

Regional Administrator, NMFS, immediately. Seismic operations will then be postponed until NMFS is able to review the circumstances and work with SIO to determine whether modifications in the activities are appropriate and necessary.

Endangered Species Act (ESA)

Pursuant to section 7 of the ESA, NSF has consulted with the NMFS, Office of Protected Resources, Endangered Species Division on this seismic survey. NMFS has also consulted internally pursuant to section 7 of the ESA on the issuance of an IHA under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA for this activity. NMFS has issued a Biological Opinion (BiOp), which concluded that the proposed action and issuance of an IHA are not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of blue, fin, humpback and sperm whales and green, leatherback, loggerhead, and olive ridley sea turtles. The BiOp also concluded that the proposed action would have no effect on critical habitat since none has been designated within the action area. An incidental take statement (ITS) has been issued for the take of blue, fin, humpback, and sperm whales and green, leatherback, loggerhead, and olive ridley sea turtles. Relevant Terms and Conditions of the ITS have been incorporated into the IHA.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

NSF prepared an Environmental Assessment of a Marine Geophysical Survey by the R/V *Melville* in the Santa Barbara Channel, November 2008. NMFS has adopted NSF's EA and issued a Finding of No Significant Impact for the issuance of the IHA.

Determinations

NMFS has determined that the impact of conducting a low-energy seismic survey in the Santa Barbara Channel in November may result, at worst, in a temporary modification in behavior (Level B Harassment) of small numbers of 14 species of cetaceans and 2 species of pinnipeds. This activity is expected to result in a negligible impact on the affected species or stocks. The provision requiring that the activity not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the affected species or stock for subsistence uses does not apply for this action.

This negligible impact determination is supported by: (1) the likelihood that, given sufficient notice through relatively slow ship speed, marine mammals are expected to move away from a noise source that is annoying prior to it becoming potentially

injurious; (2) during airgun use, marine mammals would have to be closer than 35 m (114 ft) in waters 100–1000 m (the water depth for this survey) from the vessel to be exposed to levels of sound (180 dB) believed to have even a minimal chance of causing TTS; (3) during boomer or sparker use, marine mammals would have to be closer than 28 m (91 ft) from the vessel to be exposed to levels of sound (180 dB) believed to have even a minimal chance of causing TTS; (4) the likelihood that marine mammal detection ability by trained observers is good at those distances from the vessel; and (5) the incorporation of other required mitigation measures (i.e., shutdown and delay requirements, vessel course and speed alterations). As a result, no take by injury or death is anticipated, and the potential for temporary or permanent hearing impairment will be avoided through the incorporation of the required mitigation measures.

While the number of potential incidental harassment takes will depend on the distribution and abundance of marine mammals in the vicinity of the survey activity, the number of potential harassment takings is estimated to be a small percent of any of the estimated population sizes, and has been mitigated to ensure the least impact practicable through incorporation of the measures mentioned previously in this document. In addition, there will not be an unmitigable impact on subsistence uses because there are none in the action area.

Authorization

As a result of these determinations, NMFS has issued an IHA to SIO for conducting a marine geophysical survey in the Santa Barbara Channel, November 2008, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

Dated: November 4, 2008.

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*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information

under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Patent and Trademark Financial Transactions.

Form Number(s): PTO–2038, PTO–2231, PTO–2232, PTO–2233, PTO–2234, PTO–2236.

Agency Approval Number: 0651–0043.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 49,795 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 1,647,133 responses per year.

Avg. Hours per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately two to six minutes (0.03 to 0.10 hours) to gather the necessary information, prepare the appropriate form or document, and submit the completed request.

Needs and Uses: Under 35 U.S.C. 41 and 15 U.S.C. 1113, as implemented in 37 CFR 1.16–1.28, 2.6–2.7, and 2.206–2.209, the USPTO charges fees for processing and other services related to patents, trademarks, and information products. Customers may submit payments to the USPTO by several methods, including credit card, deposit account, electronic funds transfer (EFT), and paper check transactions. The public uses this collection to pay patent and trademark fees by credit card, establish and manage USPTO deposit accounts, request refunds, and set up user profiles. The USPTO uses this collection to process credit card payments, handle deposit account requests, issue refunds, and provide user accounts for EFT and other financial transactions.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, businesses or other for-profits, and not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Nicholas A. Fraser, e-mail:

Nicholas.A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov.

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through the Information Collection Review page at www.reginfo.gov.

