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Name of Committee: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research Special Emphasis Panel, 01-05, Review of R44 Grants.

Date: November 14, 2000.

Time: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: 45 Natcher Bldg., Rm 5As.25u, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Philip Washko, Scientific Review Administrator, 45 Center Drive, Natcher Building, Rm. 4AN44F, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-2372.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research Special Emphasis Panel, 01-09, Review of R01 Grants.

Date: November 16, 2000.

Time: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Natcher Building, Rm. 4AN44F, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Philip Washko, Scientific Review Administrator, 45 Center Drive, Natcher Building, Rm. 4AN44F, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-2372.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research Special Emphasis Panel, 01-04, Review of R44 Grants.

Date: November 22, 2000.

Time: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Philip Washko, Scientific Review Administrator, 45 Center Drive, Natcher Building, Rm. 4AN44F, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-2372.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.121, Oral Diseases and Disorders Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: September 19, 2000.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Drug Abuse; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) 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 Scientific Counselors, NIDA.

The meeting will be closed to the public as indicated below in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual intramural programs and projects conducted by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, and the competence of individual investigators, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Board of Scientific Counselors, NIDA.

Date: October 17-19, 2000.

Time: 1 p.m. to 12 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate personal qualifications and performance, and competence of individual investigators.

Place: Intramural Research Program, National Institute on Drug Abuse, Johns Hopkins Bayview Campus, Bldg. C, 2nd Floor Auditorium, 5500 Nathan Shock Drive, Baltimore, MD 21224.

Contact Person: Stephen J. Heishman, Research Psychologist, Clinical Pharmacology Branch, Addiction Research Center, National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health, DHHS, 5500 Nathan Shock Drive, Baltimore, MD 21224, (410) 550-1547.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.277, Drug Abuse Scientist Development Award for Clinicians, Scientist Development Awards, and Research Scientist Awards; 93.278, Drug Abuse National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.279, Drug Abuse Research Programs, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development; Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and

the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Initial Review Group, Population Research Subcommittee.

Date: October 23-24, 2000.

Time: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Chevy Chase Holiday Inn, 5520 Wisconsin Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815.

Contact Person: Jon M. Ranhand, Health Scientist Administrator, Division of Scientific Review, National Institute of Child, Health and Human Development, 6100 Executive Blvd., Rm. 5E01, MSC 7510, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-6884.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.209, Contraception and Infertility Loan Repayment Program; 93.864, Population Research; 93.865, Research for Mothers and Children; 93.929, Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, NIH; National Toxicology Program; Peer Review Meeting on Low-Dose Issues for Endocrine Disruptors; Update on Meeting Scope; Meeting Agenda; and Registration Information

Summary

The National Toxicology Program (NTP) is organizing a Peer Review to evaluate dose-response relationships for endocrine disrupting chemicals. In particular, the panel will evaluate whether chemicals can cause hormone-related effects at doses lower than those typically used in the standard toxicological dose-setting paradigm. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program will use the results from this peer review to assist in determining how to identify and characterize potential low-dose effects that may arise during endocrine disruptor screening, testing, and hazard assessment. If the

review panel concludes that the current data on low-dose effects are inconclusive, it will be asked to describe specific research that would resolve the ambiguities. The Peer Review will take place October 10–12, 2000 at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center, Research Triangle Park, NC. This meeting is open to the public.

On January 6, 2000 the NTP published a **Federal Register** notice [Volume 65, Number 4, pages 784–787] outlining plans for the Peer Review meeting and soliciting public input into the process. A second **Federal Register** notice was published April 17, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 74, pages 20478–20479) that broadened the scope of the research studies and data to be considered for inclusion in this peer review. This notice supplements the earlier ones and provides an agenda, registration information, and updated details about the Peer Review.

Endocrine Disruptor Peer Review

A. Background and Scope

The goals of this peer review are to review the scientific evidence related to the low-dose effects of endocrine disruptors and to consider their implications for the development, validation, and interpretation of test protocols for reproductive and developmental toxicity. The intent is to examine data from major selected studies (excluding studies on dioxin and dioxin-like compounds) supporting the presence or absence of low-dose effects and to evaluate the likelihood and significance of these and/or other potential low-dose effects for humans. A main topic to be addressed is defining the shape of the dose-response curves for endocrine-active substances in the low-dose region. The analysis and evaluation will be accomplished during this three-day scientific peer review that includes plenary sessions and several subpanel meetings. This peer review is open to the public.

