

2005, 8 a.m. to March 15, 2005, 4 p.m., Hubert H. Humphrey Building, Room 800, 200 Independence Avenue, Washington, DC 20201, which was published in the **Federal Register** on February 4, 2005, 70 FR 6025.

The meeting location has changed to the National Library of Medicine, Building 38, 2nd Floor Mezzanine, Board Room, 8600 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland 20894. The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: March 2, 2005.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health; Request for Public Comment on Draft Reports on Xenotransplantation

The Secretary's Advisory Committee on Xenotransplantation (SACX) is requesting public comment on two draft reports on xenotransplantation. One is on the state of the science of xenotransplantation and the other is on informed consent issues in clinical trials involving xenotransplantation.

Before the reports are finalized and transmitted to the Secretary, the SACX is requesting comments on the draft reports from members of the public. All public comments received will be considered in finalizing the reports. Comments should be submitted by March 31, 2005. Received comments will be available for public inspection at the NIH Office of Biotechnology Activities, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., at the contact address noted below.

*Information:* The Secretary's Advisory Committee on Xenotransplantation, Department of Health and Human Services, considers the scientific, medical, social, and ethical issues and the public health concerns raised by xenotransplantation and makes recommendations to the Secretary on policy and procedures. The Committee's charges include advising on the current state of knowledge regarding xenotransplantation and on the potential for transmission of infectious diseases as a consequence of xenotransplantation; and deliberating on medical, public health, ethical, legal and socioeconomic issues, including

international policies and developments that are relevant to xenotransplantation.

*Overview of Drafts:* The state of the science report addresses the scientific challenges in xenotransplantation, the infectious disease risks associated with xenotransplantation, public health concerns associated with xenotourism, knowledge gaps and resource limitations, and alternative strategies to xenotransplantation. The report also proposes a series of recommendations regarding these issues.

The report on informed consent issues in clinical research involving xenotransplantation addresses the ethical foundations and functions of informed consent, components of informed consent, the informed consent process, informed consent forms, and special issues raised by xenotransplantation. The report proposes a series of recommendations regarding informed consent in xenotransplantation research.

The full draft reports are available electronically at <http://www4.od.nih.gov/oba/Sacx.htm>. A paper or electronic copy can also be requested by calling the NIH Office of Biotechnology Activities at (301) 496-9838 or by e-mailing Mary Groesch at [groeschm@od.nih.gov](mailto:groeschm@od.nih.gov).

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(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.14, Intramural Research Training Award; 93.187, Undergraduate Scholarship Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds; 93.22, Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds; 93.232, Loan Repayment Program for Research Generally; 93.39, Academic Research Enhancement Award; 93.936, NIH Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome Research Loan Repayment Program, National Institutes of Health, HHS.)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Toxicology Program (NTP); Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction (CERHR); Announcement of the Styrene Expert Panel Meeting and Availability of the Draft Expert Panel Report on Styrene; Request for Public Comment on the Draft Report

**AGENCY:** National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH).

**ACTION:** Announcement of a meeting and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The CERHR announces the availability of the draft expert panel report for styrene on March 18, 2005, from the CERHR Web site (<http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov>) or in printed text from the CERHR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** below). The CERHR invites the submission of public comments on sections 1-4 of the draft expert panel report (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below). The expert panel will meet on June 1-3, 2005, at the Holiday Inn Old Town Select in Alexandria, Virginia to review and revise the draft expert panel report and reach conclusions regarding whether exposure to styrene is a hazard to human development or reproduction. The expert panel will also identify data gaps and research needs. CERHR expert panel meetings are open to the public with time scheduled for oral public comment. Attendance is limited only by the available meeting room space. Following the expert panel meeting and completion of the expert panel report, the CERHR will post the report on its Web site and solicit public comment on it through a **Federal Register** notice.

**DATES:** The expert panel meeting for styrene will be held on June 1-3, 2005. Sections 1-4 of the draft expert panel report will be available for public comment on March 18, 2005. Written public comments on the draft report must be received by May 2, 2005. Time is set-aside at the expert panel meeting on June 1, 2005 for oral public comments. Individuals wishing to make oral public comments are asked to contact Dr. Michael D. Shelby, CERHR Director, by May 25, 2005, and if possible, also send a copy of the statement or talking points at that time. Persons needing special assistance in order to attend are asked to contact Dr. Shelby at least 7 business days prior to the meeting.

**ADDRESSES:** The expert panel meeting for styrene will be held at the Holiday