Paper copies can be obtained by:

- *E-mail:* Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov.

Include “0651–0043 Patent and Trademark Financial Transactions copy request” in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 571–273–0112, marked to the attention of Susan K. Fawcett.

- *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services

Division, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before December 10, 2008 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via e-mail at Nicholas_A_Fraser@omb.eop.gov, or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: November 3, 2008.

Susan K. Fawcett,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Health Board (DHB) Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix as amended), the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150, and in accordance with section 10(a)(2) of Public Law, the following meeting of the Defense Health Board is announced:

DATES: November 20, 2008 (9 a.m.–12 p.m. EST (Open Session)).

ADDRESSES: Sheraton Crystal City, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Colonel Roger L. Gibson, Executive Secretary, Defense Health Board, Five Skyline Place, 5111 Leesburg Pike, Suite 810, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3206, (703) 681-8448, EXT. 1228, Fax: (703) 681-3317, roger.gibson@ha.osd.mil.

Additional information, agenda updates, and meeting registration are available online at the Defense Health Board Web site, <http://www.ha.osd.mil/dhb>. The public is encouraged to register for the meeting. If special accommodations are required to attend (sign language, wheelchair accessibility) please contact Ms. Lisa Jarrett at (703) 681-8448 ext. 1280 by November 12, 2008. Written statements may be mailed to the above address, e-mailed to dhb@ha.osd.mil or faxed to (703) 681-3317.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is to address pending issues before the Board and deliberate in

open session the status of reports by subcommittees.

Agenda: On November 20, 2008 the Board will receive updates and deliberate upon the findings from the following Defense Health Board (DHB) subcommittees: Military Occupational & Environmental Health and Medical Surveillance Subcommittee, the DHB Review Panel for the Establishment of the Joint Pathology Center, DHB Review Panel on the Department of Defense Biological Defense Research Program, and the National Capital Region Base Realignment And Closure (NCR BRAC) Advisory Panel.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.140 through 102-3.165 the Defense Health Board invites members of the public to attend the meeting from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon Eastern Standard Time on November 20, 2008. As an alternative to being present at this meeting, the public may access the DHB Web site to view the slides presented in real time at this location: <http://www.health.mil/dhb/default.cfm> and listen to the audio by dialing the following toll-free phone number: 1-877-771-5191.

Any member of the public wishing to provide input to the Defense Health Board may submit a written statement in accordance with 41 CFR 102-3.140(C) and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and the procedures described in this notice. Written statement should not be longer than two type-written pages and must address the following detail: The issue, discussion, and a recommended course of action. Supporting documentation may also be included as needed to establish the appropriate historical context and to provide any necessary background information.

Individuals desiring to submit a written statement may do so through the Board's Designated Federal Officer at the address detailed above at any point. However, if the written statement is not received at least 10 calendar days prior to the meeting, which is subject to this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the Defense Health Board until the next open meeting.

The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submissions with the Defense Health Board Chairperson, and ensure they are provided to members of the Defense Health Board before the meeting that is subject to this notice. After reviewing the written comments, the Chairperson and the Designated Federal Officer may choose to invite the submitter of the comments to orally present their issue during an open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting.

The Designated Federal Officer, in consultation with the Defense Health Board Chairperson, may, if desired, allot a specific amount of time for members of the public to present their issues for review and discussion by the Defense Health Board.

Dated: November 3, 2008.

Patricia L. Toppings,

OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Concerning Synthetic Stereoisomers of Hyperzine A for Protection Against Chemical Warfare Agents (CWA), CWA-Induced Seizures, and Other Neurological Seizures

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Announcement is made of the availability for licensing of the invention set forth in U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 61/104,388 entitled "Synthetic Stereoisomers of Hyperzine A for Protection Against Chemical Warfare Agents (CWA), CWA-Induced Seizures, and other Neurological Seizures," filed October 10, 2008. The United States Government, as represented by the Secretary of the Army, has rights in this invention.

ADDRESSES: Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, ATTN: Command Judge Advocate, MCMR-JA, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, MD 21702-5012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For patent issues, Ms. Elizabeth Arwine, Patent Attorney, (301) 619-7808. For licensing issues, Dr. Paul Mele, Office of Research & Technology Assessment, (301) 619-6664, both at telefax (301) 619-5034.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The invention comprises pre and/or post exposure treatment of a patient with [+]-Hyperzine A for chemical warfare nerve agent or organophosphate induced seizure/status epilepticus and neuropathology.

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Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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