

Time: 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892. (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Valerie L. Prenger, PhD, Health Scientist Administrator, Review Branch, Room 7214, Division of Extramural Affairs, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, 6701 Rockledge Drive, MSC 7924, Bethesda, MD 20892-7924, (301) 435-0270, prengerv@nhlbi.nih.gov.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the meeting due to the timing limitations imposed by the review and funding cycle.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.233, National Center for Sleep Disorders Research; 93.837, Heart and Vascular Diseases Research; 93.838, Lung Diseases Research; 93.839, Blood Diseases and Resources Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: August 29, 2005.

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Deputy Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Dental & Craniofacial Research; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Advisory Dental and Craniofacial Research Council.

The meeting will be open to the public as indicated below, with attendance limited to space available. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should notify the Contact Person listed below in advance of the 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/or contract proposals 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 and/or contract proposals,

the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Advisory Dental and Craniofacial Research Council.

Date: September 23, 2005.

Open: 8:30 a.m. to 11:55 a.m.

Agenda: Director's Report, Implementation Plan Report, Concept Clearances.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Building 31, 31 Center Drive, Conference Rm. 6C10, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Closed: 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications and/or proposals.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Building 31, 31 Center Drive, Conference Rm. 6C10, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Contact Person: Norman S Braveman, PhD, Assistant to the Director, NIH-NIDCR, Building 31, Rm. 5B55, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-2089, Norman.Braveman@nih.gov.

Any interested person may file written comments with the committee by forwarding the statement to the Contact Person listed on this notice. The statement should include the name, address, telephone number and when applicable, the business or professional affiliation of the interested person.

Information is also available on the Institute's/Center's home page: <http://www.nidcr.nih.gov/about>, where an agenda and any additional information for the meeting will be posted when available.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.121, Oral Diseases and Disorders Research, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Office of the Secretary

Waiver of Compliance With Navigation and Inspection Laws

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

Hurricane Katrina is one of the largest natural disasters to ever strike the United States. It has significantly disrupted production of oil and gas in the Gulf of Mexico, has caused many Gulf Coast oil refineries to go out of service because of flooding, lack of electric power or other reasons, and has significantly disrupted the pipeline transportation of oil and refined products from the Gulf Coast States.

These production losses, outages and disruptions have already caused large runups in the price of oil, gasoline and other refined products. The Department of Homeland Security is also now receiving reports of threatened or actual shortages of gasoline, jet fuel, and other refined products, and of the rationing of these fuels, both in the Southeast U.S. and in other locations throughout the country.

Numerous companies that produce and/or ship petroleum and/or refined petroleum products have submitted to the Department requests for waivers of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920 (the "Jones Act"). 46 U.S.C. App. section 1. This and related laws are generally referred to as the "coastwise laws." These laws provide, among other things, that only vessels built and owned by citizens of the United States and flagged in the United States can carry merchandise between U.S. ports.

The Secretary of Homeland Security is vested with the authority and discretion to waive the coastwise laws "to such extent and in such manner and upon such terms as he may prescribe, either upon his own initiative or upon the written recommendation of the head of any other Government agency, whenever he deems that such action is necessary in the interest of national defense." In consultation with and upon the recommendation of the Secretary of Energy, I have determined that such a waiver, in accordance with the terms set forth below, is in the interest of the national defense.

The catastrophic destruction brought about by Hurricane Katrina has dramatically impeded, and in some places in the affected region stopped altogether, production and transportation or transmission of oil, refined petroleum products, natural gas, and electricity. Much of the lost oil production is from producing areas in the Gulf of Mexico which have been leased pursuant to programs of the Department of the Interior. This lost production, refining and transportation capacity has resulted in the threatened rationing and unavailability of gasoline, jet fuel and other refined products, and threatens the Nation's economic and national security. I believe that waiver of the coastwise laws would facilitate the transportation of oil and refined petroleum products in and from portions of the United States devastated by the Hurricane, and to other regions affected by the disruptions that have occurred in the Gulf Coast area.

Therefore, I am exercising my discretion and authority to waive the coastwise laws generally for the transportation of petroleum and refined