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Director, Division of Technology Development and Transfer, Office of Technology Transfer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Notice of Establishment; Scientific Advisory Committee on Alternative Toxicological Methods

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) announces the establishment of the Scientific Advisory Committee for Alternative Toxicological Methods (SACATM).

SACATM

The SACATM was chartered January 9, 2002, to fulfill section 3(d) of Pub. L. 106-545, the ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 285-3(d)). The committee will function as an advisory committee in compliance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2). The charter is posted on the web (<http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov>) or is available in hard copy upon request from the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Liaison and Scientific Review Office, NIEHS, PO Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone: 919-541-3971; facsimile: 919-541-0295 or liason@starbase.niehs.nih.gov.

The SACATM will provide advice to the Director of the NIEHS, the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM), and the NTP Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM) regarding statutorily mandated duties of ICCVAM. The duties of the ICCVAM include:

(1) Review and evaluate new or revised or alternative test methods, including batteries of tests and test screens, that may be acceptable for specific regulatory uses, including the coordination of technical reviews of proposed new or revised or alternative test methods of interagency interest.

(2) Facilitate appropriate interagency and international harmonization of acute or chronic toxicological test protocols that encourage the reduction, refinement, or replacement of animal test methods.

(3) Facilitate and provide guidance on the development of validation criteria, validation studies, and processes for new or revised or alternative test methods and help facilitate the acceptance of such scientifically valid test methods and awareness of accepted test methods by Federal agencies and other stakeholders.

(4) Submit ICCVAM test recommendations for the test methods reviewed by the ICCVAM, through expeditious transmittal by the Secretary of Health and Human Services (Secretary) (or the designee of the Secretary), to each appropriate Federal agency, along with the identification of specific agency guidelines, recommendations, or regulations for a test methods, including batteries of tests and test screens, for chemicals or class of chemicals within a regulatory framework that may be appropriate for scientific improvement, while seeking to reduce, refine, or replace animal test methods.

(5) Consider for review and evaluation, petitions received from the public that—(A) identify a specific regulation, recommendation, or guideline regarding a regulatory mandate; and (B) recommend new or revised or alternative test methods and provide valid scientific evidence of the potential of the test method.

(6) Make available to the public final ICCVAM test recommendations to appropriate Federal agencies and the response from the agencies regarding these recommendations.

(7) Prepare reports to be made available to the public on its progress under the Act.

The SACATM will also provide advice to the Director of the NIEHS and the NICEATM on activities and directives relating to the NICEATM in three areas:

(1) Priorities and opportunities for alternative test methods that may provide improved prediction of adverse health effects compared to currently used methods or advantages in terms of reduced expense and time, reduced animal use, and reduced animal pain and distress;

(2) Development and implementation of more effective and efficient processes for determining the scientific validity and acceptability of proposed new test methods; and

(3) Ways to foster more effective and productive interactions between Federal

agencies and other involved stakeholders, including test method developers.

Future meetings of the SACATM will be posted on the NICEATM/ICCVAM web site (<http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov>) and announced in the **Federal Register**. Additional information about the ICCVAM and the NICEATM is also available on the web.

Dated: March 1, 2002.

Kenneth Olden,

Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ID-080-1210-PG]

Resource Advisory Council Meeting; Idaho

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Section 309 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of October 21, 1976, (Pub. L. 94-579, 90 Stat. 2767, 43 U.S.C. 1739), as amended, and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), as amended (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., App.), the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announces the meeting of the Upper Columbia-Salmon Clearwater District Resource Advisory Council (Council) on Wednesday, March 27, 2002 and Thursday, March 28, 2002, in Missoula, Montana.

The Council's responsibilities include providing recommendations concerning long-range planning and establishing resource management priorities. Agenda items will include: Introduction of new members, election of officers, review of past accomplishments, Idaho BLM table of organization, and identification of future issues.

DATES: Wednesday, March 27, 2002 from 8:00 a.m. (MST) to 4:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 28, 2002 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the C'mon Inn, 2775 Expo Parkway, Missoula, Montana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Snook, BLM Coeur d'Alene District Office, 1808 N. Third Street, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814. Phone (208) 769-5004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All Resource Advisory Council meetings are

open to the public. The public may address the Council during the public comment period from 3:00–3:30 p.m. on March 27, 2002. Interested persons may make oral statements to the Council during this time, or written statements may be submitted for the Council's consideration. Depending on the number of persons wishing to make oral statements, a per-person time limit may be established by the District Manager.

Dated: January 25, 2002.

Fritz U. Rennebaum,

District Manager.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NV–050–5853–EU]

Notice of Realty Action: Competitive Sale of Public Lands in Clark County, NV

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: The following lands have been designated for disposal under Public Law 105–263, the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2343); they will be sold competitively in accordance with section 203 and section 209 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2750, 43 U.S.C. 1713 and 1719) at not less than the appraised fair market value (FMV).

Mount Diablo Meridian, Nevada

T. 20 S., R. 59 E.,

Sec. 1, NE¹/₄NW¹/₄SW¹/₄,
E¹/₂SE¹/₄NW¹/₄SW¹/₄, E¹/₂E¹/₂SW¹/₄SW¹/₄,
W¹/₂NW¹/₄SE¹/₄SW¹/₄,
W¹/₂SE¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 12, W¹/₂NW¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄,
W¹/₂NE¹/₄NW¹/₄NE¹/₄, NW¹/₄SE¹/₄NW¹/₄,
W¹/₂SW¹/₄SE¹/₄NW¹/₄,
E¹/₂SW¹/₄NE¹/₄SW¹/₄,
W¹/₂SE¹/₄NE¹/₄SW¹/₄, SE¹/₄SE¹/₄NW¹/₄.

