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Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: <http://www.niehs.nih.gov/dert/c-agenda.htm>, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

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LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Prospective Grant of Exclusive License: Human Monoclonal Antibody Therapeutics for the Treatment of Hepatitis C (HCV) Infections

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i), that the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services, is contemplating the grant of an exclusive license to practice the invention embodied in: United States Patent Application 60/250,561 and its foreign equivalents entitled "Monoclonal Antibodies Specific For The E2 Glycoprotein Of Hepatitis C Virus and Their Use In The Diagnosis, Treatment, and Prevention of HCV" filed December 1, 2000, to Biolex, Inc., having a place of business in Pittsboro, NC. The patent rights in this invention have been assigned to the United States of America.

DATES: Only written comments and/or application for a license which are received by the NIH Office of Technology Transfer on or before June 14, 2004, will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Requests for a copy of the patent application, inquiries, comments and other materials relating to the contemplated license should be directed to: Susan Ano, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, MD 20852-3804; e-mail: anos@mail.nih.gov; telephone: (301) 435-5515; facsimile: (301) 402-0220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The prospective exclusive license will be royalty bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within 60 days from the date of this published notice, NIH receives written evidence and argument that establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

This invention relates to human monoclonal antibodies that exhibit immunological binding affinity for the hepatitis C virus E2 glycoprotein and are cross-reactive against different hepatitis C virus (HCV) strains. These antibodies may be used in passive immunoprophylaxis for the prevention of hepatitis C virus infection and/or in passive immunotherapy for the treatment of hepatitis C.

The licensed territory will be worldwide excluding Europe, India, and Japan. This notice should be considered a modification of the **Federal Register** notice originally published in 68 FR 10744, March 6, 2003.

The field of use may be limited to development of human monoclonal antibody biotherapeutics for the prevention and/or treatment of HCV infections.

Properly filed competing applications for a license filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the contemplated license. Comments and objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available for public inspection, and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: April 7, 2004.

Steven M. Ferguson,

Director, Division of Technology Development and Transfer, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Truckee River Operating Agreement, California and Nevada

AGENCY: U.S. Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a revised draft environmental impact statement/environmental impact report.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the California State CEQA guidelines, the U.S. Department of the Interior (Interior) and the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) intend to prepare a revised draft environmental impact statement/environmental impact report (revised Draft EIS/EIR) for the Draft Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA) which would implement Section 205(a) of the Truckee-Carson-Pyramid Lake Water Rights Settlement Act of 1990, Title II of Pub. L. 101-618 (Settlement Act). Scoping meetings were held for the original draft EIS/EIR and no additional scoping meetings are planned.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Parr, Reclamation, telephone: 775-882-3436, TDD 775-882-3436, or fax 775-882-7592; or Michael Cooney, DWR, telephone: 916-227-7606. Information is also available at Reclamation's Web site at: <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/troa/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 205(a) of the Settlement Act directs the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary), in conjunction with others, to negotiate an operating agreement governing operation of federal Truckee River reservoirs and other specified matters. Interior, U.S. Department of Justice, States of California and Nevada, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Sierra Pacific Power Company, Truckee Meadows Water Authority, and other entities in California and Nevada completed a draft of the TROA in October 2003. The Draft TROA is the first of a number of steps required before TROA can be implemented. The Draft TROA is now available to the public in advance of completion of the revised