

Under Appendix B of the *NIH Guidelines*, most coronaviruses are classified as RG2 viruses. Given the severity of illness seen to date, MERS-CoV will be added to the list of RG3 agents, as was done for SARS-CoV. However, because little is currently known about the source, reservoir, and epidemiology of this virus, the RG classification will be reassessed if new data emerge relevant to the biosafety risks associated with the agent. In addition, while research with RG3 agents is often carried out at Biosafety level 3 containment—with appropriate enhancements depending upon the nature of the agent, e.g., increased respiratory precautions for agents that are transmissible by the aerosol route—the RG of an agent is not the only factor that determines the containment level. As stated in Section II–A of the *NIH Guidelines* (Risk Assessment) “once the risk group of an agent is identified, this should be followed by a thorough consideration of how the agent is to be manipulated” and there may be experiments for which a higher containment level is warranted. Interim Laboratory Biosafety Guidelines for Handling and Processing Specimens Associated with MERS-CoV are available on the CDC Web site at the following URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/mers/guidelines-lab-biosafety.html>.

#### *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

Bacteria belonging to the genus *Pseudomonas* are ubiquitous in the environment. They are generally considered to be opportunistic pathogens, i.e., able to cause disease in individuals who are immunocompromised. According to the CDC, serious *pseudomonas* infections usually occur in hospitalized patients and those who are immunocompromised and these infections can lead to severe illness and death (<http://www.cdc.gov/hai/organisms/pseudomonas.html>). Healthy people can also become ill from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, especially after exposure to inadequately disinfected water. Per the CDC, “Ear infections, especially in children, and more generalized skin rashes may occur after exposure to inadequately chlorinated hot tubs or swimming pools. Eye infections have occasionally been reported in persons using extended-wear contact lenses” (<http://www.cdc.gov/hai/organisms/pseudomonas.html>).

Because this bacterium generally causes mild disease in healthy individuals and there are antibiotics to treat such disease, the OBA will add it

to Appendix B as an RG2 bacterium. This is consistent with other assessments of the RG for this pathogen by other biosafety guidances, including the Canadian (<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/lab-bio/res/psds-ftss/pseudomonas-spp-eng.php>) and the European Community (<http://www.bacterio.net/hazard.html#group2>) guidances.

#### **Appendix B–II–A. Risk Group 2 (RG2)—Bacterial Agents Including Chlamydia.**

The following addition will be made to *Appendix B–II–A. Risk Group 2 (RG2)—Bacterial Agents Including Chlamydia*:

#### *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*

The following addition will be made to *Appendix B–III–D Risk Group 3 (RG3)—Viruses and Prions*:

#### **Middle East Respiratory Syndrome coronavirus (MERS-CoV)**

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **National Institutes of Health**

#### **National Human Genome Research Institute; Amended Notice of Meeting**

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the National Human Genome Research Institute Special Emphasis Panel, October 15, 2013, 01:00 p.m. to October 15, 2013, 02:30 p.m., National Human Genome Research Institute, 5635 Fishers Lane, Suite 3055, Rockville, MD 20852 which was published in the **Federal Register** on September 16, 2013, 78 FR 26905.

The October 15, 2013 meeting has been moved to December 5, 2013. The meeting is closed to the public.

Dated: October 31, 2013.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **National Institutes of Health**

#### **Center for Scientific Review; Amended Notice of Meeting**

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the Enabling Bioanalytical and Imaging Technologies Study Section, October 10, 2013, 07:45 a.m. to October 11, 2013, 06:00 p.m., Sheraton Delfina Santa Monica Hotel, 530 West Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405 which was published in the **Federal Register** on September 12, 2013, 78 FR 177 Pg. 56239.

The meeting will be held at the Renaissance Washington Dupont Circle Hotel, 1143 New Hampshire Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20037. The meeting will start December 17, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. and end December 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting is closed to the public.

Dated: October 31, 2013.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **National Institutes of Health**

#### **Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development; Notice of Closed Meeting**

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.), 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 Child Health and Human Development Special Emphasis Panel; Reproductive Center's.

*Date:* November 7–8, 2013.

*Time:* 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Residence Inn Bethesda, 7335 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.