

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: August 21, 2000.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Performance Review Board

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Announcement of membership of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Performance Review Board.

SUMMARY: In conformance with the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the United States Patent and Trademark Office announces the appointment of persons to serve as members of its Performance Review Board.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Director, Office of Human Resources, United States Patent and Trademark Office, One Crystal Park, Suite 707, Washington, DC 20231.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sydney Rose at (703) 305-8062.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The membership of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Performance Review Board is as follows:

Clarence Crawford, Chair, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231, Term—expires September 30, 2003

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Anne Chasser, Commissioner for Trademarks, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231, Term—expires September 30, 2003

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Gerald R. Lucas, Deputy Chief Financial Officer/Administrative Officer, Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231, Term—expires September 30, 2001

Bruce Campbell, Executive Associate Director, Operations Support Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20742, Term—expires September 30, 2002.

Dated: August 21, 2000.

Q. Todd Dickinson,

Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Application Concerning Adaptation of Virus to Vertebrate Cells

AGENCY: U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, 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 Number 09/534,724 entitled "Adaptation of Virus to Vertebrate Cells", filed March 24, 2000. Foreign rights are also available. This patent application has been assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For patent issues, Ms. Elizabeth Arwine, Patent Attorney, (301) 619-7808. For licensing issues, Dr. Paul Mele, Office of Research & Technology Assessment, (301) 619-6664. Both at telefax (301) 619-5034.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The invention provides a method for replicating virus to higher titer in cultured mammalian cells by infecting the mammalian cells with the high titer virus strain to obtain infected cells. Specifically, attenuated dengue virus strains of serotype 1,2,3, and 4. The resulting replicated virus is suitable for use in vaccines and vaccination methods which are also provided by the invention.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Application Concerning Anthrax Vaccine

AGENCY: U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.