15); or (B) the date on which the Secretary of Health and Human Services lists any vaccines against seasonal influenza (other than any vaccine against seasonal influenza listed by the Secretary prior to the date of the enactment of this Act) for purposes of compensation for any vaccine-related injury or death through the Vaccine Injury Compensation Trust Fund.” Public Law 113–15, § 1. The law further provides that if the vaccines were sold before or on the effective date of the excise tax, but delivered after this date, the delivery date of such vaccines shall be considered the sale date. Id.

Under this statutory language, the effective date of the excise tax for seasonal influenza vaccines other than trivalent influenza vaccines is the later of August 1, 2013 (which is the first day of the first month beginning more than 4 weeks after the effective date of Public Law 113–15, which was June 25, 2013), or the date on which the Secretary publishes a notice of coverage under the VICP for seasonal influenza vaccines not previously covered under the VICP. This publication is the notice referred to in the latter requirement. Because this publication was made after August 1, 2013, the effective date of coverage for all vaccines against seasonal influenza (beyond trivalent influenza vaccines, which are already covered by the VICP) is the effective date of this publication, November 12, 2013.

Petitions filed concerning vaccine-related injuries or deaths associated with all vaccines against seasonal influenza vaccines must be filed within the applicable statute of limitations. The filing limitations applicable to petitions filed with the VICP are set out in section 2116(a) of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 300aa–16(a)). In addition, section 2116(b) of the PHS Act lays out specific exceptions to these statutes of limitations that apply when the effect of a revision to the Table makes a previously ineligible person eligible to receive compensation or when an eligible person’s likelihood of obtaining compensation significantly increases. Under this provision, persons who may be eligible to file petitions based on the addition of a new category of vaccines under Category XVII of the Table may file a petition for compensation not later than 2 years after the effective date of the revision if the injury or death occurred not more than 8 years before the effective date of the revision of the Table (42 U.S.C. 300aa–16(b)). Thus, persons whose petitions may not be timely under the limitations periods described in section 2116(a) of the PHS Act, may still file petitions concerning vaccine-related injuries or deaths associated with seasonal influenza vaccines (with the exception of trivalent influenza vaccines that are already covered under the VICP) until November 12, 2015, as long as the vaccine-related injury or death occurred on or before November 12, 2021 (8 years prior to the effective date of the addition of non-trivalent seasonal influenza vaccines as covered vaccines).

The Table will be amended through subsequent rulemaking to include all vaccines against seasonal influenza in place of only trivalent influenza vaccines under Category XIV of the Table. Once that is done, the Table’s coverage provisions (codified at 42 CFR 100.3(c)) will explain that trivalent influenza vaccines are included on the Table as of July 1, 2005, and that other seasonal influenza vaccines are included on the Table as of November 12, 2013.

Dated: November 5, 2013.

Mary K. Wakefield, Administrator.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel, October 10, 2013, 09:00 a.m. to October 10, 2013, 03:00 p.m., National Institutes of Health, 6700 B Rockledge Drive, 3137, Bethesda, MD, 20892 which was published in the Federal Register on September 16, 2013, 78 FR 56904.

The meeting notice is amended to change the date of the meeting from October 10, 2013 to December 5, 2013. The meeting is closed to the public.

Dated: November 5, 2013.

David Clary,
Program Analyst, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
National Institutes of Health

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute; Notice of Closed Meetings

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 meetings.

The meetings 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: Heart, Lung, and Blood Program Project Review Committee.

Date: December 6, 2013.
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.
Place: Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

Contact Person: Jeffrey H Hurst, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Office of Scientific Review/DERA National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 7208, Bethesda,