DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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National Toxicology Program (NTP); Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction (CERHR); Availability of the Final Expert Panel Report on Soy Infant Formula; Request for Public Comment

AGENCY: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); HHS.

ACTION: Announcement of report availability and request for comment.

SUMMARY: CERHR announces the availability of the final expert panel report on soy infant formula on January 15, 2010, from the CERHR Web site (http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov) or in hardcopy from CERHR (see ADDRESSES below). The expert panel report is an evaluation of the developmental toxicity of soy infant formula and its predominant isoflavone constituents. CERHR selected soy infant formula for evaluation because of (1) The availability of numerous developmental toxicity studies in laboratory animals and humans, (2) The availability of information on exposures in infants, and (3) Public concern for effects on infant or child development.

Following receipt of public comments on the final expert panel report on soy infant formula, CERHR staff will prepare the NTP monograph. NTP monographs are divided into three major sections: (1) The NTP Brief that provides the NTP’s interpretation of the potential for the substance to cause adverse reproductive and/or developmental effects in exposed humans, (2) A roster of expert panel members, and (3) The final expert panel report. The NTP Brief is based on the expert panel report, public comments on that report, public and peer review comments on the draft NTP Brief, and any new, relevant information that becomes available after the expert panel meetings.

Request for Comments

CERHR invites written public comments on the expert panel report on soy infant formula. Written comments should be sent to Dr. Kristina A. Thayer (see ADDRESSES above). Persons submitting written comments are asked to include their name and contact information (affiliation, mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers, e-mail, and sponsoring organization, if any). Any comments received will be posted on the CERHR Web site and the commenter identified by name, affiliation, and sponsoring organization, if applicable. All public comments will be considered by the NTP during preparation of the NTP Brief (see “Background” above).

Background Information on CERHR

The NTP established CERHR in 1998 (63 FR 68782). CERHR is a publicly accessible resource for information about adverse reproductive and/or developmental health effects associated with exposure to environmental and/or occupational exposures. CERHR follows a formal process for the evaluation of substances for review or scientists for its expert registry. Information about CERHR and the nomination process can be obtained from its homepage (http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov) or by contacting Dr. Thayer (see ADDRESSES above). CERHR selects substances for evaluation based on several factors including production volume, potential for human exposure from use and occurrence in the environment, extent of public concern, and extent of data from reproductive and developmental toxicity studies.

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Call for Collaborating Partners for National Women's Health Week

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Office of Public Health and Science, Office on Women's Health.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office on Women’s Health (OWH)