

Date: September 28, 1999.

Time: 8:30 AM to 5 PM.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: NHLBI, NIH (Room 9100), 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892-7924.

Contact Person: C. James Scheirer, PhD, Chief, Review Branch, Division of Extramural Affairs, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, Rockledge Center II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Suite 7216, Bethesda, MD 20892-7924; 301-435-0266.

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Dated: August 24, 1999.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy, NIH.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Public Health Service

**National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Notice of Workshop on "The Role of Human Exposure Assessment in the Prevention of Environmental Disease," Doubletree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD, September 22-24, 1999**

### Overview

Knowledge of human exposures to agents of potential public health concern is critical for a successful and scientifically sound approach to the evaluation of human health risks resulting from environmental and occupational exposures. This workshop will focus on the exposure-dose-response-disease paradigm and will describe current opportunities and challenges in exposure assessment research, provide usable information on disease-specific chemical exposures that will enhance integration of exposure assessment with epidemiology and toxicology studies, and highlight approaches for further research and the development of effective prevention and intervention strategies. The two and one-half day workshop is structured so that most of the time will be spent in organized breakout sessions on the state of the science and case studies that will gain focus from the plenary sessions. A Workshop Proceedings Report summarizing the workshop and sessions, and report/recommendations from the breakout groups is planned.

The meeting is open to the public, limited only by space available. The

program includes time for open discussion. In addition, time will be allotted to persons wishing to make oral comments. The time allotted for each presenter will be dependent on the number of speakers. Those wishing to speak are encouraged to preregister. A poster session will be held the first evening of the workshop. Those interested in presenting a poster must submit an abstract. The deadline for receipt of abstracts is Tuesday, September 7, 1999.

Co-sponsors for the workshop include the National Institutes of Health's Office of Rare Diseases, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and National Cancer Institute; the National Toxicology Program; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and National Center for Environmental Health; the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Research and Development; and the American Industrial Health Council.

The preliminary program follows:

#### Wednesday, September 22

7:30 AM Registration

8:45 AM Welcome

Dr. Kenneth Olden, NIEHS

9 AM Opening Remarks: Human Exposure Assessment and Environmental Disease

Dr. Samuel Wilson, NIEHS

9:15 AM Workshop Charge: Utility and Applications of Exposure Assessment

Dr. George Lucier, NIEHS

Dr. Scott Masten, NIEHS

9:30 AM-12:15 PM Plenary Session I: Exposure Assessment in Perspective

Chair:

Dr. Noorine Noonan, USEPA

9:30 AM Exposure Assessment:

Present and Future

Dr. Paul Liroy, UMDNJ, EOHHSI

10:15 AM Break

10:45 AM Human Exposure Assessment: Challenges and Opportunities for improving the Linkage between Exposure and Disease

Dr. Howard Hu, Harvard University

11:30 AM Exposure Assessment: Regulatory and Legislative Issues

Dr. Lynn Goldman, Johns Hopkins University and NIEHS

12:15 PM Lunch

1:30 PM-3:30 PM Plenary Session II: Emerging Issues in Exposure Assessment

Chair: Dr. John Spengler, Harvard University

1:30 PM Sensitive Populations at Risk

Dr. Philip Landrigan, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine

2:10 PM Gene-Environment Interactions: Bringing Together Molecular Epidemiology and Exposure Assessment

Dr. John Groopman, Johns Hopkins University

2:50 PM Disease Prevention and Intervention: Role of Exposure Assessment

Dr. Richard Jackson, NCEH

3:30 PM Break

4:00 PM-5:30 PM Plenary Session III: Some Federal Initiatives in Exposure Assessment

Chair: Dr. Ken Sexton, University of Minnesota

4 PM National Human Exposure Assessment Survey (NHEXAS): Opportunities and Lessons Learned

Dr. Judith Graham, USEPA

4:30 PM A National Occupational Exposure Survey: Planning and Implementation

Dr. DeLon Hull, NIOSH

5 PM National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES): A National Biomonitoring Strategy

Dr. Larry Needham, NCEH

5:30 PM-7:30 PM Poster Session and Reception

#### Thursday, September 23

7:30 AM Registration

8:30 AM-5:30 PM Breakout Group Sessions (concurrent)

Group 1: Aggregate and Cumulative Exposure and Risk Assessment

Group 2: Disproportionate Exposures and Disease Impact

Group 3: Assessing Environmental Influences on Children's Health

Group 4: Integrating Exposure, Dose, Response, and Susceptibility

Group 5: Exposure Assessment in Occupational and Environmental Epidemiology

8:30 AM Introduction and Charge Breakout Group Chairs

8:40 AM Breakout Group Presentations and Discussion

10 AM Break

10:30 AM Breakout Group Presentations and Discussion continued

12 PM Lunch

1:30 PM Breakout Group Presentations and Discussion continued

3 PM Break

3:30 PM Breakout Group Presentations and Discussion continued

#### Friday, September 24

7:30 AM Registration

8 AM Public Comments

9:15 AM-1:15 PM Plenary Session IV: Conclusions

Chair: Dr. George Lucier, NIEHS

9:15 AM Closing Address: A Public Health Perspective

Dr. Bernard Goldstein, UMDNJ,  
EOHSI  
10 AM Break  
10:30 AM Conclusions and  
Recommendations  
Summary of Plenary Sessions  
Breakout Group Reports  
Open Discussion  
1 PM Wrap-Up and Closing Remarks  
Dr. George Lucier, NIEHS  
1:15 PM Workshop Adjourns

To register or for additional  
information, please access the NIEHS  
homepage at <http://www.niehs.nih.gov>  
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Dated: August 23, 1999.

