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Preliminary Agenda

Scientific Advisory Committee on Alternative Toxicological Methods

June 12, 2007

Marriott Bethesda North Hotel & Conference Center, 5701 Marinelli Road, Bethesda, Maryland 20852

8:30 a.m.

- Call to Order and Introductions
- NICEATM–ICCVAM Update
- Draft NICEATM–ICCVAM 5-Year Plan
- Public Comment

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1 p.m.

- ICCVAM Evaluation of *In Vitro* Pyrogenicity Test Methods
- Public Comment
- Nominations to ICCVAM
- Public Comment
- NTP High Throughput Screening Initiative
- Public Comment
- Update from the European Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Methods
- Update from the Japanese Center for the Validation of Alternative Methods
- Other Business

5 p.m. ADJOURN

Request for Comments

Public input is invited and time is set-aside at the meeting for presentation of oral comments. Each organization is allowed one time slot per public comment period. At least 7 minutes will be allotted for each speaker, and if time permits, may be extended up to 10 minutes at the discretion of the chair. Registration for oral comments will also be available on-site, although time allowed for presentation by on-site registrants may be less than for pre-registered speakers and will be determined by the number of persons who register at the meeting.

Persons registering to make oral comments are asked to do so through the online registration form (<http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/7441>) and to send a copy of their statement to Dr. Wolfe (see **ADDRESSES** above) by June 4 to enable review by SACATM and NIEHS/NTP staff prior to the meeting. Written statements can supplement and may expand the oral presentation. If registering on-site and reading from written text, please bring 40 copies of the statement for distribution and to supplement the record. Written

comments received in response to this notice will be posted on the NTP Web site. Persons submitting written comments should include their name, affiliation (if applicable), and sponsoring organization (if any) with the document.

Background Information on SACATM

SACATM was established in response to the ICCVAM Authorization Act [42 U.S.C. 285l–3(d)] and is composed of scientists from the public and private sectors. SACATM advises ICCVAM, NICEATM, and the Director of the NIEHS and NTP regarding statutorily mandated duties of ICCVAM and activities of NICEATM. SACATM provides advice on priorities and activities related to the development, validation, scientific review, regulatory acceptance, implementation, and national and international harmonization of new, revised, and alternative toxicological test methods. Additional information about SACATM, including the charter, roster, and records of past meetings, can be found at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/167>. Information about NICEATM and ICCVAM is available at <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov> or by contacting the NICEATM Director, Dr. William Stokes (telephone: 919–541–2384 or e-mail: niceatm@niehs.nih.gov).

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS); National Toxicology Program (NTP); NTP Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM); Availability of Draft NICEATM–ICCVAM 5-Year Plan and Request for Public Comments; Announcement of a Town Meeting on the Draft NICEATM–ICCVAM 5-Year Plan

AGENCY: National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

ACTION: Meeting announcement and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The NIEHS and NICEATM request public comments that can be considered by NICEATM, the

Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM), and relevant program offices on the draft NICEATM–ICCVAM 5-Year Plan. The draft plan addresses: (a) Research, development, translation, and validation of new and revised non-animal and other alternatives assays for integration of relevant and reliable methods into federal agency testing programs and (b) identification of areas of high priority for new and revised non-animal and alternative assays for the replacement, reduction, and refinement (less pain and distress) of animal tests. The draft plan will be available on or before May 7, 2007, at the NICEATM–ICCVAM 5-Year Plan Web site (<http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/5yearplan.htm>). Copies of the draft plan may also be obtained by contacting NICEATM (see **ADDRESSES** below). NICEATM and ICCVAM will hold a public Town Meeting at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland on June 11, 2007, beginning at 1 p.m. to adjournment (~5 p.m.) to receive oral comments on the draft NICEATM–ICCVAM 5-Year Plan.

DATES: The draft NICEATM–ICCVAM 5-Year Plan will be available by May 7, 2007. Registration to attend the meeting and written comments on the draft NICEATM–ICCVAM 5-Year Plan should be received by June 7, 2007. The Town Meeting will be held June 11, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The Town Meeting will be held at the William H. Natcher Conference Center, Room E, NIH, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland. Persons needing special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodation in order to attend, should contact 919–541–2475 voice, 919–541–4644 TTY (text telephone), through the Federal TTY Relay System at 800–877–8339, or send e-mail to niehsoeeo@niehs.nih.gov. Requests should be made at least 7 days in advance of the meeting. Written comments should be submitted preferably electronically at the NICEATM–ICCVAM 5-Year Plan Web site: <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/5yearplan.htm>. Comments can also be submitted by e-mail to 5yearplan@niehs.nih.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Other correspondence should be directed to Dr. William S. Stokes, NICEATM Director (NIH/NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD EC–17, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone: 919–541–2384, fax: 919–541–0947 or e-mail: niceatm@niehs.nih.gov. Courier address: NICEATM, 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Building 4401, Room 3128, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Congress established ICCVAM to promote development, validation, and regulatory acceptance of new or revised alternative toxicological test methods that protect human and animal health and the environment while reducing, refining, or replacing animal tests and ensuring human safety and product effectiveness (42 U.S.C. 285l-3). Congress has requested that NICEATM and ICCVAM, in partnership with relevant federal agencies, develop a five-year plan that addresses (1) research, development, translation, and validation of new and revised non-animal and other alternative assays for integration into federal agency testing programs and (2) identification of areas of high priority for new and revised non-animal and alternative assays for replacement, reduction, and refinement (less pain and distress) of animal tests. At this time, the NIEHS and NICEATM seek public comments on the draft plan. NICEATM and ICCVAM in partnership with relevant agency program offices will consider these comments in development of the final plan. A Town Meeting on June 11 will provide the public an opportunity to present oral comments on the draft plan (see below) to NICEATM staff, ICCVAM Agency Representatives, and other agency program staff. In addition, some members of the Scientific Advisory Committee on Alternative Toxicological Methods (SACATM) will also attend. On June 12, 2007, SACATM will meet at the Marriott Bethesda North Hotel and Conference Center in Bethesda, Maryland, where the agenda also includes discussion of the draft plan (<http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/7441>) and opportunity for oral comments. The SACATM meeting will be announced in a separate **Federal Register** notice.

