

Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.
Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).
Contact Person: Anthony C. Chung, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4138, MSC 7802, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1213.

Name of Committee: Center or Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, MDCN-5.
Date: August 30, 1999.

Time: 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: Syed Husain, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5216, MSC 7850, Bethesda, MD 20892-7850, (301) 435-1224.

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

Date: August 31, 1999.

Time: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: Jo Pelham, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4106, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1786.

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Dated: August 13, 1999.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Clinical Center; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Board of Governors of the Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center.

The meeting will be open to the public, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

Name of Committee: Board of Governors of the Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center.

Date: September 17, 1999.

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Agenda: Financial and Planning Updates, Clinical Research—Presentation, Construction Update, and In-Patient Survey Results.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Clinical Center Medical Board Room, 2C116, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Maureen E. Gormley, Executive Secretary, Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health, Building 10, Room 2C146, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301/496-2897.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Establishment by the National Institutes of Health of Categorical Exclusions Under the National Environmental Policy Act

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of establishment by the NIH of categorical exclusions under the National Environmental Policy Act.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the categories of actions by the NIH that normally do not require the preparation of either an environmental impact statement or an environmental assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act. This list has been prepared in accordance with the Council On Environmental Quality's (CEQ) regulations and with Chapter 30 of the DHHS General Administration Manual. These exclusions apply to all NIH organizations and activities.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before October 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Address all comments concerning this notice to Joseph G. Hugo, P.E., Chief, Pollution Control Section, Division of Safety, Office of Research Services, National Institutes of Health, Building 13, Room 2W64, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph G. Hugo, P.E., Chief, Pollution Control Section, Division of Safety, Office of Research Services, National Institutes of Health, Building 13, Room 2W64, Bethesda, Maryland 20892; telephone 301-496-7775; FAX 301-480-8056; E-mail Address: jhg@helix.nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Environmental Policy Act of

1969 (NEPA), as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, mandates that agencies perform environmental reviews of their actions. NEPA specifically requires that agencies prepare detailed environmental statements for major Federal actions that have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C). CEQ's regulations implementing NEPA require that Federal agencies revise their policies, procedures, and regulations to ensure full compliance with NEPA's purposes and provisions, 40 CFR 1500.6, 1507.3. CEQ's regulations also require agencies to establish procedures governing categories of actions normally excluded from NEPA review because they do not individually or cumulatively have a significant effect on the human environment, 40 CFR 1508.4.

DHHS adopted such procedures after giving notice in the **Federal Register** (45 FR 76519). These procedures were approved by CEQ on October 2, 1980, and they have been included in DHHS General Administration Manual (GAM) Chapter 30. These procedures require DHHS agencies to evaluate their actions in order to determine the potential environmental effects of the actions. DHHS agencies can exclude from further NEPA review the categories of actions they take that normally do not have a significant effect on the quality of the human environment. Under these procedures, the categories of an agency's actions excluded from NEPA environmental review must be approved by the head of the DHHS agency and receive the concurrence of the DHHS Assistant Secretary for Management and Budget. On January 11, 1999, DHHS published notice of proposed revisions to DHHS GAM Chapter 30 (64 FR 1656).

The NIH's statutory mission is to conduct and support biomedical and behavioral research, training, the preparation and dissemination of health information, and related programs. In order to fulfill this mission, the NIH both performs research in its own facilities and supports research by other institutions through the awarding of grants and contracts.

The NIH has reviewed the types of actions taken by the agency that could have a foreseeable effect on the quality of the human environment. The NIH is providing notice of the actions taken by the agency that will normally be categorically excluded from further environmental review because individually and cumulatively they will not have a significant effect on the human environment. The categorical exclusions listed below are in addition to those listed in DHHS GAM Chapter 30. Additional, if a proposed action is