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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of 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 a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute of Mental Health.

The meeting will be closed to the public as indicated below in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual intramural programs and projects conducted by the National Institute of Mental Health, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, and the competence of individual investigators, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* Board of Scientific Counselors, National Institute of Mental Health.

*Date:* January 21, 1999.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate staff scientists and individual intramural programs and projects.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 10, Room 4N230, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Contact Person:* Robert W. Dennis, Executive Secretary, Associate Director for Administration, Intramural Research Program, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Building 10, Room 4N222, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-496-4183.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.242, Mental Health Research Grants; 93.281, Scientist Development Award, Scientist Development Award for Clinicians, and Research Scientist Award; 93.282, Mental Health National Research Service Awards for Research Training, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; Notice of 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 a meeting of the National Advisory Council on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

The meeting 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/or contract proposals 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 and/or contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Advisory Council on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

*Date:* February 10-11, 1999.

*Closed:* February 10, 1999, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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

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

*Open:* February 11, 1999, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* Program Developments and Priorities.

*Place:* Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Conference Rooms E1/E2, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Contact Person:* James F. Vaughan, Executive Secretary, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse, and Alcoholism, National Institutes of Health, PHS, DHHS, Bethesda, MD 20892.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.271, Alcohol Research Career Development Awards for Scientists and Clinicians; 93.272, Alcohol National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.273, Alcohol Research Programs; 93.891, Alcohol Research Center Grants, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notices is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors, NIAAA, January 8, 1999, 8:00 a.m. to January 8, 1999, 3:30 p.m., National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 31C, Conference Room 6, Bethesda, MD 20892 which was published in the **Federal Register** on December 4, 1998, 63FR67124.

The meeting is being amended to reflect location change. The new meeting location is 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 1, Wilson Hall, Bethesda, MD 20892. The meeting is partially closed to the public.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Recombinant DNA Advisory Committee on January 7, 1999. The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda Hotel, One Bethesda Metro Center, Bethesda, Maryland 20814, starting at approximately 5:30 p.m. and will adjourn at approximately 9:30 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public to discuss human gene transfer protocols, procedures, data management, and other matters to be considered by the Committee. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available.

Debra W. Knorr, Deputy Director, Office of Recombinant DNA Activities, National Institutes of Health, MSC 7010, 6000 Executive Boulevard, Suite 302, Bethesda, Maryland 20892-7010, Phone 301-496-9838, Fax 301-496-9839, will provide summaries of the meeting and a roster of committee members upon request. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Ms. Knorr in advance of the meeting. OMB's "Mandatory

Information Requirements for Federal Assistance Program Announcements" (45 FR 39592, June 11, 1980) requires a statement concerning the official government programs contained in the *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance*. Normally NIH lists in its announcements the number and title of affected individual programs for the guidance of the public. Because the guidance in this notice covers virtually every NIH and Federal research program in which DNA recombinant molecule techniques could be used, it has been determined not to be cost effective or in the public interest to attempt to list these programs. Such a list would likely require several additional pages. In addition, NIH could not be certain that every Federal program would be included as many Federal agencies, as well as private organizations, both national and international, have elected to follow the *NIH Guidelines*. In lieu of the individual program listing, NIH invites readers to direct questions to the information address above about whether individual programs listed in the *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance* are affected.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Public Health Service

### National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences National Toxicology Program

Request for Comments on Chemicals Nominated to the National Toxicology

Program (NTP) for Toxicological Studies—Recommendations by the Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination (ICCEC) for Study, No Studies, or Deferral to Obtain Additional Information.

### Background

As part of an effort to earlier inform the public and obtain input into the selection of chemicals for evaluation, the National Toxicology Program (NTP) routinely seeks public input on (1) chemicals nominated to the Program for toxicological studies, and (2) the testing recommendations made by the ICCEC, the Federal interagency committee that serves as the first level of review for nominations. Summaries of the ICCEC's recommendations and public comments received on the nominated chemicals are next presented to the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors (the Program's external scientific advisory committee) for their review and comment in an open, public session. The ICCEC recommendations, Board recommendation, and public comments are incorporated into the recommendations that are then submitted to the NTP Executive Committee, the Federal interagency policy oversight body. The Executive Committee reviews and approves action to move forward to test, defer, or delete on each of the nominated chemicals for the various types of study, and recommends priorities.

### Request for Comment

Interested parties are encouraged to comment on the recommendations and provide information on the chemicals listed below. The Program would welcome receiving toxicology and carcinogenesis information from completed or ongoing studies, and information on planned studies, 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 November 23, 1998, the ICCEC reviewed 13 agents nominated to the NTP for consideration to study and recommended 10 agents for metabolism, toxicity, or carcinogenicity studies, recommended that no studies be performed on 2 chemicals, and deferred 1 substance pending receipt of test data from other organizations or from related studies anticipated or in progress by the NTP, and information on production, exposure, and use patterns. Additionally, the ICCEC reviewed 13 agents recommended for study in previous ICCEC meetings. Following review of additional data received from the public and elsewhere, 12 are no longer considered priority candidates for study, and 1 chemical previously recommended for toxicity study was recommended for carcinogenicity study. Chemicals with CAS numbers, nomination source, types of studies under consideration, and rationale and other information are given in the following tables.

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. The URL for the NTP homepage is <http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov>.

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**Kenenth Olden,**

*Director, National Toxicology Program.*

### Attachment

## CHEMICALS NOMINATED TO THE NTP FOR STUDY, AND TESTING RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE ICCEC ON NOVEMBER 23, 1998

Chemical [CAS No.]	Nominated by	ICCEC recommendations	Study rationale; other information
<b>Chemicals Recommended for Testing</b>			
Androstenedione [63-05-8] .....	NCI .....	—subchronic (cardiovascular and reproductive) toxicity. —metabolism .....	—widely used steroid dietary supplement. —estrogen and testosterone precursor.
Bentonite [1302-78-9] .....	NIOSH .....	—carcinogenicity .....	—naturally occurring silicate. —known worker exposure.
Bis(2-chloroethoxy)methane [111-91-1] .....	NIEHS .....	—chronic inhalation toxicity .....	—high production. —environmentally persistent. —potential high worker exposure.
Chromium picolinate [14639-25-9] .....	NCI; Private individual.	—carcinogenicity .....	—widely used dietary supplement. —picolinate ligand enhances chromium absorption.