

prescribed to treat premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD), potentially increasing the number of exposures for women of childbearing age. Further, FDA recently approved Sarafem™ for use in 7–17-year-olds thereby increasing exposures of children. CERHR anticipates holding the expert panel evaluation in late 2003.

Evaluation of Acrylamide

Acrylamide (CAS RN 79–06–1) is used in the production of polyacrylamide, which is used in water treatment, pulp and paper production, and mineral processing. It is used in the synthesis of dyes, adhesives, contact lenses, soil conditioners, and permanent press fabrics and in molecular biology procedures such as electrophoresis. Acrylamide is a neurotoxicant and in animal studies has been shown to be a carcinogen, germ cell mutagen, and reproductive toxicant. The CERHR selected acrylamide for expert panel evaluation because of recent public concern for human exposures through its presence in starchy foods treated at high temperatures, *e.g.*, french fries and potato chips. In addition, recent data are available on occupational exposure, bioavailability, and reproductive toxicity. It is anticipated that the expert panel evaluation on acrylamide will occur in 2004.

Request for Public Input

The CERHR invites input from the public and other interested parties on fluoxetine hydrochloride and acrylamide, including toxicology information from completed and ongoing studies, information on planned studies, and information about current production levels, human exposure, use patterns, and environmental occurrence. Information and comments should be forwarded to the CERHR at P.O. Box 12233, MD EC–32, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 (mail), (919) 541–3455 (phone), (919) 316–4511 (fax), or shelby@niehs.nih.gov (e-mail). Information and comments received by July 17, 2003 will be made available to the CERHR staff and the expert panel for consideration in the evaluation and posted on the CERHR Web site.

The CERHR also invites nominations of qualified scientists to serve on the expert panel for the fluoxetine hydrochloride evaluation and the acrylamide evaluation. Panelists are primarily drawn from the CERHR Expert Registry and/or the nomination of other scientists who meet the criteria for listing in that registry that include: formal academic training and experience in a relevant scientific field,

publications in peer-reviewed journals, membership in relevant professional societies, certification by an appropriate scientific board or other entities, and participation in similar committee activities. All panel members serve as individual experts in their specific areas of expertise and not as representatives of their employers or other organizations. Scientists on the expert panel will be selected to represent a wide range of expertise, including developmental toxicology, reproductive toxicology, epidemiology, general toxicology, pharmacokinetics, exposure assessment, and biostatistics. Nominations received by July 17, 2003 will be considered for the fluoxetine hydrochloride and acrylamide panels and for inclusion in the CERHR Expert Registry. Nominations should be forwarded to the CERHR at the address given above.

Background Information About the CERHR

The NTP established the NTP CERHR in June 1998 (**Federal Register**, December 14, 1998 (Volume 63, Number 239, page 68782)). The 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. Expert panels conduct scientific evaluations of agents selected by the CERHR in public forums.

Information about CERHR and its process for nominating agents for review or scientists for its expert registry can be obtained from its Home page (<http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov>) or by contacting Dr. Shelby (contact information provided above). The CERHR selects chemicals for evaluation based upon several factors, including production volume, extent of human exposure, public concern, and published evidence of reproductive or developmental toxicity.

CERHR follows a formal, multi-step process for review and evaluation of selected chemicals. The formal evaluation process was published in the **Federal Register** notice July 16, 2001 (Volume 66, Number 136, pages 37047–37048) and is available on the CERHR Web site under “About CERHR” or in printed copy from the CERHR.

Dated: April 9, 2003.

Samuel H. Wilson,

Deputy Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[CGD08–03–016]

Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee (LMRWSAC) will meet to discuss various issues relating to navigational safety on the Lower Mississippi River and related waterways. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The next meeting of LMRWSAC will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This meeting may adjourn early if all business is finished. Requests to make oral presentations or submit written materials for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard on or before April 30, 2003. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meeting should reach the Coast Guard on or before April 25, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Crescent City Room Suite 1830 at the World Trade Center Building, 2 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

LTJG Matt Dooris, Committee Administrator, telephone (504) 589–4251, Fax (504) 589–4241.