T. 19 S., R. 60 E.,

Sec. 18, Lots 5, 6, 9, 11, 17,
W¹/₂NW¹/₄NE¹/₄NW¹/₄,
E¹/₂NW¹/₄SE¹/₄NW¹/₄,
E¹/₂SE¹/₄SE¹/₄NW¹/₄.

T. 22 S., R. 60 E.,

Sec. 13, SW¹/₄NE¹/₄SE¹/₄NE¹/₄;
Sec. 14, SW¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄SW¹/₄,
W¹/₂SW¹/₄SW¹/₄NW¹/₄SE¹/₄,
NW¹/₄NE¹/₄NW¹/₄SE¹/₄,
SE¹/₄NE¹/₄NW¹/₄SE¹/₄,
NW¹/₄NW¹/₄NE¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 15, N¹/₂NE¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄SW¹/₄,
S¹/₂NE¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄SW¹/₄,
SE¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄SW¹/₄,
E¹/₂SE¹/₄SE¹/₄NE¹/₄;

Sec. 18, SE¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 20, N¹/₂NW¹/₄SE¹/₄SW¹/₄NE¹/₄,
S¹/₂NE¹/₄NE¹/₄NW¹/₄,

SE¹/₄NW¹/₄NE¹/₄NW¹/₄;

Sec. 23, NE¹/₄NE¹/₄SE¹/₄NW¹/₄;

Sec. 24, SE¹/₄SW¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄,

SW¹/₄SE¹/₄NE¹/₄NE¹/₄;

Sec. 26, E¹/₂NW¹/₄NW¹/₄SE¹/₄,
W¹/₂SW¹/₄NW¹/₄SE¹/₄, NW¹/₄NE¹/₄SE¹/₄,
W¹/₂SW¹/₄NE¹/₄SE¹/₄.

T. 22 S., R. 61 E.,

Sec. 28, Lots 65, 66;

Sec. 29, SE¹/₄SE¹/₄SW¹/₄NE¹/₄,

W¹/₂NE¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄,

E¹/₂NE¹/₄NW¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄,

NE¹/₄SE¹/₄SW¹/₄SE¹/₄;

Sec. 33, SW¹/₄SW¹/₄NW¹/₄NE¹/₄,

NW¹/₄NW¹/₄SW¹/₄NE¹/₄.

Totaling 216.25 gross acres.

In addition to the lands described herein, parcels that have been published in a previous Notice of Realty Action (NORA), and were previously offered but did not sell, may be re-offered at this sale.

When the land is sold, conveyance of the locatable mineral interests will occur simultaneously with the sale of the land. The locatable mineral interests being offered have no known mineral value. Acceptance of a sale offer will constitute an application for conveyance of those mineral interests. In conjunction with the final payment, the applicant will be required to pay a \$50.00 non-refundable filing fee for processing the conveyance of the locatable mineral interests.

The terms and conditions applicable to the sale are as follows:

All Parcels Subject to the Following

1. All leaseable and saleable mineral deposits are reserved on land sold; permittees, licensees, and lessees retain the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the minerals owned by the United States under applicable law and any regulations that the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, including all necessary access and exit rights.

2. A right-of-way is reserved for ditches and canals constructed by authority of the United States under the Act of August 30, 1890 (43 U.S.C. 945).

3. All land parcels are subject to all valid existing rights. Parcels may also be subject to applications received prior to publication of this Notice if processing the application would have no adverse effect on the appraised FMV.

Encumbrances of record are available for review during business hours, 7:30 AM to 4:15 PM, PDT, Monday through Friday, at the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas Field Office, 4701 North Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV.

4. All land parcels are subject to reservations for roads, public utilities and flood control purposes, both

existing and proposed, in accordance with the local governing entities' Transportation Plans.

5. All purchasers/patentees, by accepting a patent, agree to indemnify, defend, and hold the United States harmless from any costs, damages, claims, causes of action, penalties, fines, liabilities, and judgements of any kind or nature arising from the past, present, and future acts or omissions of the patentee or their employees, agents, contractors, or lessees, or any third-party, arising out of or in connection with the patentee's use, occupancy, or operations on the patented real property. This indemnification and hold harmless agreement includes, but is not limited to, acts and omissions of the patentee and their employees, agents, contractors, or lessees, or any third party, arising out of or in connection with the use and/or occupancy of the patented real property which has already resulted or does hereafter result in: (1) Violations of federal, state, and local laws and regulations that are now or may in the future become, applicable to the real property; (2) Judgements, claims or demands of any kind assessed against the United States; (3) Costs, expenses, or damages of any kind incurred by the United States; (4) Other releases or threatened releases of solid or hazardous waste(s) and/or hazardous substances(s), as defined by federal or state environmental laws; off, on, into or under land, property and other interests of the United States; (5) Other activities by which solids or hazardous substances or wastes, as defined by federal and state environmental laws are generated, released, stored, used or otherwise disposed of on the patented real property, and any cleanup response, remedial action or other actions related in any manner to said solid or hazardous substances or wastes; or (6) Natural resource damages as defined by federal and state law. This covenant shall be construed as running with the patented real property and may be enforced by the United States in a court of competent jurisdiction.

Maps delineating the individual sale parcels will be available for public review at the BLM Las Vegas Field Office on or about February 14, 2002. Appraisals for each parcel will be available for public review at the Las Vegas Field Office on or about March 14, 2002.

Each parcel will be offered by sealed bid, and at oral auction. All sealed bids must be received at the BLM Las Vegas Field Office (LVFO), 4701 N. Torrey Pines Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89130, no later than 4:15 PM, PDT, May 10, 2002. Sealed bid envelopes must be marked