

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: National Institute on Drug Abuse Initial Review Group, Treatment Research Subcommittee.

Date: March 4–5, 1999.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: Kesinee Nimit, Health Scientist Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, DHHS, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10–22, Rockville, MD 20857 (301) 443–9042.

Name of Committee: National Institute on Drug Abuse Initial Review Group, Health Services Research Subcommittee.

Date: March 4, 1999.

Time: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: Marina L. Volkov, Special Assistant, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, DHHS, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10–22, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443–9042.

Name of Committee: National Institute on Drug Abuse Special Emphasis Panel, Training and Career Development.

Date: March 16–18, 1999.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Gathersburg Marriott Washington Center, 9751 Washingtonian Boulevard, Gaithersburg, MD 20878.

Contact Person: Mark Swieter, Health Scientist Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, DHHS, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10–42, Rockville, MD 20857, (301) 443–2620.

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Dated: January 29, 1999.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Services

National Toxicology Program; Meeting of the Advisory Committee on Alternative Toxicological Methods

Pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given to a meeting of the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Advisory Committee on Alternative Toxicological Methods, U.S. Public Health Service. The meeting will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on March 4, 1999 in the Conference Center, Building 101, South Campus, NIEHS, 111 Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709. The meeting will be entirely open to the public from 8:45 a.m. to adjournment with attendance limited only by 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.

Background

Under authority of 42 U.S.C. 217a, Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, the Department of Health and Human Services has established an Advisory Committee on Alternative Toxicological Methods. The Committee functions to provide advice on the activities and priorities of the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (Center) and the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM), and to provide advice on ways to foster partnership activities and productive interactions among all stakeholders. The Advisory Committee is composed of knowledgeable representatives drawn from academia, industry, public interest organizations, other state and Federal agencies, and the international community.

The National Toxicology Program established the Center and ICCVAM to fulfill specific mandates provided to the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences by Public Law 103–43, Section 1301. The NIEHS was directed to (1) develop and validate toxicological testing methods, including alternative methods that can reduce or eliminate the use of animals in acute or chronic toxicity testing, (2) establish criteria for the validation and regulatory acceptance of alternative testing methods, and (3)

recommend a process through which scientifically validated alternative methods can be accepted for regulatory use. Criteria and processes for validation and regulatory acceptance were developed in conjunction with 14 other Federal agencies and programs with broad input from the public. These are described in the document “Validation and Regulatory Acceptance of Toxicological Test Methods: A Report of the Ad Hoc Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods” NIH publication 97–3981, March 1997, which is available on the internet at <http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov/htdocs/ICCVAM/ICCVAM/html>, or by request to the Center at the address provided below.

A standing Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) was subsequently established as a collaborative effort by NIEHS and 13 other Federal regulatory and research agencies and programs. The ICCVAM facilitates cross-agency communication and coordination on issues relating to validation, acceptance, and national/international harmonization of toxicological test methods. The ICCVAM works with the Center to carry out the scientific review of proposed methods of multi-agency interest, and provides recommendations regarding their usefulness to appropriate agencies. The ICCVAM also provides a mechanism for interagency communication with stakeholders throughout the process of test method development and validation. The following Federal regulatory and research agencies and organizations are participating in this effort:

Consumer Product Safety Commission
Department of Defense
Department of Energy
Department of Health and Human Services
Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
Food and Drug Administration
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health/CDC
National Institutes of Health
National Cancer Institute
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
National Library of Medicine
Department of the Interior
Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Department of Transportation
Research and Special Programs Administration
Environmental Protection Agency

The Center was established to provide operational support for the ICCVAM

and to assist Federal Agencies by coordinating and facilitating (1) the interagency review and adoption of toxicological test methods of multi-agency interest and (2) the participation and communication with other stakeholders throughout the process of test method development and validation. The Center organizes, in collaboration with ICCVAM, independent scientific peer reviews and workshops for test methods of interest to Federal agencies. Peer review panels are convened to develop scientific consensus on the usefulness of test methods to generate information for specific human health and/or ecological risk assessment purposes. Expert workshops are convened to evaluate the adequacy of current test methods for assessing specific toxicities, to identify areas in need of improved or new methods, to evaluate proposed validation studies, and to evaluate the validation status of methods. The center provides an opportunity for partnerships with other agencies and organizations to facilitate the development, validation, and review of alternative testing methods. The Center and ICCVAM seek to promote the scientific validation and regulatory acceptance of toxicological test methods that will enhance agencies' ability to assess risks and make decisions, and that will refine, reduce, and replace animal use whenever possible. The Center Office is located at NIEHS and can be contacted by telephone 919-541-3398, fax 919-541-0947, or email, iccvam@niehs.nih.gov.

Agenda

The primary agenda topics are concerned with presentations and discussions relating to processes, priorities, and recent and proposed activities of the NTP Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods and the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods. Specific agenda topics will include discussion of the outcome of the Corrositex® test method peer review meeting previously convened on January 21, 1999; an update and discussion of the peer review meeting report and regulatory acceptance process for the murine local lymph node assay (LLNA) test method; an update on the status of the EPA and OECD plans for validation of endocrine disruptor screening and testing methods; and plans for future test method workshops and reviews.

The Executive Secretary, Dr. Larry Hart, Environmental Toxicology Program, P.O. Box 12233, NIEHS,

Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709, telephone (919) 541-3971, FAX (919) 541-0295, will have available an agenda with times and a roster of Committee members prior to the meeting and summary minutes subsequent to the meeting.

Dated: January 29, 1999.

Kenneth Olden,

Director, National Toxicology Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Receipt of Application for Endangered Species Permit

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt.

The following applicant has applied for a permit to conduct certain activities with an endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*):

Applicant: Mr. John Paul D. Atkins, Baltimore, Maryland, PRT-TE007663-0

The applicant requests authorization to take (live capture and handle) two federally listed bats: the Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*), and the gray bat (*Myotis grisescens*), throughout the State of Maryland.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Permits Coordinator, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, Massachusetts 01035 and must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with this application are available for review by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, Massachusetts 01035. Attention: Diane Lynch, Regional Permits Coordinator. Telephone: 413-253-8628; Fax: 413-253-8482.

Dated: February 2, 1999.

Ralph C. Pisapia,

Assistant Regional Director, Ecological Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska and the State of Iowa Gaming Compact, which was executed on December 10, 1998.

DATES: This action is effective on February 8, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: January 27, 1999.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[UT-060-09-3800-00, UTU-72499]

Notice of Final Decision; Lisbon Valley Copper Project, San Juan County, UT

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of final decision prepared for Summo USA Corporations's Lisbon Valley Open Pit Copper Mine in San Juan County, Utah.

SUMMARY: Interior Board of Land Appeals (Board) decision dated September 23, 1998 (*National Wildlife Federation, et. al.*, 145 IBLA 348), affirmed in part the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Record of Decision (ROD) of March 26, 1997, approving the Lisbon Valley Copper Project, but set aside and remanded in part a section of that decision dealing with analysis of a backfill alternative for that project.

In that decision, the Board concluded that the record did not support BLM's rejection of the Open Pit Backfilling