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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Prospective Grant of Exclusive License: The Development of Human Therapeutics for the Treatment of Depression

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR Part 404.7(a)(1)(i), that the National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, is contemplating the grant of an exclusive patent license to practice the inventions embodied in U.S. Patent Application 11/137,114 entitled "Scopolamine For The Treatment Of Depression And Anxiety" [HHS Ref. E-175-2004/0-US-01], PCT Application PCT/US2006/019335 [HHS Ref. E-175-2004/0-PCT-02] and all continuing applications and foreign counterparts (Europe, Australia and Canada), to Transcept Pharmaceuticals, Inc., which has offices in Pt. Richmond, CA. The patent rights in these inventions have been assigned to and/or exclusively licensed to the Government of the United States of America.

The prospective exclusive license territory may be worldwide, and the field of use may be limited to:

A worldwide exclusive license for the use of scopolamine for treatment of depression, including major depressive disorders (MDD), wherein the administration of scopolamine is intravenous, through the buccal membrane, intranasal, intramuscular or through a skin patch.

DATES: Only written comments and/or applications for a license which are received by the NIH Office of Technology Transfer on or before October 3, 2008, will be considered.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the patent application, inquiries, comments, and other materials relating to the contemplated exclusive license should be directed to: David A. Lambertson, Ph.D., Technology Licensing Specialist,

Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, MD 20852-3804; Telephone: (301) 435-4632; Facsimile: (301) 402-0220; E-mail: lambertsond@od.nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The invention concerns the use of scopolamine for the treatment of depression, including major depressive disorders (MDD). Although scopolamine has been employed in the treatment of nausea and motion sickness, the suitability of scopolamine for treating MDD was unrecognized prior to this invention. Current MDD treatments can be ineffective in large percentage of patients and typically do not take effect until 4 weeks after administration. In contrast, treatment with scopolamine has a wide-ranging and rapid effect, suggesting it can be effective either as a stand alone treatment or as a treatment for patients who are unresponsive to currently available drugs.

A Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) is simultaneously being negotiated to accompany the exclusive license agreement. The CRADA will involve the further development of the licensed technology between the National Institute of Mental Health and Transcept.

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 part 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless within sixty (60) days from the date of this published notice, the 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 part 404.7.

Applications for a license in the field of use filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated exclusive license. Applicants may also contact the National Institute of Mental Health regarding the CRADA opportunity. Comments and objections submitted 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.

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Richard U. Rodriguez,

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[Docket No. USCG-2008-0521]

National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard, the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Minerals Management Service, in concert with representatives from various State governments, industry, environmental interest groups, and the general public, developed the National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP) Guidelines to reflect the consensus agreement of the entire oil spill response community. This notice announces the PREP 5-year exercise cycle, 2009 through 2013, and requests comments from the public, and requests volunteers from industry to participate in the scheduled PREP Area exercises. The new schedule adjustment from 3 years to 5 years was created to align with the Department of Homeland Security's National Exercise 5-year Schedule.

DATES: Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before October 3, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Coast Guard docket number USCG-2008-0521 to the Docket Management Facility at the U.S. Department of Transportation. To avoid duplication, please use only one of the following methods:

(1) *Online:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

(2) *Mail:* Docket Management Facility (M-30), U.S. Department of Transportation, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12-140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(3) *Hand delivery:* Same as mail address above, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

(4) *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notice, or need general information regarding the PREP or the 5-year exercise schedule, contact Lieutenant Shawn Essert, Office of Contingency Exercises (CG-535), U.S. Coast Guard, telephone 202-372-2149, or e-mail shawn.g.essert@uscg.mil. If

you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Ms. Renee V. Wright, Program Manager, Docket Operations, telephone 202-366-9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Public Participation and Request for Comments

We encourage you to respond to this notice by submitting comments and related materials. All comments received will be posted, without change, to <http://www.regulations.gov> and will include any personal information you provide. We have an agreement with the Department of Transportation to use their Docket Management Facility.

Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (USCG-2008-0521), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. We recommend that you include your name and a mailing address, an e-mail address, or a phone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission. You may submit your comments and material by electronic means, mail, fax, or delivery to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**; but please submit your comments and material by only one means. If you submit them by mail or delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know that they reached the Facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. We may change this 5-year exercise schedule, as well as other elements of the PREP, in light of your comments.

Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time. Enter the docket number for this notice (USCG-2008-0521) in the Search box, and click "Go>>." If you do not have access to the Internet, you may view the docket online by visiting the Docket Management Facility in Room W12-140 on the ground floor of the Department of Transportation West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review a Privacy Act, system of records notice regarding our public dockets in the January 17, 2008 issue of the **Federal Register** (73 FR 3316).

Background and Purpose

In 1994, the United States Coast Guard (USCG), the Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA) of the Department of Transportation, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Minerals Management Service (MMS) of the Department of the Interior, coordinated the development of the National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP) Guidelines to ensure compliance with the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) pollution response exercise requirements (33 U.S.C. 1321(j)). The guiding principles of PREP distinguish between internal and external exercises. Internal exercises are conducted within the planholder's organization. External exercises extend beyond the planholder's organization to involve other members of the response community. External exercises are separated into two categories: Area exercises, and Government-initiated, unannounced exercises. External exercises are designed to evaluate the entire pollution response mechanism in a given geographic Area to ensure adequate response preparedness.

Area exercises involve the entire response community including Federal, State, local, tribal, and non-government organizations, and industry participants; therefore, these Area exercises require more extensive planning than other oil spill response exercises. The PREP Guidelines describe all of these exercises in more detail.

A National Schedule Coordination Committee (NSCC) was established for scheduling Area exercises. The NSCC is comprised of personnel representing the four Federal regulating agencies—the USCG, EPA, MMS, and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA) Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS). Since 1994, the NSCC published a triennial schedule of Area exercises. Starting in 2008, NSCC will publish a schedule of Area exercises every 5 years.

Source for PREP Documents

The PREP Area exercise schedule and exercise design manuals are available on

the Internet at <http://homeport.uscg.mil/exercises>. To obtain a hard copy of the exercise design manual, contact Ms. Melanie Barber at PHMSA, Office of Pipeline Safety at 202-366-4560.

PREP Schedule

This notice announces the next 5-year schedule of the Area exercises. The PREP schedule for calendar years 2009 through 2013 for Government-led and Industry-led Area exercises is available on the Internet in the docket for this notice at <http://www.regulations.gov> and at <http://homeport.uscg.mil/exercises> under Port Level Exercises. Any revisions to the schedule will appear on the <http://homeport.uscg.mil> Web site. We have included a table listing the dates and **Federal Register** cites of past PREP exercise notices in our online docket for those who wish to compare this 2009-2013 schedule with past schedules.

If a company wants to volunteer for an Area exercise, a company representative may call either the Coast Guard or EPA on-scene coordinator for times and locations. If you have concerns or recommended improvements to the Government-led PREP exercises, please submit those using the procedures described under the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice.

Dated: July 24, 2008.

Joseph R. Castillo,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Director of Response Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Transportation Security Administration

New Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review: Critical Facility Information of the Top 100 Most Critical Pipelines

AGENCY: Transportation Security Administration, DHS.

ACTION: 30-day Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has forwarded the new Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden. TSA published a **Federal Register** notice, with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments, of the following collection of