

accepted by the committee, presentations may be limited to five minutes. Both printed and electronic copies are requested for the record. In addition, any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding their 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.

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.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: <http://www.drugabuse.gov/NACDA/NACDAHome.html>, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.277, Drug Abuse Scientist Development Award for Clinicians, Scientist Development Awards, and Research Scientist Awards; 93.278, Drug Abuse National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.279, Drug Abuse Research Programs, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: August 6, 2004.

**Anna P. Snouffer,**

*Acting Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Dental & Craniofacial Research; Notice of Closed Meeting

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 meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The other and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the other, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research Special Emphasis Panel 04-65, Review of U24 Reports.

*Date:* August 26, 2004.

*Time:* 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate review of U24 Reports.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone conference call).

*Contact Person:* Sooyoun (Sonia) Kim, MS, Associate SRA, Scientific Review Branch, Division of Extramural Research, National Inst. of Dental & Craniofacial Research, National Institute of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 594-4872.

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

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.121, Oral Diseases and Disorders Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Closed Meeting

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 meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Diseases Research Opportunities.

*Date:* September 3, 2004.

*Time:* 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6130 Executive Blvd., Room 3143, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone conference call.)

*Contact Person:* Eleazar Cohen PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Scientific Review Program, Division of Extramural Activities, NIAID/NIH/DHHS, Room 3129, 6700 B Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (301) 435-3564, [ec17w@nih.gov](mailto:ec17w@nih.gov).

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.855, Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation Research; 93.856, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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**Anna P. Snouffer,**

*Acting Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and Border Protection and Related Functions (COAC)

**ACTION:** Notice of committee renewal and request for applications for membership.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Department of the Treasury are providing this notice of the renewal of the charter for the Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and Border Protection and Related Functions (COAC). This notice also requests qualified individuals interested in serving on this committee to apply for membership.

**DATES:** Applications for membership should reach the office on or before September 15, 2004. Applications should be submitted in sufficient time to be received by the close of business on the closing date.

**ADDRESSES:** You may request a copy of the COAC's charter or file an application for COAC membership by writing to Ms. Monica Frazier, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Border and Transportation Security, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528 Attn: COAC 2004. Facsimile applications are acceptable, sent to 571-227-1937—Attn: COAC 2004. Contact Ms. Frazier with any questions at 571-227-3977.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Monica Frazier, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Border and Transportation Security, Department of Homeland Security, Washington, DC 20528, telephone 571-227-3977; facsimile 571-227-1937.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and the Secretary of the Treasury have determined that the renewal of the Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and Border Protection and

Related Functions (COAC) is necessary and in the public interest in connection with the duties of the respective Departments. This determination follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration.

*Name of Committee:* Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and Border Protection and Related Functions (COAC).

*Purpose and Objective:* The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice to the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Homeland Security on all matters involving the commercial operations of bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and related functions within DHS or Treasury and to submit an annual report to Congress describing its operations and setting forth any recommendations. The Committee provides a critical and unique forum for distinguished representatives of diverse industry sectors to present their views and advice directly to senior Treasury, DHS, and customs officials. This is done on a regular basis in an open and candid atmosphere.

*Duration:* Continuing.

*Balanced Membership Plans:* The members will be selected by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Homeland Security jointly from representatives of the trade and transportation community that do business with CBP, or others who are directly affected by customs commercial operations and related functions. In addition, members shall represent major regions of the country, and, by statute, not more than ten members may be affiliated with the same political party.

### Background

In the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-203), Congress directed the Secretary of the Treasury to create an Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of the Customs Service. The Committee is to consist of 20 members drawn from industry sectors affected by Customs commercial operations with balanced political party affiliations. The Committee's first two-year charter was filed on October 17, 1988, and the committee has been renewed seven times since then.

With the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, the Secretary of the Treasury delegated a joint chair and Committee management role to the Secretary of Homeland Security (*see* 19 CFR Part 0 Appx.). Under this delegation, and pursuant to sections 412(a)(1) and 1512(d) of the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-296),

the Committee's name is being changed to the Departmental Advisory Committee on Commercial Operations of Customs and Border Protection.

Due to the importance and usefulness of this Committee to both Departments, DHS and Treasury are revising the Committee's charter to provide the Committee discretion to advise not only on the commercial operations of CBP, but also on the related functions of DHS and Treasury.

It is expected that, during its ninth two-year term, the Committee will consider issues relating to enhanced border and cargo supply chain security. COAC will continue to provide advice and report such matters as on customs modernization and automation, informed compliance and compliance assessment, account-based processing, commercial enforcement and uniformity, international efforts to harmonize customs practices and procedures, strategic planning, northern border and southern border issues, and relationships with foreign customs authorities.

Both DHS and Treasury have functions related to CBP commercial operations, such as Coast Guard operations involving vessels in international commerce, the Transportation Security Administration's operations affecting international commerce and transportation security, and Treasury regulatory and policy functions related to the customs revenue functions. Accordingly, DHS and Treasury have determined to empower COAC to provide advice and report on not only CBP commercial operations as such, but also those other DHS or Treasury functions that are related to those operations to ensure both Departments and Congress have the perspective of the COAC on the range of critical issues relating to CBP's commercial operations functions.

### Committee Membership

Membership on the Committee is personal to the appointee and is concurrent with the two-year duration of the charter for the ninth term. Under the Charter, a member may not send an alternate to represent him or her at a Committee meeting. However, since Committee meetings are open to the public, another person from a member's organization may attend and observe the proceedings in a nonparticipating capacity. Regular attendance is essential; the Charter provides that a member who is absent for two consecutive meetings or two meetings in a calendar year shall be recommended for replacement on the Committee.

No person who is required to register under the Foreign Agents Registration Act as an agent or representative of a foreign principal may serve on this advisory committee.

