

Americans/Pacific Islanders, and American Indians/Alaska Natives; (4) Seeks to identify and eliminate discriminatory policies and practices from the workforce based on race, national origin, color, sex, age, religion, disability, sexual orientation and/or reprisal; (5) Promotes the early resolution of complaints of discrimination, and provides for the prompt, fair and impartial processing of discrimination complaints; and (6) Manages the Departmental EEO complaints processing program.

5. *HHS University (PBQ)*: Develops and manages the Department's training and workforce development functions with responsibility for the following: (1) Develops and manages the Department's on-line training program; (2) Develops and implements a service designed to facilitate the Department-wide matching of deployed employees with appropriate positions; (3) Provides career counseling services for Departmental employees; (4) Develops and delivers common needs training; (5) Develops and implements a learning management system; (6) Manages workforce development initiatives to support Departmental common needs training; and (7) Facilitates cross-departmental utilization of mission training being provided by the HHS Operating Divisions.

6. *Enterprise Applications Division (PBR)*: The Division provides the full range of automated data processing support activities associated with the development and maintenance of both civilian and commissioned officer's human resources information technology systems: (1) Provides overall program leadership and direction to the operation of the enterprise personnel and payroll system for the Department; (2) Develops and implements new human resources and payroll systems; (3) Conducts analysis and design of systems changes, enhancements and new requirements; (4) Provides the full range of support activities associated with the development and maintenance of personnel/payroll processing and reporting systems; (5) Provides automation services for the HHS automated personnel and payroll systems and subsystems; (6) Manages the operation of production for the civilian personnel and payroll processing systems; (7) Provides human resource and human resource systems customer liaison services to resolve issues and improve customer services; and (8) Provides required information and works with the PSC Office of Information Technology to resolve audit-related issues and findings.

7. *Systems Integrity and Quality Assurance Division (PBY)*: Primary functions of SIQAD include: (1) Implements and operates Configuration Management services including change management, software version control, and design of automated systems to reduce errors and support parallel and concurrent development; (2) Manages software/system acceptance testing, quality assurance reviews, Independent Verification and Validation (IV&V), and quality control functions for all human resources systems/subsystems including major enhancements and systems changes for PSC applications and infrastructure; (3) Ensures the integrity of HR production environments; (4) Provides systems integrity and quality assurance services to other PSC organizations as required; (5) Administers HRS accounts residing on the National Institutes of Health mainframe and IBM Resource Access Control Facility (RACF) protection of files within those accounts; and (6) Provides required information and works with the PSC Office of Information Technology to resolve audit-related issues and findings.

Dated: February 4, 2003.

Ed Sontag,

Assistant Secretary for Administration and Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

National Toxicology Program; Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction: Notice of a Workshop on Thyroid Hormones and Reproduction

Summary

The Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction (CERHR) is sponsoring a workshop entitled "Thyroid Toxicants: Assessing Reproductive Health Effects" on April 28 and 29, 2003 at the Holiday Inn Old Town Select Hotel, 480 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 (telephone: 703-549-6080, fax: 703-684-6508). Registration begins at 8:30 am on April 28 and the meeting begins at 9 am each day. This meeting is open to the public with attendance limited only by the availability of space. Persons interested in attending are requested to pre-register for this meeting by contacting CERHR (contact information below). A preliminary agenda is provided below

and additional meeting information will be posted, as available, on the CERHR Web site: <http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov>.

Background

Thyroid function is modulated through physiological feedback mechanisms. Hypothyroid and hyperthyroid states are well known in humans with some being associated with iodine levels in the environment. Some drugs are known to enhance or repress thyroid function, and a recent article identified 116 synthetic chemicals that "interfere" with production, transport, or metabolism of thyroid hormone. Thyroid hormone levels modulate other hormone-producing tissues particularly those that involve reproduction, development, or mental performance. Both hypothyroidism and hyperthyroidism are reported to be associated with an increased risk of adverse pregnancy outcomes in humans.

The purpose of this NTP-CERHR workshop is two-fold:

(1) To discuss and determine appropriate designs of developmental and reproductive toxicity tests for detecting adverse effects resulting from thyroid dysfunction.

(2) To discuss the relevance of thyroid-related adverse reproductive and developmental effects observed in rodents for predicting similar effects in humans.

Preliminary Meeting Agenda

Thyroid Toxicants: Assessing Reproductive Health Effects, Holiday Inn Old Town Select Hotel, 480 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 (telephone: 703-549-6080).