The EPA has established an official record for this action under docket control number OPPTS–42208A. The official record consists of the selected and background studies being considered in this peer review, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. The public version of the official record is available for inspection in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, North East Mall Room B–607, Waterside Mall, 401 M. Street, SW, Washington, DC. The Center is open from noon to 4 PM., Monday through Friday, excluding

legal holidays. The telephone number of the Center is (202) 260–7099.

B. Tentative Agenda

Tuesday, October 10, 2000

8:30–8:45 am
Scope of Review
8:45–9:00 am
Charge to Panel
9:00–10:15 am
Body of Knowledge Presentation and Discussion—Dr. Frederick S. vom Saal, University of Missouri
10:15–10:45 am
Break
10:45 am–Noon
Body of Knowledge Presentation and Discussion—Dr. John Ashby, Zeneca, Central Toxicology Laboratory, United Kingdom
Noon–1:00 pm
Lunch
1:00–2:15 pm
Body of Knowledge Presentation and Discussion—Dr. K. Barry Delclos, National Center for Toxicological Research
2:15–3:30 pm
Body of Knowledge Presentation and Discussion—Dr. John C. O'Connor, DuPont Haskell Laboratory
3:30–3:45 pm
Break
3:45–4:30 pm
Summary of Other Bodies of Knowledge Studies
4:30–5:00 pm
Report from the Statistics and Dose-Response Modeling Subpanel—Statistical Evaluations
5:00–5:20 pm
Report from the Statistics and Dose-Response Modeling Subpanel—Mechanism-Based Dose-Response Modeling
5:20–6:15 pm
Dinner
6:15–8:00 pm
Public Comments
8:00–9:00 pm
Subpanels: Initial Meeting

Wednesday, October 11, 2000

8:30–5:00 pm
Subpanel Meetings
Bisphenol A
Other Environmental Estrogens and Estradiol
Androgens and Anti-Androgens
Biological Factors (*i.e.* confounders: diet, strain, etc.) and Study Design
10:00–10:30 am
Break
Noon–1:00 pm
Lunch
2:30–3:00 pm
Break

Thursday, October 12, 2000

8:30–10:00 am

Subpanel Meetings
10:00–10:30 am
Break
10:30 am–Noon
Presentation and Discussion of Subpanel Reports
Noon–1:00 pm
Lunch
1:00–2:30 pm
Presentation and Discussion of Subpanel Reports
2:30–3:00 pm
Break
3:00–5:00 pm
Presentation and Discussion of Subpanel Reports

C. Peer Review Evaluation and Analysis

The NTP is establishing a scientific panel with broad expertise including endocrinology, reproductive and development biology/toxicology, statistics, modeling, receptor biology, and molecular biology to conduct the evaluation and analysis for this peer review. The Panel will be divided into five subpanels: (1) Bisphenol A, (2) Other Environmental Estrogens and Estradiol, (3) Androgens and Anti-Androgens, (4) Biological Factors (*i.e.* confounders: diet, strain, etc.) and Study Design, and (5) Statistics and Dose-Response Modeling. At the peer review, members of the Statistics and Dose-Response Modeling Subpanel will be available to interact with the other subpanels. A list of the Panel members and their subpanel assignments is available on-line through the NTP web site (<http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov>, What's New), from the EPA docket (see above), or by contacting the NTP Liaison and Scientific Review Office (contact information given below).

Studies for inclusion in this peer review are catalogued as either Selected Studies or Background Information. A list of the studies included in each group is found on the NTP web site (see above), from the EPA docket (see above), or by contacting the NTP Liaison and Scientific Review Office (see below). Copies of most studies are available from the EPA docket. As more information is received, the lists will be updated and studies will be added to the docket. Raw data for the Selected Studies will be available from the EPA docket no earlier than October 3rd. Individuals wanting to obtain a copy of particular datasets should bring two rewritable CDs to the EPA docket so the data can be transferred. The datasets will be available in ASCII format as well as SAS transport files.