Written materials and requests to make presentations should be mailed to Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Office New Orleans, Attn: LTJG Dooris, 1615 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70112.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agenda of Meeting

Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee (LMRWSAC). The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Introduction of committee members.
- (2) Remarks by CAPT R. W. Branch, Executive Director.
- (3) Approval of the November 12, 2002 minutes.
- (4) Old Business:
 - (a) Captain of the Port status report.
 - (b) VTS update report.
 - (c) PORTS update report.

- (5) New Business.
- (6) Next meeting.
- (7) Adjournment.

Procedural

The meeting is open to the public. Please note that the meeting may close early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations during the meeting. If you would like to make an oral presentation at the meeting, please notify the Committee Administrator no later than April 30, 2003. Written material for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard no later than April 30, 2003. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meeting, please submit 25 copies to the Committee Administrator no later than April 25, 2003.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Committee Administrator at the location indicated under **ADDRESSES** as soon as possible.

Dated: March 8, 2003.

Roy J. Casto,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

[USCG-2003-14888]

Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: A subcommittee of the Merchant Marine Personnel Advisory Committee (MERPAC) will meet to discuss a specific task statement relating to the training of merchant-marine personnel. MERPAC advises the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security on matters relating to the training, qualifications, licensing, certification, and fitness of seamen serving in the U.S. merchant marine. All meetings will be open to the public.

DATES: The MERPAC subcommittee will meet on Wednesday, April 30, 2003, and on Thursday, May 1, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. These meetings may

adjourn early if all business is finished. Requests to make oral presentations, written material for distribution, and requests for distribution of this material all should reach the Coast Guard on or before April 23, 2003.

ADDRESSES: MERPAC will meet on both days in Room FOB-90 of the Old Federal Building located at 909 1st Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104. Further directions regarding the location of the Old Federal Building may be obtained by contacting the Property Management Office at (206) 220-5055. Send written material and requests to make oral presentations to Commander Brian J. Peter, Commandant (G-MSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. We request that members of the public who plan to attend this meeting notify Mr. Mark Gould at 202-267-6890 or by e-mail at mgould@comdt.uscg.mil so that he may notify building security officials. In order to gain entry to the Old Federal Building, you will be required to show a valid Federal or State picture identification card. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on this notice, contact Commander Brian J. Peter, Executive Director of MERPAC, or Mr. Mark C. Gould, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202-267-6890, fax 202-267-4570, or the e-mail address under **ADDRESSES**.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of these meetings is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. Agenda of Meetings on April 30 and May 1, 2003:

The subcommittee will meet to discuss Task Statement 36: Recommendations on a Training Program for Officers in Charge of an Engineering Watch (OICEW) Coming Up Through the Hawsepip. The subcommittee will develop recommendations and a proposed training program to be used by a mariner entering the maritime industry after August 1, 1998, who participates in an approved program of study, other than a State or Federal maritime academy. The recommendations and proposed training program will be forwarded to the full MERPAC for consideration and possible adoption at the next regular meeting.

Procedural

Both meetings are open to the public. Please note that the meetings may adjourn early if all business is finished. At the Chair's discretion, members of the public may make oral presentations

during the meetings. If you would like to make an oral presentation at a meeting, your request should reach the Executive Director no later than April 23, 2003. Written material for distribution at a meeting should reach him no later than April 23, 2003. If you would like a copy of your material distributed to each member of the subcommittee in advance of the meeting, please submit 25 copies to him no later than April 23, 2003.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meetings, contact the Assistant Executive Director as soon as possible.

Dated: April 8, 2003.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security & Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[FEMA-3185-EM]

Colorado; Emergency and Related Determinations

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, Emergency Preparedness and Response Directorate, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of an emergency for the State of Colorado (FEMA-3185-EM), dated April 9, 2003, and related determinations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 9, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Magda Ruiz, Recovery Division, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated April 9, 2003, the President declared an emergency under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the impact in certain areas of the State of Colorado, resulting from the record/near record snow on March 17-20, 2003, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency