

with broad input from the public. These are described in the document "Validation and Regulatory Acceptance of Toxicological Test Methods: A Report of the Ad Hoc Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods" NIH publication 97-3981, March 1997, which is available on the internet at <http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov/htdocs/ICCVAM/ICCVAM.htm>. An Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) was subsequently established in a collaborative effort by NIEHS and 13 other Federal regulatory and research agencies and programs. The Committee's functions include the coordination of interagency reviews of toxicological test methods and communication with stakeholders throughout the process of test method development and validation. The following Federal regulatory and research agencies and organizations are participating in this effort:

Consumer Product Safety Commission
 Department of Defense
 Department of Energy
 Department of Health and Human Services
 Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
 Food and Drug Administration
 National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health/CDC
 National Institutes of Health
 National Cancer Institute
 National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
 National Library of Medicine
 Department of the Interior
 Department of Labor
 Occupational Safety and Health Administration
 Department of Transportation
 Research and Special Programs Administration
 Environmental Protection Agency

The LLNA was proposed to the ICCVAM for consideration as a stand-alone test to identify chemicals that have a potential to cause contact hypersensitivity (allergic contact dermatitis). An ICCVAM Immunotoxicity Working Group composed of Federal employees determined that there was sufficient information available to merit an independent scientific peer review of the LLNA test method. Peer review has been determined to be an essential prerequisite for consideration of a method for regulatory acceptance. The peer review panel will be charged with developing a scientific consensus on the usefulness of the test method to generate information for various human health

risk assessment purposes. Following evaluation at this peer review meeting, the proposed test method and results of the peer review will be forwarded by ICCVAM to Federal agencies for consideration. Federal agencies will determine the regulatory acceptability of a method according to their mandates.

Agenda

There will be a brief orientation on the ICCVAM and the ICCVAM review process, followed by peer review of the proposed LLNA test method and supporting information. The peer review panel will discuss the usefulness of the LLNA as an alternative to test methods currently accepted by government regulatory authorities for the assessment of the contact hypersensitivity potential of chemicals and products. Copies of the proposed LLNA Test Method Protocol and supporting documentation may be obtained from the NTP Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods, MD EC-17, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC, 27709 (919-541-3398), FAX (919-541-0947), e-mail: ICCVAM@niehs.nih.gov. The LLNA test method documents and copies of written public comments can also be viewed at the Documents Management Branch, Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061, Rockville, MD, 20852 on Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Public Comment

The NTP Center invites the submission of written comments on the proposed LLNA test method, and other available information regarding the usefulness of the LLNA, including information about completed, ongoing, or planned studies. Written comments and additional information should be sent by mail, fax, or e-mail to the NTP Center at the address listed above by August 14th. Written comments will be made available to the peer review panel members, ICCVAM agency representatives and experts, and will be made available for attendees at the meeting. Members of the public who wish to present oral statements at the meeting should also contact the NTP Center as soon as possible, but not later than September 11, 1998. Speakers will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis and will be limited to a maximum of five minutes in presentation length. Written comments accompanying the oral statement should be submitted in advance so that copies can be made and distributed to the peer panel members.

The NTP Center will furnish an agenda and a roster of peer review panel

members just prior to the meeting. Summary minutes and a final report of the LLNA peer review meeting will be available subsequent to the meeting upon request to the Center. Persons needing special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other special accommodations should contact the NTP Center as described above.

Dated: June 30, 1998.

Kenneth Olden,

Director, National Toxicology Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Federal Property Suitable as Facilities to Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 10, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Johnston, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7256, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1226; TTY number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565, (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the December 12, 1998 court order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.), HUD publishes a Notice, on a weekly basis, identifying unutilized, underutilized, excess and surplus Federal buildings and real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. Today's Notice is for the purpose of announcing that no additional properties have been determined suitable or unsuitable this week.

Dated: July 2, 1998.

Fred Karnas, Jr.,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Economic Development.

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