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Name of Committee: National Advisory Environmental Health Sciences Council.

Date: May 21, 2001.

Open: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Agenda: Discussion of program policies and issues. *Agenda:* <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/dert/c-agenda.htm>.

Place: NIEHS, Rodbell Auditorium, Building 101, 111 Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Closed: 2 p.m. to adjournment.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIEHS, Rodbell Auditorium, Building 101, 111 Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Contact Person: Anne P. Sassaman, Ph.D., Director, Division of Extramural Research and Training, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, National Institutes of Health, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, 919/541-7723.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.113, Biological Response to Environmental Health Hazards; 93.114, Applied Toxicological Research and Testing; 93.115, Biometry and Risk Estimation—Health Risks from Environmental Exposures; 93.142, NIEHS Hazardous Waste Worker Health and Safety Training; 93.143, NIEHS Superfund Hazardous Substances—Basic Research and Education; 93.894, Resources and Manpower Development in the Environmental Health Sciences, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

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 meetings.

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

Date: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: Angela M. Pattatucci-Aragon, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5220, MSC 7852, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1775.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting timing due to the limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

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

Date: May 21-23, 2001.

Time: 7 p.m. to 12 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Days Inn Inner Harbor, 100 Hopkins Place, Baltimore, MD 21201.

Contact Person: Eugene Vigil, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5144, MSC 7840, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1025.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine, 93.306; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393-93.396, 93.837-93.844, 93.846-93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

National Toxicology Program (NTP); National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction (CERHR) Solicits Public Comments on Draft Guidelines for CERHR Expert Panel Members

Background

The NTP and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences established the NTP Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction (CERHR) in 1998 to serve as an environmental health resource to the public and regulatory and health agencies. The CERHR provides scientifically based, uniform assessments of the potential for adverse effects on reproduction and development caused by agents to which humans may be exposed. The assessments are carried out through rigorous, independent evaluations of the scientific literature on these agents by panels of scientists. The products of these evaluations are Expert Panel Reports.

The Expert Panel Report provides a consensus scientific judgement of the potential human reproductive and developmental toxicity of the chemical agent or mixture. The goals of the evaluations are to:

(1) Evaluate the quality of the available scientific data and identify critical data needs so that research and testing priorities can be established;

(2) Interpret scientific studies for and provide information to the general public about the strength of evidence that a given exposure poses a hazard to reproduction and/or to the health and welfare of the developing child; and

(3) Provide regulatory agencies with objective and scientifically credible evaluations of reproductive/developmental health effects associated with exposure to specific chemicals or classes of chemicals, including descriptions of any uncertainties associated with the assessment of risks.

Availability of Draft Guidelines for CERHR Expert Panel Members

In order to maintain consistency among the expert panel reviews and to provide guidance about these reviews and preparation of Expert Panel Reports, the CERHR has prepared *draft* guidelines for the expert panels and CERHR staff. The Guidelines cover the three phases of the Expert Panel review process: pre-meeting preparation, Expert