The Panel will have available to them copies of both the Selected Studies and Background Information. Prior to the peer review, the Statistics and Dose-

Response Modeling Subpanel will reevaluate selective laboratory data and analyze dose-response relationships from identified studies and make that information available to the other subpanels for inclusion in their evaluations. Analyses by the Panel will focus on the interpretation of the Selected Studies showing or refuting effects at low doses for endocrine disruptors on reproductive and developmental endpoints. In addition, at the meeting invited researchers will make oral presentations to the Panel during the plenary sessions (see tentative agenda) and will be available for in-depth discussions during subpanel meetings. The individual subpanels will review all evidence, including relevant pharmacokinetic and mechanistic information that may have a bearing on the low-dose issue. In addition, they will consider the consistency in the data (within and across studies), the strength and specificity of the evidence for low-dose effects, the evidence for defining the shape of the dose-response curves in the low-dose regions, and the biologic plausibility of the reported effect(s). The subpanels will identify research gaps and as possible, suggest ways to address those gaps.

All subpanels will prepare reports of their conclusions, including areas of consensus and disagreement and identify research needs that would help resolve ambiguities. Following the meeting, the NTP will receive the final reports from the individual subpanels and will synthesize this information into its own report. The NTP will solicit public comments on the NTP report, synthesize those comments, and incorporate them into its final transmission to the EPA and other Federal agencies. The NTP will also publish the report in a scientific journal. This report will be posted on the NTP web site (see above) and made available to the panel members and the public; requests for hardcopies can be made to the NTP Liaison and Scientific Review Office (see below).

D. Public Comments

The Public is invited to attend the Peer Review with the number of observers limited only by the space available. A formal public comment period is scheduled for October 10 (see tentative agenda) for interested persons or groups to present their views and comments to the Panel (please limit speakers to one per group). The Public is invited to present oral comments at the meeting or to submit written comments by October 6, 2000 for distribution to the Panel at the meeting.

Oral presentations will be limited to five to seven minutes per speaker depending upon the number of speakers. Individuals presenting oral comments are asked to provide 40 copies of their statement at registration for distribution to the Panel. For planning purposes, persons wishing to give oral comments are asked to check the box provided on the Registration Form (information provided below) or contact the NTP Liaison and Scientific Review Office (see below), although requests for oral presentations will also be accepted on-site (subject to availability of time). Persons registering for oral comments or submitting written remarks are asked to include their contact information (name, address, affiliation, telephone, fax, and e-mail). Written comments should be sent to the NTP Liaison and Scientific Review Office.

In addition to the plenary sessions, the Public is invited to attend the individual subpanel meetings. When registering, the Public is asked to indicate their first and second subpanel choices on the registration form. Attendance in these meetings will be limited by the available space and the NTP will make every effort to honor specific requests.

E. Meeting Registration

The Peer Review is open to the public, limited only by the space available. The registration fee is \$90 per registrant. In order to plan appropriately, advance registration is requested by September 29, 2000, although on-site registration will be available (subject to space availability). Registration Forms can be obtained through the Internet at the NTP web site (<http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov>, What's New?) or by contacting the NTP Liaison and Scientific Review Office, NIEHS, P.O. 12233, MD A3-01, Research Triangle Park, NC, telephone: 919-541-0530; fax: 919-541-0295; and e-mail: liaison@starbase.niehs.nih.gov.

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Kenneth Olden,

Director, NIEHS/NTP.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of permit applications.

SUMMARY: The following applicants have applied for a scientific research permit to conduct certain activities with endangered species pursuant to section 10 (a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Permit No. TE-023496

Applicant: Endangered Species Recovery Program, Fresno, California.

The permittee requests a permit amendment to take (capture and radio-tag) the Tipton kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys nitratoides nitratoides*) throughout the species' range in conjunction with relocation efforts and population augmentation at Lemoore Naval Air Station, Kings County, California, for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-702631

Applicant: Assistant Regional Director-Ecological Services, Region 1, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Portland, Oregon.

The permittee requests a permit amendment to take the northern California Evolutionarily Significant Unit of steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) throughout the species' range in conjunction with recovery efforts for the purpose of enhancing its survival.

Permit No. TE-033313

Applicant: David Moore, Mobile, Alabama.

The applicant requests a permit to purchase, in interstate commerce, four female and four male captive bred Hawaiian (=nene) goose (*Nesochen [=Branta] sandvicensis*) for the purpose of enhancing the species propagation and survival.

DATES: Written comments on these permit applications must be received on or before October 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written data or comments should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species, Ecological Services, Fish and Wildlife Service, 911 NE. 11th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97232-4181; Fax: (503) 231-6243. Please refer to the respective permit number for each application when submitting comments. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be made available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review, subject to the requirements of the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act, by any