fulfill the purpose and need to provide national biocontainment facilities. Other relevant factors included in the decision, such as NIAID's mandate to conduct and support research on agents of emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, were carefully considered.

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Notice of Meeting: Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetics, Health, and Society

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Time will be provided each day for public comments. The Committee would welcome hearing from anyone wishing to provide public comment on any issue related to genetics, health and society. Individuals who would like to provide public comment or who plan to attend the meeting and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the SACGHS Executive Secretary, Ms. Sarah Carr, by telephone at 301–496–9838 or e-mail at *sc112@nih.gov*. The SACGHS office is located at 6705 Rockledge Drive, Suite 750, Bethesda, MD 20892.

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Acting Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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