fax them to 202-667-0902. Requests for addressing the Panel should be received by August 31, 1998. Panel business permitting, each public speaker will be allowed five minutes to present his or her views. In the event of a large number of public speakers, the Panel Chair retains the option to further limit the presentation time allowed to each. Although the time permitted for oral presentations will be brief, the full text of all written comments submitted to the Panel will be made available to the Panel members for consideration.

For further information contact Ms. Amy Andryszak at 202-667-0901. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Ms. Amy Andryszak by August 31, 1998.

Dated: August 13, 1998.

Duane Alexander,

Director, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of 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.

The meetings 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: Microbiological and Immunological Sciences Special Emphasis Panel Project Site Visit for Onderdonk.

Date: August 24-25, 1998.

Time: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA 02115.

Contact Person: William C. Branche, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4182, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1148.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: Biological and Physiological Sciences Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: August 25, 1998.

Time: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Abubakar A. Shaikh, DVM, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6166, MSC 7892, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1042.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: Biological and Physiological Sciences Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: August 27, 1998.

Time: 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Nabeeh Mourad, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4212, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1222.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

Name of Committee: Clinical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: September 1, 1998.

Time: 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Christine Melchior, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4102, MSC 7816, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1713.

Name of Committee: Clinical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: September 8, 1998.

Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Jo Pelham, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4106, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1786.

Name of Committee: Clinical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: September 17, 1998.

Time: 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Jo Pelham, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4106, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1786.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel ZRG1-SSS-W(15).

Date: September 25, 1998.

Time: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Ramada Inn, 1775 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Dharam S. Dhindsa, DVM, PHD., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5126, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1174.

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Dated: August 18, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-990-1020-01]

Resource Advisory Council Meeting Location and Time

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Resource Advisory Council meeting location and time.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), 5 U.S.C., the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) council meeting of the Upper Snake River Districts Resource Advisory Council will be held as indicated below. The agenda includes a discussion on the progress of the implementation of the healthy rangeland standard and guidelines, 1999 Focus and orientation of new council members. All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the council. Each formal council meeting will have a time allocated for hearing public comments. The public comment period for the council meeting is listed below. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment, and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need further information about the meetings, or need special assistance such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact David Howell at the Upper Snake River District Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83401-2100, (208) 524-7559.

DATE AND TIME: Date is September 30, 1998, starts at 8:30 a.m. at the Federal Building, Basement Meeting Room B-43, 250 South 4th Avenue, Pocatello, Idaho. Public comments received from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the council is to advise the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with the management of the public lands.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Howell at the Upper Snake River District Office, 1405 Hollipark Drive, Idaho Falls, ID 83401-2100, (208) 524-7559.

Dated: August 5, 1998.

Stephanie Hargrove,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK-910-0777-74]

Alaska Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Alaska Resource Advisory Council Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Alaska Resource Advisory Council will conduct an open meeting Tuesday, September 22, 1998, from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, September 23, 1998, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The council will review BLM land management issues and take public comment on those issues. The meeting will be held at the BLM Northern District Office, 1150 University Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska.

Public comment will be taken from 1-2 p.m. Tuesday, September 22. Written comments may be submitted at the meeting or mailed to the address below prior to the meeting.

ADDRESS: Inquiries about the meeting should be sent to External Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, 222 W. 7th Avenue, #13, Anchorage, AK 99513-7599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Teresa McPherson, (907) 271-5555.

Dated: August 13, 1998.

Tom Allen,

State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service

Outer Continental Shelf Western Gulf of Mexico; Notice of Leasing Systems, Sale 171

Section 8(a)(8) (43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(8)) of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (OCSLA) requires that, at least 30 days before any lease sale, a Notice be submitted to the Congress and published in the **Federal Register**:

1. identifying the bidding systems to be used and the reasons for such use; and

2. designating the tracts to be offered under each bidding system and the reasons for such designation.

This Notice is published pursuant to these requirements.

1. *Bidding systems to be used.* In the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Sale 171, blocks will be offered under the following two bidding systems as authorized by section 8(a)(1) (43 U.S.C. 1337(a)(1)), as amended: (a) bonus bidding with a fixed 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ -percent royalty on all unleased blocks in less than 200 meters of water; and (b)(i) bonus bidding with a fixed 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ -percent royalty on all unleased blocks in 200 to 400 meters of water with potential for a royalty suspension volume of up to 17.5 million barrels of oil equivalent; (ii) bonus bidding with a fixed 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ -percent royalty on all unleased blocks in 400 to 800 meters of water with potential for a royalty suspension volume of up to 52.5 million barrels of oil equivalent; and (iii) bonus bidding with a fixed 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ -percent royalty on all unleased blocks in water depths of 800 meters or more with potential for a royalty suspension volume of up to 87.5 million barrels of oil equivalent.

For bidding systems (b)(i), (ii), and (iii), the royalty suspension allocation rules are described in the Interim Rule (30 CFR Part 260) addressing royalty relief for new leases that was published in the **Federal Register** on March 25, 1996 (61 FR 12022).

a. *Bonus Bidding with a 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ -Percent Royalty.* This system is authorized by section (8)(a)(1)(A) of the OCSLA. This system has been used extensively since the passage of the OCSLA in 1953 and imposes greater risks on the lessee than systems with higher contingency payments but may yield more rewards if a commercial field is discovered. The relatively high front-end bonus payments may encourage rapid exploration.

b.(i) *Bonus Bidding with a 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ -Percent Royalty and a Royalty Suspension Volume (17.5 million barrels of oil equivalent).* This system is authorized by section (8)(a)(1)(H) of the OCSLA, as amended. This system complies with Sec. 304 of the Outer Continental Shelf Deep Water Royalty Relief Act (DWRRA). An incentive for development and production in water depths of 200 to 400 meters is provided through allocating royalty suspension volumes of 17.5 million barrels of oil equivalent to eligible fields.

b.(ii) *Bonus Bidding with a 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ -Percent Royalty and a Royalty Suspension Volume (52.5 million*