**Kenneth Olden,**

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Health Sciences.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Office of the Secretary

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#### **Front Range Resource Advisory Council, Northwest Resource Advisory Council, and Southwest Resource Advisory Council (State of Colorado); Renewal**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management,  
Interior.

**ACTION:** Front Range Resource Advisory  
Council, Northwest Resource Advisory  
Council, and Southwest Resource  
Advisory Council (State of Colorado)—  
Notice of renewal.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the  
renewal of the Bureau of Land  
Management's Front Range Resource  
Advisory Council, Northwest Resource  
Advisory Council, and Southwest  
Resource Advisory Council by the  
Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) in  
accordance with the provisions of the  
Federal Advisory Committee Act  
(FACA) of 1972, 5 U.S.C. Appendix. The  
Secretary has determined the Councils  
are necessary and in the public interest.  
Copies of the Council charters will be  
filed with the appropriate committees of  
Congress and the Library of Congress in  
accordance with Section 9(c) of FACA.

The Federal Land Policy and  
Management Act, as amended, requires  
the Secretary to establish advisory  
councils to provide advice concerning  
the problems relating to land use  
planning and the management of public  
lands within the area for which the  
advisory councils are established. The

Councils will provide representative  
counsel and advice to BLM on the  
planning and management of public  
lands as well as advice on public land  
resource issues. Council members will  
be residents of the State(s) in which the  
Councils have jurisdiction and will be  
appointed by the Secretary.

The purpose of the Councils is to  
advise the Secretary, through the BLM,  
on a variety of planning and  
management issues associated with the  
management of the public lands. The  
Council responsibilities include  
providing advice to BLM regarding the  
preparation, amendment, and  
implementation of land use plans;  
providing advice on long-range  
planning and establishing resource  
management priorities; and assisting the  
BLM in identifying State or regional  
standards for ecological health and  
guidelines for grazing.

Council members are representative of  
various industries and interests  
concerned with the management,  
protection, and utilization of the public  
lands. These include (a) holders of  
Federal grazing permits and  
representatives of energy and mining  
development, the timber industry,  
rights-of-way interests, off-road vehicle  
use, and commercial recreation; (b)  
representatives of nationally or  
regionally recognized environmental  
organizations, archaeological and  
historic interests, dispersed recreation,  
and wild horse and burro groups; and  
(c) representatives of State, county, and  
local government, employees of a State  
agency responsible for management of  
natural resources, Native American  
tribes, academia involved with natural  
sciences, and the public-at-large.

Membership will include individuals  
who have expertise, education, training,  
or practical experience in the planning  
and management of the public lands  
and their resources and who have a  
knowledge of the geographical  
jurisdiction(s) of the Councils.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
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Affairs (640), Bureau of Land  
Management, 1620 L Street, NW., Room  
406 LS, Washington, DC 20240,  
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### **Certification Statement**

I hereby certify that the renewals of  
the Front Range Resource Advisory  
Council, Northwest Resource Advisory  
Council, and Southwest Resource  
Advisory Council are necessary and in  
the public interest in connection with  
the Secretary of the Interior's  
responsibilities to manage the lands,  
resources, and facilities administered by  
the Bureau of Land Management.

Dated: August 20, 1999.

**Bruce Babbitt,**

*Secretary of the Interior.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### **Notice of Updated Policy Regarding Harvest of Migratory Birds in Alaska Between March 10 and September 1**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service,  
Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service  
(Service) is updating the 1988 policy  
regarding subsistence harvest of  
migratory birds in Alaska. The policy is  
a statement regarding enforcement  
priorities the Service follows in Alaska  
to conserve waterfowl between March  
10 and September 1. The original policy  
concentrated enforcement efforts on  
violations that have the most serious  
impacts on the resource, with particular  
emphasis on the protection of four  
diminished populations of geese:  
cackling Canada geese, emperor geese,  
Pacific white-fronted geese, and black  
brant. Due to the status of some eider  
populations, this updated policy also  
includes spectacled and Steller's eiders  
in this first priority protection. In  
addition, the policy prohibits wasting  
any migratory bird, using private and  
charter aircraft to assist in hunting, and  
possessing lead shot while hunting  
waterfowl.

In 1997, the United States Senate gave  
its advice and consent to ratification of  
two protocols amending, respectively,  
the 1916 Convention for the Protection  
of Migratory Birds in Canada and the  
United States (the "Canada Treaty") and  
the 1936 U.S.-Mexico Convention for  
the Protection of Migratory Birds and  
Game Mammals (the "Mexico Treaty")  
(together the "Protocols"). These  
Protocols provide for legal, regulated  
spring subsistence hunting in Alaska. In  
particular, the Protocol with Canada  
provides in Article II that:

In the case of the United States \* \* \*  
[m]igratory birds and their eggs may be  
harvested by the indigenous inhabitants of  
the State of Alaska. Seasons and other  
regulations implementing the non-wasteful  
taking of migratory birds and the collection  
of their eggs by indigenous inhabitants of the  
State of Alaska shall be consistent with the  
customary and traditional uses by such  
indigenous inhabitants for their own  
nutritional and other essential needs.

Similarly, Article I of the Protocol with  
Mexico provides that: