

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Vietnamese Studies Ad Hoc Advisory Meeting

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting to be convened by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) to discuss and receive input on scientific issues relating to possible studies in Vietnam relating to health and environmental aspects of Agent Orange exposure. Agent Orange was used as a defoliant during the Vietnam War and included, as contaminants, dioxin and related compounds. The format for the meeting is being developed; however, it is anticipated that (1) A panel of invited experts will identify, in public session, issues related to conducting studies in Vietnam and (2) time will be reserved for attendees to contribute issues and recommendations and/or comment on the panel's discussions.

The meeting will be held on Friday, August 18, 2000, from approximately 10 am to 5 pm at the Hyatt Regency Monterey Resort and Conference Center, One Golf Course Drive, Monterey, California, USA 93940, phone (831) 372-1234. The date and location of the meeting coincide with the 20th International Symposium on Halogenated Environmental Organic Pollutants and POP's, an annual conference of dioxin researchers, to take advantage of the attendance at that meeting of dioxin experts and the public interested in issues related to dioxin and Agent Orange.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FY2000 Appropriations Conference Report included the following language: " \* \* \* NIEHS is strongly urged to conduct research on the health and environmental aspects of agent orange and dioxin in Southeast Asia, in particular, Vietnam provided that the Vietnamese government supports collaborative research between U.S. and Vietnamese scientists \* \* \* " The Vietnamese government has agreed to discuss these issues with the NIEHS at a time and place to be decided. Therefore, the NIEHS is seeking advice on the feasibility of conducting studies in Vietnam to learn more about the health and environmental aspects of Agent Orange and dioxin in Vietnam resulting from environmental exposure to Agent Orange. The Institute is convening the ad hoc public meeting on

August 18 to solicit advice from scientific experts and other stakeholders and to learn what scientific issues and concerns would be associated with such studies. The NIEHS will use this information as it develops a dialog with the Vietnamese government and Vietnamese researchers about possible research agendas.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** NTP Liaison and Scientific Review Office, NIEHS, PO Box 12233, A3-01, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, phone (919) 541-0530 or email:

liaison@starbase.niehs.nih.gov

Dated: July 19, 2000.

**Kenneth Olden,**

Director, NIEHS/NTP.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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#### Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings 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 the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial 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:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* July 28, 2000.

*Time:* 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn Georgetown, 2101 Wisconsin Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20007.

*Contact Person:* Alec S. Liacouras, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5154, MSC 7842, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1740.

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.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, ZRG1 MET 01 M.

*Date:* August 1, 2000.

*Time:* 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* N. Krish Krishnan, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6164, MSC 7892, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1041.

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.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* August 1, 2000.

*Time:* 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Lee Rosen, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5116, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1171.

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.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* August 2, 2000.

*Time:* 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Nancy Pearson, PhD, Chief, Genetic Sciences Integrated Review Group, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2112, MSC 7890, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1047, pearsonn@csr.nih.gov

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* August 3, 2000.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

*Contact Person:* Ranga V. Srinivas, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5108, MSC 7852, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1167, srinivar@csr.nih.gov

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.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* August 7, 2000.

*Time:* 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Marcia Litwack, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4150, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1719.

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.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* August 8, 2000.

*Time:* 12 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Daniel F. McDonald, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4214, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1215.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* August 9, 2000.

*Time:* 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Priscilla B. Chen, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4104, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1787.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* August 9, 2000.

*Time:* 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Jean Hickman, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4194, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1146.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* August 9, 2000.

*Time:* 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Marcia Litwack, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4150, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1719.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* August 9, 2000.

*Time:* 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Michael Nunn, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5202, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-0910.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* August 9, 2000.

*Time:* 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Angela M. Pattatucci-Aragon, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5220, MSC 7852, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1775.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* August 9, 2000.

*Time:* 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Carl D. Banner, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5212, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1251, banner@drg.nih.gov

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* August 9, 2000.