Registration for the Town Meeting

The Town Meeting will be held on June 11, 2007, at the William H. Natcher Conference Center, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. Persons planning to attend are asked to register by June 7, 2007 by completing the online registration at the NICEATM-ICCVAM Web site (<http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/meetings/5YPlanTM/townmtg.htm>) or by contacting NICEATM (see **ADDRESSES** above). The agenda is available on the NICEATM-ICCVAM Web site (<http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/meetings/5YPlanTM/townmtg.htm>) or can be obtained by contacting NICEATM (see **ADDRESSES** above).

Request for Comments

The NIEHS and NICEATM invite public comments on the draft NICEATM-ICCVAM 5-Year Plan. Written comments should be submitted preferably electronically at the NICEATM-ICCVAM 5-Year Plan Web site (<http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/5yearplan.htm>). Comments can also be submitted by e-mail to 5yearplan@niehs.nih.gov. Individuals submitting comments are asked to include appropriate contact information (name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, e-mail, and sponsoring organization, if applicable). All comments received by June 7, 2007, will be posted on the ICCVAM-NICEATM Web site (<http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/5yearplan.htm>) and identified by the individual's name, affiliation (if applicable), and/or sponsoring organization (if any).

Persons registering to make oral comments at the Town Meeting are asked to contact NICEATM (see **ADDRESSES** above) and send a copy of their statement by June 7. Written statements can supplement and may expand the oral presentation. Each organization is allowed one speaker. At least 7 minutes will be allotted for each speaker, and if time permits, may be extended up to 10 minutes at the discretion of the moderator. Registration for oral comments will also be available on-site, although time allowed for presentation by on-site registrants may be less than for pre-registered speakers and will be determined by the number of persons who register at the meeting. If registering on-site and reading from written text, please bring 40 copies of the statement for distribution and to supplement the record.

Background Information on ICCVAM and NICEATM

ICCVAM is an interagency committee composed of representatives from 15 federal regulatory and research agencies that use, generate, or disseminate toxicological information. ICCVAM conducts technical evaluations of new, revised, and alternative methods with regulatory applicability and promotes scientific validation and regulatory acceptance of toxicological test methods that more accurately assess safety and hazards of chemicals and products and that refine, reduce, and replace animal use. The ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 285l-3, available at http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/docs/about_docs/PL106545.pdf) establishes ICCVAM as a permanent interagency committee of the NIEHS under NICEATM. NICEATM administers

ICCVAM and provides scientific and operational support for ICCVAM-related activities. NICEATM and ICCVAM work collaboratively to evaluate new and improved test methods applicable to the needs of federal agencies. SACATM is a federally chartered advisory committee that provides advice to NICEATM, ICCVAM, and NIEHS on ICCVAM and NICEATM activities. Additional information about ICCVAM and NICEATM can be found at the following Web site: <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov>. Information about SACATM is available at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/167>.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Toxicology Program (NTP); Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction (CERHR); Second Bisphenol A Expert Panel Meeting and Interim Draft Expert Panel Report on Bisphenol A: Announcement of Postponed Meeting and Extension of Public Comment Period

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

ACTION: Announcement of postponed meeting and extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The second meeting of the expert panel on bisphenol A originally scheduled for May 21-23, 2007 [**Federal Register**, April 2, 2007 (Vol. 72, No. 62, page 15695-15696)] is postponed. The new date for the meeting will be announced in a future **Federal Register** notice. During this time, NTP will conduct an independent audit of all materials used in the bisphenol-A review. Also, the deadline for submission of written public comments on the interim draft expert panel report on bisphenol A is extended until June 20, 2007. The interim draft report is posted on the CERHR Web site (<http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov/chemicals/bisphenol/bisphenol.html>) and available in printed text from CERHR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** below). Persons submitting written comments are asked to include their name and contact information [affiliation (if applicable), mailing address, telephone, e-mail, and sponsoring organization (if