

Commission, has determined to extend the public comment period for the subject notice. The Division believes that an extension of the comment period until July 24, 2000 would permit interested parties to fully evaluate the proposal and to submit comments thereon to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability for Non-Explosive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Application Concerning a Novel HIV Suppressor Factor Derived From Scrub Typhus

AGENCY: U.S. Army Medical Research and Material Command, Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/377,743 entitled "Novel HIV Suppressor Factor Derived from Scrub Typhus," filed August 20, 1999. This patent has been assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army.

ADDRESSES: Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Material Command, ATTN: Command Judge Advocate, MCMR-JA, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, Maryland 21702-5012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Arwine, Patent Attorney, (301) 619-2065 or telefax (301) 619-5034.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The invention takes advantage of the anti-HIV effects of an inhibitory factor produced during scrub typhus infection. It is the object of the invention to provide a method of inducing an immunogenic response to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), in particular to HIV-1. It is a further object of the invention to provide a suppressor factor derived from scrub typhus infection in the form of purified sera, plasma, or immunoglobulin which is suitable for administration to patents at risk for, or infected with, HIV either alone or in combination with other agents. It is a particular object of the invention to provide an isolated suppressor factor from sera or plasma taken from patients with scrub typhus which has anti-HIV activity. It is also a further object in the invention to provide peptides from inhibitory strains of scrub typhus, which peptides function as antigens and can be used to produce antibodies effective for the prophylaxis and treatment of HIV infection.

Gregory D. Showalter,

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Announcement of Public Hearing on a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for the Upper Newport Bay Ecosystem Restoration Project, Orange County, California

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice (Announcement of Public Hearing Date).

SUMMARY: The Draft EIS/EIR will be released for public review on or about June 30, 2000. The Environmental Protection Agency plans to publish a Notice of Availability of the Draft EIS/EIR in the **Federal Register** on or about June 30, 2000. The public review of the Draft EIS/EIR ends on August 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Commander, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District, Ecosystem Planning Section, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, CA 90053-2325.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Larry Smith, Technical Manager, phone (213) 452-3846.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

1. Background

The purpose of the Upper Newport Bay Ecosystem Restoration Project is to develop a long-term management plan to control sediment deposition in the Upper Bay to preserve the health of Upper Newport Bay's habitats. Sediment will continue to deposit in the Bay no matter what control measures are implemented in the watershed. Therefore, one of the most important components of this project is to develop a plan to control sediments by designing one or two in-bay basins in which the bulk of the sediment will settle. In addition to developing a plan for sediment control, the Upper Newport Bay Restoration project includes several other measures to improve habitat quality in the Upper Bay.

2. Proposed Action

The proposed project would involve deepening and expanding the existing sediment basins. Additional ecosystem restoration measures would be included to enhance the overall habitat value of Upper Newport Bay.

3. Alternatives

The EIS/EIR evaluates four alternatives carried forward for detailed environmental analysis. In general, the major differences among alternatives are the basin and channel depths. During the Preliminary Engineering Design (PED) phase, modifications to further reduce the loss of intertidal mudflat habitat will be investigated.

No Action: No dredging would occur within the Upper Bay ecological reserve.

Recommended Plan: The recommended plan includes the expansion and deepening of the Unit I/ III basin and the Unit II basin to -20 feet (-6 m) MSL, with an approach channel between the two basins dredged to -14 feet (-4.2 m) MSL; a 100-foot wide approach channel below the Unit II