Day 1—Monday, April 28

8:30 a.m. Registration

9 Introduction

Summary of thyroid conference, "Thyroid Hormone and Brain Development: Translating Molecular Mechanisms to Population Risk," held at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences on September 23-25, 2002

A review of current alternative assays for assessing thyroid toxicity

Session 1: A comparison of normal thyroid development/control/function in rodents and humans

10:45 Break

Session 2: Comparison of the reproductive and developmental effects of hypo/hyperthyroidism in rodents and humans

Discussion

Noon Lunch (on your own)

1 p.m. Session 2, continued: Human/rodent comparison of reproductive

effects of selected thyroid active chemicals

Methimazole

PTU

Phenobarbital

Sulfamethazine

Discussion

5 Adjourn

Day 2—Tuesday, April 29

9 a.m.

Session 3: The elements of a rodent testing protocol to consider in assessing thyroid effects on reproduction and development and their relevance to human health effects

Discussion

10:15 Break

Session 4: An overview of 1) appropriate rodent protocols for detecting thyroid effects on reproduction and development and 2) the appropriate use of rodent data for predicting human effects

Discussion

Noon Adjourn

As additional details and materials for this workshop become available, they will be posted on the CERHR Web site (<http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov>) or can be obtained by contacting Dr. Michael Shelby, Director, CERHR, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD EC-32, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone: 919-541-3455; fax: 919-316-4511; e-mail: shelby@niehs.nih.gov

Pre-Registration

This workshop is open to the public and interested individuals are encouraged to attend. Time is set aside for open discussion throughout the meeting to provide an opportunity for all attendees to contribute to the scientific discussion. The number of attendees will be limited only by the space available. Due to the limitations of space, pre-registration for this meeting is encouraged. To pre-register, please provide your name, affiliation, contact information and email address by Friday, April 18, 2003, to: Ms. Harriet McCollum, CERHR, Suite 500, 1800 Diagonal Road, Alexandria, VA 22314; telephone: 703-838-9440; fax: 703-684-2223; email: HMcCollum@Sciences.com

Dated: February 7, 2003.

Samuel H. Wilson,

Deputy Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Funding Opportunities Notice for State Training and Evaluation of Evidence-Based Practices, March 24, 2003 Application Receipt Date

AGENCY: Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), DHHS.

ACTION: Modification/Clarification of a Notice of Funding Availability Regarding the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Mental Health Services, grants for State Training and Evaluation of Evidence-Based Practices.

SUMMARY: Federal Register Notice referring to the current RFA SM 03-003 and indicating the availability of funds for State Training and Evaluation of Evidence-Based Practices with a March 24, 2003 receipt date. This notice is to inform the public of expanded eligibility for the SAMHSA/CMHS announcement No. SM 03-003, State Training and Evaluation of Evidence-Based Practices (Short Title: EBP Training and Evaluation). In addition to State mental health authorities, as described in SM 03-003, Indian tribes or tribal organizations (as defined in Section 4(b) and Section 4(c) of the Indian Self-determination and Education Assistance Act) are also eligible to apply.

The EBP Training and Evaluation grants will fund the States/Tribes/Tribal Organizations to (1) provide state-of-the-art training and continuing education to State mental health service providers and other stakeholders who are implementing one or more of six EBPs for which SAMHSA has previously developed implementation Resource Kits, and (2) evaluate the implementation of selected EBPs in two or more communities within the service areas of the State/Tribe/Tribal Organization. The average annual award will range from \$250,000 to \$325,000 in total costs.

Program Contact: For questions concerning program issues, contact: Crystal R. Blyler, Ph.D., Community Support Program, Suite 11C-22, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-594-3997, Fax 301-443-0541, e-mail: cblyler@samhsa.gov.

Dated: February 6, 2003.

Richard Kopanda,

Executive Officer, SAMHSA.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Notice of Availability of the Assessment Plan for the Natural Resource Damage Assessment at the Ashtabula River and Harbor Site

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of 30-day comment period.

SUMMARY: Notice is given that the document titled "Natural Resource Damage Assessment Plan for the Ashtabula River and Harbor" ("the Plan") will be available for public review and comment on the date of publication in the **Federal Register**. The U.S. Departments of the Interior (Fish and Wildlife Service) and Commerce (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency are trustees for natural resources ("trustees") considered in this assessment, pursuant to subpart G of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan, 40 CFR 300.600 and 300.610, and Executive Order 12580.

The trustees are following the guidance of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment Regulations found at 43 CFR part 11. The public review of the Plan announced by this Notice is provided for in 43 CFR 11.32(c).

Interested members of the public are invited to review and comment on the Plan. Copies of the Plan can be requested from the address listed below. All written comments will be considered by the trustees and included in the Report of Assessment at the conclusion of the assessment process.

DATES: Written comments on the Plan must be submitted within 30 days of the date of this Notice.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the Plan should be sent to: Dr. Sheila Abraham, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, North East District Office, 2110 East Aurora Road, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087 or Mr. David De Vault, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Sheila Abraham (330) 963-1290 or Mr. David De Vault, (612) 713-5340.