

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, NIDCD.

*Date:* March 26, 2004.

*Open:* 7:45 a.m. to 8 a.m.

*Agenda:* Reports from Institute Staff.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 5 Research Court, Rockville, MD 20850.

*Closed:* 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

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

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 5 Research Court, Rockville, MD 20850.

*Contact Person:* Robert J. Wenthold, PhD, Director, Division of Intramural Research, National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, 5 Research Court, Room 2B28, Rockville, MD 20852, (301) 402-2829.

In the interest of security, NIH has instituted stringent procedures for entrance into the building by non-government employees. Persons without a government I.D. will need to show a photo I.D. and sign in at the security desk upon entering the building.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.173, Biological Research Related to Deafness and Communicative Disorders, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: February 10, 2004.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

*Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Public Health Service

#### National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS); National Toxicology Program (NTP); Biennial 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, "Biennial 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 two years by ICCVAM and the NTP Interagency Center on 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 (mail), 919-541-2384 (phone), 919-541-0947 (fax), or [niceatm@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:niceatm@niehs.nih.gov) (e-mail). 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 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, development of test recommendations based on those technical evaluations, and forwarding 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 biennial reports on its progress and to make these available to the public. Information about ICCVAM can be found on the Internet at: <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/>.

Dated: February 16, 2004.

**Kenneth Olden,**

*Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

#### Center for Substance Abuse Prevention; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to Pub. L. 92-463, notice is hereby given of a Teleconference Meeting of the SAMHSA Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) National Advisory Council to be held in March 2004.

The Teleconference Meeting will be open and include discussion of the Center's policy issues and current administrative and program developments.

A summary of this meeting, a roster of committee members and substantive program information may be obtained from Carol Watkins, Executive Secretary, Rockwall II Building, Suite

900, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone: (301) 443-9542. Public comments are welcome. Please communicate with the individual listed below as contact for guidance.

If anyone needs special accommodations for persons with disabilities, please notify the contact listed below.

*Committee Name:* SAMHSA Center for Substance Abuse Prevention National Advisory Council.

*Meeting Date and Time:* OPEN—Tuesday, March 2, 2004, 2 p.m.—4 p.m.

*Place:* Conference Room I, 5515 Security Lane, Rockwall II, Rockville, Maryland, 20852, Telephone (301) 443-0365.

*Contact:* Carol D. Watkins, Executive Secretary, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockwall II Building, Suite 900, Rockville, Maryland 20857, Telephone: (301) 443-9542.

Dated: February 11, 2004.

**Toian Vaughn,**

*Executive Secretary/Committee Management Officer, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

[USCG-2004-17110]

#### Navigation Safety Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Navigation Safety Advisory Council (NAVSAC) will meet in Galveston, TX to discuss various issues relating to the safety of navigation. The meeting will be open to the public.

**DATES:** The NAVSAC will meet on Monday and Tuesday, March 8 and 9, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Wednesday, March 10, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. The meeting may close early if all business is finished. Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard on or before March 3, 2004. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee should reach the Coast Guard on or before February 27, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** NAVSAC will meet at The Tremont House, 2300 Ships Mechanic Row, Galveston, TX 77550. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Margie Hegy, Commandant (G-MW), U.S. Coast

Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Margie Hegy, Executive Director of GLPAC, telephone 202-267-0415, fax 202-267-4700.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of the meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

**Agenda of Meeting**

The agenda includes the following:

(1) Navigation and Safety Issues Associated with Containers Overboard.

(2) Obstructions in Anchorages and Fairways.

(3) Update on Ballast Water Issues.

(4) Marine Mammal Interface with Commercial Shipping.

(5) Inland Navigation Rules 18(f) and 34(h), and Annex 3—are changes needed in light of International Rules Amendments and the Automatic Identification System (AIS)?

(6) Visibility from the Wheelhouse of Towing Vessels.

(7) General Services Administration (GSA) Stakeholder Engagement Survey Report and NAVSAC's Business Plan.

(8) Update on Vessel Traffic Management and AIS.

(9) Update on the Marine Transportation System (MTS).

(10) Transportation Research Board of the National Academies' Special Report on "The Marine Transportation System and the Federal Role".

**Procedural**

The meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may close early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. If you would like to make an oral presentation at the meeting, please notify the Executive Director no later than March 3, 2004. Written material for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than March 3, 2004. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meeting, please submit 25 copies to Margie Hegy at the address in the **ADDRESSES** section no later than February 27, 2004.

**Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities**

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact the Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: February 13, 2004.

**L.L. Hereth,**

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety, Security and Environmental Protection.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

**Coast Guard**

**[USCG-2004-17090]**

**Towing Safety Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC) and its working groups will meet as required to discuss various issues relating to shallow-draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety. All meetings will be open to the public.

**DATES:** TSAC will meet on Wednesday, March 17, 2004, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The working groups will meet on the previous day, Tuesday, March 16, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. These meetings may close early if all business is finished. Written material for and requests to make oral presentations at the meetings should reach the Coast Guard on or before March 8, 2004. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the Committee or working groups prior to the meetings should reach the Coast Guard on or before March 3, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** TSAC will meet in Room 2415, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The working groups will first meet in the same room and then, if necessary, move to separate spaces designated at that time. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Mr. Gerald P. Miente, Commandant (G-MSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, G-MSO-1, Room 1210, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. This notice and related documents are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov> under the docket number USCG-2004-17090.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Gerald P. Miente, Assistant Executive Director, telephone 202-267-0214, fax 202-267-4570, or e-mail at: [gmiente@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:gmiente@comdt.uscg.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5

U.S.C. App. 2 (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770, as amended).

**Agenda of Committee Meeting**

The agenda tentatively includes the following items:

(1) Status Report of the Crew Alertness Working Group.

(2) Status Report of the Towing Vessel Regulatory Review Working Group.

(3) Status Report of the Maritime Security Working Group.

(4) Status Report of the Commercial/Recreational Boating Interface Working Group.

(5) Status Report of the Ammonium Nitrate Working Group.

(6) Status Report of the Mariner Deaths during Nighttime Barge Fleeting Operations Working Group.

(7) Status Report of the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers, 1978, as amended (STCW) Implementation Working Group.

(8) Presentation on International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code Compliance and Change 3 to Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular (NVIC) 11-93.

(9) Presentation on Electronic Notice of Arrival.

(10) Presentation on Oversize and Overloaded Tows.

(11) Presentation on Record Keeping for Designated Examiners.

(12) Presentation on National Maritime Center (NMC) and Regional Exam Center (REC) Reorganization.

**Procedural**

All meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may close early if all business is finished. Members of the public may make oral presentations during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, please notify the Assistant Executive Director no later than March 8, 2004. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than March 8, 2004. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the Committee or Working Groups in advance of a meeting, please submit 20 copies to the Assistant Executive Director no later than March 3, 2004. You may also submit this material electronically to the e-mail address in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, no later than March 8, 2004.

**Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities**

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