

Date: November 25, 2003.

Time: 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Cheri Wiggs, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3180, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1261.

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.

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Dated: November 7, 2003.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS); National Toxicology Program (NTP); Request for Nominations and Submissions of Alternative Test Methods for Evaluation by ICCVAM; Notice of the Availability of the Updated Document, "ICCVAM Guidelines for Nomination and Submission of New, Revised, and Alternative Test Methods"

Summary

The National Toxicology Program Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM) requests the nomination and submission of new, revised, and alternative test methods for potential evaluation by the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Alternative Toxicological Methods (ICCVAM). The nominations and submissions should be sent to Dr. William Stokes, NICEATM Director at the address provided below. Instructions for making nominations and submissions are described in the document, "ICCVAM Guidelines for Nomination and Submission of New, Revised, and Alternative Test Methods," September 2003, NIH Publication 03-4508. The guidelines are available electronically in PDF and HTML formats from the NICEATM/ICCVAM Web site (<http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov>)

and in hardcopy from NICEATM (contact information provided below).

Nominations and Submissions of Alternative Test Methods for Evaluation by ICCVAM

Those persons nominating or submitting test methods are referred to the guidelines noted below for details on information required for an ICCVAM evaluation. Test methods for which adequate validation studies have been completed can be submitted to ICCVAM as test method submissions. Test method submissions should contain sufficient information to characterize the relevance and reliability of a test method for a specific, proposed regulatory testing application. Test methods for which complete submissions are not available may be nominated for further evaluation, including test methods that may require validation studies or a comprehensive review of their current validation status. Both nominations and submissions are prioritized for formal evaluation as described in the ICCVAM guidelines. Nominations should also be accompanied by as much information as possible as outlined in the ICCVAM guidelines. While there is no minimum requirement for information to provide with nominations, complete information will expedite ICCVAM's consideration of the proposed test method. All nominations and submissions should be sent to Dr. William S. Stokes, Director, NICEATM, P. O. Box 12233, MD EC-17, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, phone: 919-541-2384, fax: 919-541-0947, or email: niceatm@niehs.nih.gov.

ICCVAM Guidelines

The NICEATM announces the availability of the document, "ICCVAM Guidelines for Nomination and Submission of New, Revised, and Alternative Test Methods," September 2003, NIH Publication No. 03-4508. The updated guidelines replace the document previously published in 1999. The ICCVAM guidelines provide guidance for test method sponsors and nominators on the information needed by ICCVAM to evaluate the validation status of new, revised, and alternative test methods proposed for regulatory testing applications. A framework for organizing the information supporting the validity of a test method is provided. This framework can also be used to organize information to support test methods nominated for further evaluation, including validation study proposals. The updated ICCVAM nomination and submission guidelines are available electronically (PDF and HTML) on the NICEATM/ICCVAM Web

site at <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov>. A limited number of printed guidelines are available from the NICEATM at the address given above.

Background Information on ICCVAM and NICEATM

The NIEHS established the ICCVAM in 1997 to coordinate the interagency technical review of new, revised, and alternative test methods of interagency interest, and to coordinate cross-agency issues relating to the validation, acceptance, and national/international harmonization of toxicological testing methods. ICCVAM was established as a permanent interagency committee of the NIEHS under the NICEATM on December 19, 2000, by the ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-545, available at <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/about/PL106545.pdf>). The committee is composed of representatives from 15 Federal regulatory and research agencies that use or generate toxicological information. ICCVAM seeks to promote the scientific validation and regulatory acceptance of toxicological test methods that will improve the agencies' ability to accurately assess the safety or hazards of chemicals and various types of products, while refining (less pain and distress), reducing, and replacing animal use wherever possible. NICEATM administers the ICCVAM and provides scientific and operational support for ICCVAM and ICCVAM-related activities. NICEATM and ICCVAM work collaboratively to evaluate new and improved test methods applicable to the needs of Federal agencies. Additional information about ICCVAM and NICEATM can be found at the following Web site: <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov>.

Dated: November 5, 2003.

Samuel H. Wilson,

Deputy Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau of Citizenship and Immigration Services

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

ACTION: 30-Day notice of information collection under review: interagency record of individual requesting change/adjustment to or from A or G status or

requesting A, G, or NATO dependent employment authorization; form I-566.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS), has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** on June 4, 2003 at 68 FR 33513, allowing for a 60-day public comment period. The CIS received no comments on the proposed information collection.

The purpose of this notice is to notify the public that the CIS is seeking OMB approval on the revision of this information collection and to allow an additional 30 days for public comments. Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until December 15, 2003. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: DHS Desk Officer, 725-17th Street, NW., Room 10235, Washington, DC 20530.

Written comments and suggestions from the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information should address one or more of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Overview of this information collection:

(1) *Type of Information Collection:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

(2) *Title of the Form/Collection:* Interagency Record of Individual Requesting Change/Adjustment to or from A or G Status or Requesting A, G, or NATO Dependent Employment Authorization.

(3) *Agency form number, if any, and the applicable component of the Department of Homeland Security sponsoring the collection:* Form I-566. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

(4) *Affected public who will be asked or required to respond, as well as a brief abstract:* Primary: Individuals or households. This form facilitates processing by the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of State of applications for benefits filed by dependents of diplomats, international organizations, and NATO personnel.

(5) *An estimate of the total number of respondents and the amount of time estimated for an average respondent to respond:* 5,060 responses at 15 minutes (.25) hours per response.

(6) *An estimate of the total public burden (in hours) associated with the collection:* 1,265 annual burden hours.

If you have additional comments, suggestions, or need a copy of the proposed information collection instrument with instructions, or additional information, please contact Richard A. Sloan 202-514-3291, Director, Regulations and Forms Services Division, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, 425 I Street, NW., Room 4304, Washington, DC 20536. Additionally, comments and/or suggestions regarding the item(s) contained in this notice, especially regarding the estimated public burden and associated response time may also be directed to Mr. Richard A. Sloan.

If additional information is required contact: Mr. Steve Cooper, Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Clearance Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Regional Office Building 3, 7th and D Streets, SW., Suite 4636-26, Washington, DC 20202.

Dated: November 6, 2003.

Richard A. Sloan,

Department Clearance Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Citizenship and Immigration Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4809-N-46]

Federal Property Suitable as Facilities To Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 14, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Johnston, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7262, 451 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1234; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1988 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless.

Today's notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: November 6, 2003.

Mark R. Johnston,

Deputy Director, Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Issuance of Permits

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits for endangered species and marine mammals.

SUMMARY: The following permits were issued.

ADDRESSES: Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review,