DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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National Institute of General Medical Sciences; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences Special Emphasis Panel, June 22, 2021, 09:00 a.m. to June 23, 2021, 05:30 p.m., National Institutes of Health, Natcher Building, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 which was published in the Federal Register on April 16, 2021, 86 FR 20181.

The meeting notice is amended to change time of the meeting from 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m. to 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. The meeting is closed to the public.


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

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 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: Brain Disorders and Clinical Neuroscience Integrated Review Group; Clinical Neuroscience and Neurodegeneration Study Section.

Date: June 23–24, 2021.
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.
Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockville II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).
Contact Person: Laura Asnaghi, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, National Institutes of Health, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3158, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496–8551, laura.asnaghi@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Biology of Development and Aging Integrated Review Group; Drug Discovery and Molecular Pharmacology Study Section.

Date: June 28–29, 2021.
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.
Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockville II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).
Contact Person: Jeffrey Smiley, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, National Institutes of Health, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6194, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–594–7943, smileyj@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Oncology 2—Translational Clinical Integrated Review Group; Clinical Oncology Study Section
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Request for Information on Drinking Water Contaminants of Emerging Concern for the National Emerging Contaminant Research Initiative

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, HHS.

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: The National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), on behalf of the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP), requests input from all interested parties on research needed to identify, analyze, monitor, and mitigate drinking water contaminants of emerging concern (DW CECs). Comments provided through this Request for Information (RFI) will inform the development of a National Emerging Contaminant Research Initiative (NECRI). The NECRI will be the precursor to Federal coordination of DW CEC research; and agencies will publish external grant solicitations that align with the goals of the NECRI.

DATES: This Request for Information is open for public comment for 30 days. Responses must be received by June 24, 2021 to ensure consideration.

ADDRESSES: Responses to this RFI may be submitted online to NIEHSCEC@nih.gov. Email submissions should be machine-readable [PDF, Word] and should not be copy-protected. Submissions should include “RFI Response: Drinking Water Contaminants of Emerging Concern” in the subject line of the email.

Response to this RFI is voluntary. Each individual or organization is requested to submit only one response. Please feel free to respond to one or as many statements as you choose. Responses must not exceed 10 pages in 12 point or larger font (exclusive of attachments), with a page number provided on each page. Responses should include the name of the person(s) or organization(s) filing the response.

Responses containing references, studies, research, and other empirical data that are not widely published should include copies of or electronic links to the referenced materials. Responses containing profanity, vulgarity, threats, or other inappropriate language or content will not be considered.

Comments submitted in response to this RFI are subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Responses to this RFI may also be posted, without change, on a Federal website. Therefore, we request that any proprietary information, copyrighted information, or personally identifiable information be omitted from your response.

This RFI is for planning purposes only and should not be construed as a solicitation for applications or proposals, or as an obligation in any way on the part of the United States government. The Federal government will not pay for the preparation of any information submitted or for the government’s use. Additionally, the government cannot guarantee the confidentiality of the information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about this request for information should be directed to Christopher P. Weis, Ph.D., DABT, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), Telephone: 301–496–3512, Email: Christopher.Weis@nih.gov; or David M. Balshaw, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), Telephone: 984–287–3234, Email: balshaw@niehs.nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Drinking water contaminants of emerging concern (DW CECs) are newly identified or re-emerging manufactured or naturally occurring physical, chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear materials that may cause adverse effects to human health or the environment and do not currently have a national primary drinking water regulation. Through this RFI, NIH/NIEHS seeks input from non-governmental entities (e.g., industry, academia, civil society), State and local governments, and other institutions with scientific and material interest in DW CEC research. Comments provided in response to this RFI will inform the development of a National Emerging Contaminant Research Initiative (NECRI) for protection of U.S. drinking water quality. Responses may also be used to address requests from the 2021 National Defense Authorization Act to identify research questions and priorities in the area of sustainable chemistry. The initiative will build on the National Science and Technology Council’s (NSTC) cross-agency Plan for Addressing Critical Research Gaps Related to Emerging Contaminants in Drinking Water published in 2018. The NECRI will be the precursor to Federal coordination of DW CEC research; and, in compliance with the NDDA for Fiscal Year 2020, Title LXXIII, Subtitle D, Sections 7341 and 7342, agencies will “issue a solicitation for research proposals consistent with the Federal research strategy and that agency’s mission.”

Contaminants of emerging concern may be present in drinking water and in some cases have been shown to cause adverse effects on human health. The 2020 NDDA instructed Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) to establish the NECRI to improve the “identification, analysis, monitoring, and treatment methods of contaminants of emerging concern” and subsequently develop “any necessary program, policy, or budget” to further DW CEC research. The 2020 NDDA also directs the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to establish an Interagency Working Group on Contaminants of Emerging Concern (CEC IWG) to facilitate coordination of Federal research on CEC. OSTP collaborated with the CEC IWG to identify approaches, tools, and methods to accelerate DW CEC research and metrics and indicators to assess progress in reaching the goals of the NECRI.