Members who are currently serving on the Committee are eligible to reapply for membership provided that they are not in their second consecutive term and that they have met attendance requirements. A new application letter (*see* addresses) is required, but it can incorporate by reference materials previously filed (please attach courtesy copies).

Members will not be paid compensation by the Federal Government for their services with respect to the COAC, nor shall they be considered Federal Government employees for any purpose. No per diem, transportation, or other expenses are reimbursed by the Federal Government for the expenses they incur in attending Committee meetings at any location.

### Application for Advisory Committee Appointment

There is no prescribed format for the application. Applicants may send a letter describing their interest and qualifications and enclose a resumé.

Any interested person wishing to serve on the (COAC) must provide the following:

- Statement of interest and reasons for application;
- Complete professional biography or resumé;
- Political affiliation, in order to ensure balanced representation. (Mandatory. If no party registration or allegiance exists, indicate "independent" or "unaffiliated").

DHS and Treasury are particularly interested in receiving applications from individuals with extensive experience in maritime cargo shipping. DHS and Treasury are also interested in receiving applications from individuals with extensive small business or small business association experience in the commercial operations of customs and related functions.

In addition, all applicants must state in their applications that they agree to submit to pre-appointment background and tax checks. (Mandatory). However, a national security clearance is not required for the position.

Dated: August 11, 2004.

**C. Stewart Verdery, Jr.,**

*Assistant Secretary (Border and Transportation Security Policy and Planning), Department of Homeland Security.*

**Timothy E. Skud,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary (Tax, Trade, and Tariff Policy), Department of the Treasury.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Coast Guard

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

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#### Pearl Crossing LNG Terminal LLC Liquefied Natural Gas Deepwater Port License Application; Preparation of Environmental Impact Statement

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS; and Maritime Administration, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent; notice of public meeting; and request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration ("MARAD") announce that the Coast Guard intends to prepare an environmental impact statement ("EIS") as part of the environmental review of the license application for the proposed Pearl Crossing LNG Terminal deepwater port, to be located approximately 41 miles (66 kilometers) southeast of Cameron, Louisiana, with its associated onshore and offshore components. Onshore components include pipelines, pipeline shore crossings, and a graving dock. Proposed locations for the graving dock are near Corpus Christi, Texas, and Freeport, Texas. Publication of this notice begins a public scoping process that will help determine the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS and identify the significant environmental issues related to this license application. Finally, this notice solicits public involvement in the scoping process, and announces public meetings and a public comment period to facilitate that involvement.

**DATES:** The public meetings will be held August 30 and 31, and September 1 and 2, 2004, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Lake Charles, Louisiana; Orange, Texas; Lake Jackson, Texas; and Port Aransas, Texas, respectively. Each meeting will consist of an informational open house, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and a public scoping

meeting, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. All meeting spaces will be wheelchair-accessible. Comments and related material must reach the docket on or before September 15, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** *The Lake Charles informational open house and public meeting will be held at:* Lake Charles Civic Center, Contraband Room, 900 Lakeshore Drive, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70602; (337) 491-1256.

*The Orange, Texas informational open house and public meeting will be held at:* Thomen Community Center, 1413 North 20th Street, Orange, Texas 77630; (409) 883-1017.

*The Lake Jackson, Texas informational open house and public meeting will be held at:* Brazosport College, Room K-101, 500 College Drive, Lake Jackson, Texas 77566; (979) 230-3000.

*The Port Aransas, Texas informational open house and public meeting will be held at:* City of Port Aransas Civic Center, 710 W. Avenue A, Port Aransas, Texas 78373; (361) 749-4111.

You need not attend the meetings in order to comment. You may also submit comments identified by docket number USCG-2004-18474 to the Docket Management Facility at the U.S. Department of Transportation. *To avoid duplication, please use only one of the following methods:*

(1) Electronically through the Web site for the Docket Management System, at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

(2) By mail to the Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at (202) 493-2251.

(4) By delivery to Room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 366-9329.

(5) By the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov/>.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this notice. Comments and material received from the public will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying in Room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. This docket may also be found on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** If you have questions on the application,

this notice, or the meetings, or if you want to be notified when the draft and final environmental impact statements become available, contact Lieutenant Ken Kusano, U.S. Coast Guard, at (202) 267-1184 or e-mail at [Kkusano@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:Kkusano@comdt.uscg.mil). If you have questions regarding the National Environmental Policy Act ("NEPA") process, contact Joan Lang, at (202) 267-2498 or e-mail at [Jlang@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:Jlang@comdt.uscg.mil). If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Andrea M. Jenkins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone (202) 366-0271.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Scoping Meetings and Request for Comments

We seek public review of and comment on this license application, particularly with respect to the environmental review discussed in this notice. Public input on environmental concerns related to the application, suggested sources of relevant data, and suggested methods for environmental analysis are especially welcome.

The Coast Guard will hold informational open houses and scoping meetings for interested members of the public, as described under **DATES** and **ADDRESSES**. Meeting facilities are wheelchair accessible. If you need other special assistance in order to participate in these sessions (for example, sign language interpretation), please contact the person named in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, and we will try to make reasonable accommodation for your needs. We ask that you make such requests at least three (3) business days before the scheduled meeting. Include a contact person's name and telephone number, your specific need, and (for persons with hearing impairments) a TDD number.

If you submit comments or related material to the docket (*see DATES and ADDRESSES*), please make your comment as specific as possible and give us the reasons for each comment. If you mail or hand-deliver printed documents, please submit them unbound and in a format suitable for copying and electronic filing, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches. If you submit comments or material by mail and want confirmation that it has reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. All comments received will be posted, without change, to <http://dms.dot.gov/> and will include any personal information you have provided.