

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 June 18-19, 1998. The meeting will be held at the National Institutes of Health, Building 31C, 6th Floor, Conference Room 10, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, starting on June 18, 1998, at approximately 9 a.m., and will recess at approximately 5 p.m. The meeting will reconvene on June 19, 1998, at approximately 9:00 a.m. and will adjourn at approximately 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public. Agenda items will include: (1) Discussions of recently submitted human gene transfer protocols, (2) discussions of novel gene therapy issues, (3) data management activities related to human gene transfer clinical

trials, (4) discussions related to the NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant DNA Molecules (59 FR 34496), and (5) other matters to be considered by the Committee. Attendance by the public will be limited to space available.

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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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