

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.

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

Date: July 27, 2001.

Time: 1 p.m. to 1:40 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: David M. Monsees, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3199, MSC 7770, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-0684, monseesd@drg.nih.gov.

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

Date: July 30-31, 2001.

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

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Georgetown Suites, 1000 29th St., NW, Washington, DC 20007.

Contact Person: Eileen W. Bradley, DSC, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5120, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1179, bradleye@csr.nih.gov.

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

Date: July 30-31, 2001.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: Jay Cinque, MSC, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5186, MSC 7846, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1252.

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

Date: July 31, 2001.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn Georgetown, 2101 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20007.

Contact Person: Harold M. Davidson, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4216, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1776, davidsoh@csr.nih.gov.

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

Date: July 31, 2001.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hay Adams, One Lafayette Square, 16th and H Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20006.

Contact Person: David L. Simpson, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for

Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5192, MSC 7846, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1278.

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

Date: July 31, 2001.

Time: 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: Michael H. Sayre, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5128, MSC 7840, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1219.

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

Date: July 31, 2001.

Time: 1:30 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: John Bishop, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5180, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1250.

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Dated: July 10, 2001.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

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 16, 2001.

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: Rita Anand, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4188, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1151.

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

Date: July 20, 2001.

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: Bernard F. Driscoll, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5158, MSC 7844, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1242.

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

Date: July 23, 2001.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Agenda: The review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: H. Mac Stiles, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3170, MSC 7770, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1785.

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

Date: July 23, 2001.

Time: 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: H. Mac Stiles, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3170, MSC 7770, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1785.

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Dated: July 10, 2001.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,
Director, Office of Federal Advisory
Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Draft Methanol Expert Panel Report and Meeting

National Toxicology Program (NTP), National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction (CERHR), announces:

(1) Availability of the Draft Methanol Expert Panel Report—Public comments are solicited on the draft report and the deadline for written comments is September 7, 2001.

(2) Methanol Expert Panel Meeting scheduled for October 15–17, 2001—The meeting is open to the public and will be held at the Radisson Hotel in Old Town Alexandria in Alexandria, Virginia.

Background

The NTP and the NIEHS established the NTP Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction (CERHR) [Federal Register (FR), December 14, 1998 (Volume 63, Number 239, page 68782)] in June 1998. The purpose of the Center is to provide scientifically-based, uniform assessments of the potential for adverse effects on reproduction and development caused by agents to which humans may be exposed. Expert panels conduct scientific evaluations of agents selected by the Center in public forums. The agent currently under evaluation is methanol. Additional details about CERHR and the formal review process are provided below (see Additional Information about CERHR).

Methanol (CASRN: 67-56-1) is a commercially important, high production volume chemical (10.54 billion pounds, US production, 1993), with high potential for occupational, consumer, and environmental exposure. Methanol is used in chemical syntheses and as an industrial solvent. It is found in a variety of consumer products such as paints, antifreeze, cleaning solutions, and adhesives and is a by-product of sewage treatment, fermentation, and paper production. Methanol is used in racing car fuels, and there is the potential for the expanded use of methanol as a vehicle fuel or fuel additive. There is a large toxicity

database on reproductive and developmental effects of methanol, including a recently completed study in primates.

Draft Methanol Expert Panel Report Available

The Draft Methanol Draft Expert Panel Report is composed of the following sections:

- 1.0 Chemistry, Use, and Human Exposure
- 2.0 General Toxicological and Biological Effects
- 3.0 Developmental Toxicity Data
- 4.0 Reproductive Toxicity Data
- 5.0 Summary, Conclusions, and Critical Data Needs

Sections 1–4 will be available to the public by July 9. Copies can be obtained electronically on the CERHR web site (<http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov>) or in hard copy by contacting Dr. Michael Shelby, CERHR Director (NIEHS, 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Building 4401, Room 103, P.O. Box 12233, MD EC-32, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, Phone: (919) 541-3455; Fax: (919) 316-4511; shelby@niehs.nih.gov).

Request for Written Comments on Draft Methanol Expert Panel Report

The CERHR invites written public comments on Sections 1–4 of the Draft Methanol Expert Panel Report. Comments can be submitted in hard copy or electronic format and must be received by the Center by September 7, 2001. These comments will be distributed to CERHR staff and the Methanol Expert Panel for consideration in reviewing the draft report and in preparing for the Methanol Expert Panel Meeting (see below). These comments should be sent to Dr. Michael Shelby at the address provided above. Persons submitting written comments are asked to include their name and contact information (affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, e-mail, and sponsoring organization, if any).

Expert Panel Will Review Methanol

An expert panel (the Panel) of 13 independent scientists selected for their scientific expertise in reproductive and developmental toxicology and other relevant areas of science are conducting this review. The roster of experts follows:

Methanol Expert Panel (Name and Affiliation)

Eula Bingham, Ph.D. (Chair), University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio
Stanley Barone, Ph.D. US EPA, Research Triangle Park, NC
David Bellinger, Ph.D., Children's Hospital, Boston, MA

Gary Burin, Ph.D., Technology Sciences Group, Washington, DC
Robert Chapin, Ph.D., DuPont Pharmaceuticals, Newark, DE
J. Michael Davis, Ph.D., US EPA, Research Triangle Park, NC
David Dorman, DVM, Ph.D., CIIT Centers for Health Research, Research Triangle Park, NC
John R. Glowa, Ph.D., LSU Medical Center, Shreveport, LA
Deborah K. Hansen, Ph.D., National Center for Toxicological Research, Jefferson, AR
H.B. (Skip) Matthews, Ph.D., Consultant, Durham, NC
Mark Miller, M.D., MPH Cal EPA, Oakland, CA
Kathleen M. Nauss, Ph.D., Consultant, Sudbury, MA
John M. Rogers, Ph.D., US EPA, Research Triangle Park, NC

Public Meeting of the Methanol Expert Panel

This meeting is open to the public and attendance is limited only by the availability of space. The meeting will take place from October 15–17, 2001 in the Washington Ballroom of the Radisson Hotel Old Town Alexandria, 901 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia, telephone (703) 683-6000, fax (703) 683-7597.

Preliminary Meeting Agenda

The meeting begins each day at 8:30 a.m. It is anticipated that a lunch break will occur from 12–1 p.m. daily and that adjournment will be between 5 and 6 p.m. each day.

October 15, 2001 (8:30 a.m.)

Opening comments—Public Comment session

- The Panel will receive comments from the public (up to seven minutes per speaker; details are given below).
- Review of Sections 1–4 of the Draft Methanol Expert Panel Report
Discussion of Section 5.0 Summary, Conclusions, and Critical Data Needs

October 16, 2001 (8:30 a.m.)

Discussion of Section 5.0 Summary, Conclusions, and Critical Data Needs
Preparation of draft summaries and conclusion statements

October 17, 2001 (8:30 a.m.)

Presentation and discussion of and agreement on summaries and conclusions
Closing comments

Oral Comments Can Be Presented at the Expert Panel Meeting

Time is set aside on October 15 for presentation of oral public comments at