*Time:* 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Everett E. Sinnott, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of

Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2178, MSC 7818, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1016, sinnott@nih.gov

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.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* August 10, 2000.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

*Contact Person:* Ronald Dubois, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4156, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1722.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* August 10, 2000.

*Time:* 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Martin Slater, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4184, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1149.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* August 10, 2000.

*Time:* 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Russell T. Dowell, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4118, MSC 7818, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1169, dowellr@drg.nih.gov

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* August 10, 2000.

*Time:* 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Alexander D. Politis, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4204, MSC 7812, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1225, politisa@csr.nih.gov

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* August 10, 2000.

*Time:* 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Jeanne N. Ketley, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4130,

MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1789.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* August 11, 2000.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Georgetown Holiday Inn, Mirage 1 Room, 2101 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20007.

*Contact Person:* Prabha L. Ateya, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5152, MSC 7842, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-8367.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* August 13-14, 2000.

*Time:* 7:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* The American Inn, 8130 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* David J. Remondini, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6154, MSC 7890, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1038, remondid@csr.nih.gov  
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Dated: July 21, 2000.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Prospective Grant of Exclusive License: "Transcription Factor Decoy and Tumor Growth Inhibitor"

**AGENCY:** National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, DHHS.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is notice, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i), that the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, is contemplating the grant of an exclusive world-wide license to U.S. Patent Applications 08/977,643, entitled: "Transcription Factor Decoy and Tumor Growth Inhibitor" plus, if available, corresponding foreign patent applications, to Genta Incorporated having a place of business in Lexington, MA. The patent rights in these

inventions have been assigned to the United States of America and the contemplated license may be limited for use in the development and commercialization of diagnostic and therapeutic modalities to treat various diseases and inhibit tumor growth based on the use of cAMP Response Element-palindrome Oligonucleotide as a transcription factor decoy to regulate gene expression (*i.e.*, gene transcription and translation).

**DATES:** Only written comments and/or applications for a license which are received by NIH on or before September 26, 2000 will be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the patent applications, inquiries, comments and other materials relating to the contemplated licenses should be directed to: J. R. Dixon, Ph.D., Technology Licensing Specialist, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, Maryland 20852-3804. Telephone: (301) 496-7735 ext. 206; Facsimile: (301) 402-0220. A signed Confidentiality Agreement will be required to receive copies of the patent application.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The technology disclosed in USPA SN: 08/977,643 patent application provides compositions and methods for the use of cAMP Response Element-palindrome oligonucleotide as a transcription factor decoy and an inhibitor of tumor growth. Specifically, the 08/977,643 application provides nucleic acid molecules that compete with cAMP Response Elements ("CRE") for binding to transcription factors and a method for regulating gene transcription in target cells comprising: Providing one or more cAMP response element enhancer DNAs and one or more transcription factors that associate with the cAMP response element enhancer DNA; and exposing the target cells to the cAMP response element decoys under condition such that the cAMP response element decoys will compete with the cAMP response element enhancer DNA for binding to the one or more transcription factors.

The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless within sixty (60) days from the date of this published notice, NIH receives written evidence and argument that establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

The field of use may be limited to the development and commercialization of

diagnostic and therapeutics modalities to treat various diseases and inhibit tumor growth based on the use of cAMP Response Element-palindrome Oligonucleotide as a transcription factor decoy to regulate gene expression (*i.e.*, gene transcription and translation).

Applications for a license [*i.e.*, completed "Application for License to Public Health Service Inventions"] in the field of use in the development and commercialization of diagnostic and therapeutics modalities to treat various diseases and inhibit tumor growth based on the use of cAMP Response Element-palindrome Oligonucleotide as a transcription factor decoy to regulate gene expression (*i.e.*, gene transcription and translation) filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated license. Comments and objections will not be made available for public inspection and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: July 19, 2000.

**Jack Spiegel,**

*Director, Division of Technology Development and Transfer, Office of Technology Transfer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4561-N-47]

### Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Monthly Report of Excess Income

**AGENCY:** Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

**DATES:** *Comments Due Date:* August 28, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number (2502-0086) and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.