mandated duties of ICCVAM and activities of NICEATM. SACATM provides advice on priorities and activities related to the development, validation, scientific review, regulatory acceptance, implementation, and national and international harmonization of new, revised, and alternative toxicological test methods. Additional information about SACATM, including the charter, roster, and records of past meetings, can be found at *http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/167.*

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Evaluation of an Up-and-Down Procedure for Acute Dermal Systemic Toxicity Testing: Request for Nominations for an Independent Expert Panel and Submission of Relevant Data

AGENCY: Division of the National Toxicology Program (DNTP), National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH), HHS.

ACTION: Request for Data; Request for Nominations of Scientific Experts.

SUMMARY: The NTP Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM), in collaboration with the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM), is planning to convene an independent scientific peer review panel (Panel) to assess the validation status of an up-and-down procedure (UDP) for acute dermal systemic toxicity testing. NICEATM requests nominations of scientific experts who can be considered for the Panel and submission of data for substances tested in *in vivo* acute dermal and oral systemic toxicity tests.

DATES: Nominations and test method data for the acute dermal and oral tests should be submitted by September 6, 2012. Data submitted after this date will be considered in the evaluation where feasible.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Acute poisoning from chemicals and chemical products, including pharmaceuticals, is a significant public health problem. In 2009, 2.5 million human poisoning cases were reported to U.S. poison control centers (Bronstein *et al.,* 2010). Dermal exposures were involved in 7.25% (179,832 cases) of the poisonings, which was second in frequency only to exposures by oral ingestion (2,080,781 cases). To protect workers and consumers from acute dermal poisoning exposures, regulatory agencies in the U.S. (e.g., the Environmental Protection Agency [EPA], the Consumer Products Safety Commission, Department of Transportation, Occupational Safety and Health Administration) use the information from acute dermal systemic toxicity tests using rabbits or rodents to determine the potential of chemicals and chemical products to cause life-threatening health effects or death from acute dermal exposures. Test results are used as the basis for hazard classification and labeling and to inform consumers and workers how to avoid acute dermal exposures to hazardous chemicals and products during the handling, transport, and use of chemicals and products.

In 2002, ICCVAM recommended the revised UDP for acute oral systemic toxicity as a replacement for the conventional test. The revised oral UDP was accepted internationally as Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Test Guideline 425 in 2001 (OECD, 2001). The oral UDP reduces animal use by up to 70% compared to the traditional testing procedure. NICEATM is now developing a UDP procedure for acute dermal systemic toxicity testing, which is one of the four most commonly conducted product safety tests worldwide. Alternative test methods for acute dermal systemic toxicity testing are an ICCVAM priority because such testing is required by multiple agencies, can involve large numbers of animals, and can result in significant pain and distress to test animals (ICCVAM, 2008).

The acute dermal systemic toxicity UDP protocol is expected to reduce the number of animals used compared with current EPA (EPA, 1998) and OECD (OECD, 1987) test guidelines. A draft background review document (BRD) will include a proposed dermal UDP test method protocol and analyses comparing the results of simulated testing using the UDP protocol with the standard acute dermal systemic toxicity reference test described in EPA Health Effects Test Guidelines OPPTS 870.1200 (EPA, 1998) and OECD Test Guideline 402 (OECD, 1987). The draft BRD will form the basis for the ICCVAM draft test method recommendations for the proposed UDP method. Draft recommendations on usefulness and limitations, standardized test method protocol, and future studies will be provided to the Panel and made available to the public.

The Panel will meet in public session to review the validation status of the UDP for acute dermal systemic toxicity testing. The Panel will comment on the extent to which the BRD supports the draft ICCVAM test method recommendations. Meeting information, including dates, locations, and public availability of the meeting documents will be announced in a future **Federal Register** notice and will also be posted on the NICEATM–ICCVAM Web site (*http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov*).

Request for Nominations of Scientific Experts

NICEATM requests nominations of scientists with relevant knowledge and expertise to serve on the Panel. Areas of relevant expertise include, but are not limited to biostatistics; human and veterinary dermatology, with an emphasis on evaluation and treatment of chemical injuries that produce systemic effects; human and animal toxicology, especially systemic effects due to dermal exposures*; in vivo* dermal and oral toxicity testing; and test method validation. Each nomination should include the nominee's name, affiliation, contact information (i.e., mailing address, email address, telephone and fax numbers), *curriculum*

vitae, and a brief summary of relevant experience and qualifications.

Request for Data

NICEATM invites the submission of data for substances tested in standardized *in vivo* acute dermal systemic toxicity tests. Corresponding acute oral LD_{50} data for the same compounds tested dermally would be particularly useful. Oral data from rat tests and dermal data from rat and/or rabbit tests are preferred. Although data can be accepted at any time, please submit data by September 6, 2012 to ensure consideration during the ICCVAM evaluation process. Relevant data received after this date will be considered where feasible. All information submitted in response to this notice will be made publicly available and may be incorporated into future NICEATM and ICCVAM reports and publications, as appropriate.

When submitting data, please reference this **Federal Register** notice and provide appropriate contact information (name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, email, and sponsoring organization, as applicable). NICEATM prefers that data be submitted electronically as copies of pages from study notebooks, spreadsheets, and/or study reports. Each submission for a substance should preferably include the following information, as appropriate: common and trade name, Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number (CASRN), commercial source, *in vivo* test protocols used, extent to which the data were collected in accordance with national or international Good Laboratory Practice guidelines, date and testing organization, physical and chemical properties (e.g., molecular weight, pH, water solubility, log K_{ow}, etc.), estimated LD_{50}, and incidence of death and other adverse effects.

Background Information on ICCVAM and NICEATM

ICCVAM is an interagency committee composed of representatives from 15 Federal regulatory and research agencies that require, use, generate, or disseminate toxicological and safety testing information. ICCVAM conducts technical evaluations of new, revised, and alternative safety testing methods and integrated testing strategies with regulatory applicability and promotes the scientific validation and regulatory acceptance of testing methods that more accurately assess the safety and hazards of chemicals and products and that reduce, refine (enhance animal well-being and lessen or avoid pain and distress), or replace animal use. The ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 285*l*–3) established ICCVAM as a permanent interagency committee of the NIEHS under NICEATM. NICEATM administers ICCVAM, provides scientific and operational support for ICCVAM-related activities, and conducts independent validation studies to assess the usefulness and limitations of new, revised, and alternative test methods and strategies. NICEATM and ICCVAM welcome the public nomination of new, revised, and alternative test methods and strategies for validation studies and technical evaluations. Additional information about NICEATM and ICCVAM can be found on the NICEATM–ICCVAM Web site (*http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov*).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Safety and Occupational Health Study Section: Notice of Charter Renewal

This gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463) of October 6, 1972, that the Safety and Occupational Health Study Section, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, has been renewed for a 2-year period through June 30, 2014.

For more information contact: Price Connor, Ph.D., Executive Secretary, Safety and Occupational Health Study Section, Department of Health and Human Services, 1600 Clifton Road NE., Mailstop E74, Atlanta, Georgia 30333, telephone 404/498–2511 or fax 404/498–2571.

The Director, Management Analysis and Services Office, has been delegated the authority to sign **Federal Register** notices pertaining to announcements of meetings and other committee management activities, for both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH or Advisory Board), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH); Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announces the following meeting of the aforementioned committee:

TIME AND DATE: 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m., August 15, 2012.

PLACE: Audio Conference Call via FTS Conferencing. The USA toll-free, dial-in number is 1–866–659–0537 and the pass code is 9933701.

STATUS: Open to the public, but without a verbal public comment period.