

Additional Information About ICCVAM and NICEATM

The NICEATM and ICCVAM were established to facilitate development, validation, and regulatory acceptance of improved toxicological methods that predict human health risks while reducing, refining, and/or replacing animal tests and to promote communication with stakeholders. The NICEATM coordinates activities for the ICCVAM and is located at the NIEHS, Research Triangle Park, NC. ICCVAM, with 15 participating Federal agencies, originally established in 1997, was formally authorized and designated as a permanent interagency coordinating committee by the ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-545). ICCVAM's duties include the technical evaluation of new and alternative testing methods, the development of test recommendations based on those technical evaluations, and the forwarding of its test recommendations to Federal agencies for their consideration. The ICCVAM also coordinates interagency issues on toxicological test method development, validation, regulatory acceptance, and national and international harmonization. Additional information about ICCVAM and NICEATM can be found on the ICCVAM/NICEATM Web site at <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

National Toxicology Program (NTP); The NTP Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2001; Notice of Availability and Request for Public Comments

SUMMARY: The *NTP Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2001* outlines the NTP research program for studying the toxicity of physical and chemical agents and for developing methods for toxicological evaluations. The Report also provides information about efforts to develop and validate alternative and improved methods and identifies NTP resource allocations.

Background

The NTP was established within the Public Health Service of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in November 1978. The NTP is an interagency program whose mission is to evaluate agents of public health concern by developing and applying the tools of modern toxicology and molecular biology. In carrying out its mission, the NTP has several goals to:

- Broaden the spectrum of toxicological information obtained on selected chemicals;
- Develop and validate more sensitive and specific test methods;
- Develop improved strategies for generating scientific data that strengthen the scientific foundation for risk assessments; and
- Communicate NTP plans and results to government agencies, the medical and scientific communities, and the public.

A balanced program was created that uses chronic exposure studies, short-term exposure studies, the collection and application of mechanistic information, model development, alternative methods, and human studies. Scientific activities are divided into several major program areas: Carcinogenesis, risk assessment research, alternative test systems, and toxicology. Toxicology covers activities in immunotoxicology, neurobehavioral toxicology, reproductive and developmental toxicology, respiratory toxicology and phototoxicology. Program and project leaders along with contact information are provided in the plan.

The NTP is an interagency program headquartered at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) of the National Institutes of Health. The NIEHS along with the National Center for Toxicological Research of the Food and Drug Administration and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are NTP core agencies. The Director of the NIEHS is also the NTP Director.

The NTP receives advice from two primary external advisory groups. The NTP Executive Committee provides primary program oversight and links DHHS health research institutes and centers with Federal health regulatory agencies. This effort helps to ensure that the NTP's basic and applied toxicology research and development activities are responsive to regulatory and public health needs.

The NTP Board of Scientific Counselors provides scientific oversight

by advising the NTP Director on scientific content and evaluating the merit and overall quality of NTP science. The Board has two standing subcommittees, the Report on Carcinogens Subcommittee and the Technical Reports Review Subcommittee. The Secretary, DHHS, appoints the members.

Availability of the NTP Annual Plan

The *NTP Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2001* is available electronically on the NTP Web site, <http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov>. The report is also in the process of being printed and hard copies will be available from NTP Central Data Management (NIEHS, PO Box 12233, MD E1-02, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone 919-431-3419; fax 919-541-3687; cdm@niehs.nih.gov).

Solicitation of Public Comments

The NTP welcomes comments on the *NTP Annual Plan for Fiscal Year 2001*. Written comments should be submitted to Dr. Mary S. Wolfe, NTP Executive Secretary (NIEHS, PO Box 12233, MD A3-07, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; fax 919-541-0295; liaison@starbase.niehs.nih.gov). Persons submitting comments are asked to provide their name, contact information, and sponsoring organization, if any.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS); National Toxicology Program (NTP); Annual Progress Report of the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM): Notice of Availability

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the availability of the report entitled, "Annual Progress Report of the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM)." In accordance with requirements of the ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-545), this report provides a description of the activities that have been carried out during the past year by the ICCVAM and the NTP Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM).

Availability of the Report

To receive a copy of the report, please contact NICEATM at P.O. Box 12233, MD EC-17, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; 919-541-2384 (phone); 919-541-0947 (fax); or niceatm@niehs.nih.gov. The report is also available on the ICCVAM/NICEATM Web site at: <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov>.

Background

The ICCVAM was formally authorized and designated as a permanent interagency coordinating committee by the ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000, which was signed into law by the President on December 19, 2000. ICCVAM's duties include the technical evaluation of new and alternative testing methods, the development of test recommendations based on the technical evaluations, and subsequent recommendations to Federal agencies for their consideration. The ICCVAM also coordinates interagency issues on toxicological test method development, validation, regulatory acceptance, and national and international harmonization. The ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 directs ICCVAM to prepare reports on its progress and to make them available to the public. This annual report complies with the requirement for an initial progress report. Future reports will be prepared in accordance with the Act. Information about ICCVAM can be found on the Internet at: <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Statutory and Regulatory Waivers Granted to New York State for Recovery from the September 11, 2001 Terrorist Attacks: Technical Correction

AGENCY: Office of Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: On January 28, 2002, HUD published a notice that advised the public of waivers of regulations and statutory provisions granted to the State of New York for the purpose of assisting in the recovery from the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York City,

in accordance with statutory authorization to grant such waivers. This notice advises that two of the items listed in the January 28, 2002 publication (items 10 and 11) were incorrectly described as waivers or only waivers. The items, as further discussed in the Supplementary Information section of this notice, should have been described as a "waiver and alternative requirement," and "alternative requirement," respectively. The effective date of the waivers is February 2, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jan C. Opper, Senior Program Officer, Office of Block Grant Assistance, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Room 7286, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone number (202) 708-3587. Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. FAX inquiries may be sent to Mr. Opper at (202) 401-2044. (Except for the "800" number, these telephone numbers are not toll-free.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 28, 2002 (67 FR 4164), HUD published a notice that advised the public of waivers of regulations and statutory provisions granted to the State of New York for the purpose of assisting in the recovery from the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York City, in accordance with statutory authorization to grant such waivers. The January 28, 2002, notice discusses the statutory authority to grant such waivers and lists all of the waivers granted and specifies alternative requirements where appropriate. The January 28, 2002 notice also advised that the waivers are effective on February 2, 2002. Accordingly, FR Doc. 02-1936, is corrected to advise that items 10 and 11 listed in the January 28, 2002 notice on page 4165, middle column, were incorrectly described as waivers or waivers only and should have been described as "waiver and alternative requirement" and "alternative requirement," respectively. The corrected description for items 10 and 11 are set out below.

10. Waiver and Alternative Requirement—Public Benefit Standards for Economic Development Activities. Currently, grantees are limited in the amount of CDBG assistance per job retained or created, or amount of CDBG assistance per low- and moderate-income person to which goods or services are provided by the activity, that will be considered to meet public benefit standards. Public benefit standards at 42 U.S.C. 5305(e)(3) and 24