

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Meeting: Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetics, Health, and Society

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the thirteenth meeting of the Secretary's Advisory Committee on Genetics, Health, and Society (SACGHS), U.S. Public Health Service. The meeting will be held from on Tuesday, July 10, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 5 p.m. in Room 800 of the Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20001. The meeting will be open to the public with attendance limited to space available. The meeting also will be Web cast.

The meeting will focus primarily on the issue of gene patents and licensing practices and consist of a series of presentations and discussions involving international experts on how other countries are addressing questions related to the impact of gene patents and licensing practices on patient access to genetic tests. In addition, the SACGHS task force on oversight of genetic testing will present a brief report on the progress of its fact-finding and consultative efforts with regard to the Secretary's charge. The Committee will also be updated about the public comments received in response to the Committee's solicitation on its draft report on pharmacogenomics.

Time will be provided for public comments. The Committee would welcome hearing from anyone wishing to provide public comment on any issue related to genetics, health, and society. Individuals who would like to provide public comment should notify the SACGHS Executive Secretary, Ms. Sarah Carr, by telephone at 301-496-9838 or e-mail at carrs@od.nih.gov. The SACGHS office is located at 6705 Rockledge Drive, Suite 750, Bethesda, MD 20892. Anyone planning to attend the meeting who is in need of special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, is also asked to contact the Executive Secretary.

Under authority of 42 U.S.C. 217a, Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, the Department of Health and Human Services established SACGHS to serve as a public forum for deliberations on the broad range of human health and societal issues raised by the development and use of genetic and genomic technologies and, as warranted, to provide advice on these

issues. The draft meeting agenda and other information about SACGHS, including information about access to the Web cast, will be available at the following Web site: <http://www4.od.nih.gov/oba/sacghs.htm>.

Dated: June 7, 2007.

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National Toxicology Program (Ntp); Center for the Evaluation of Risks to Human Reproduction (CERHR); Announcement of the Second Bisphenol A Expert Panel Meeting

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

ACTION: Meeting announcement and request for comments.

SUMMARY: CERHR announces the second meeting of the CERHR Expert Panel on Bisphenol A on August 6-8, 2007, at the Hilton Alexandria Old Town in Alexandria, VA. This meeting is open to the public with time scheduled for oral public comment. Attendance is limited only by the available meeting space.

DATES: The second expert panel meeting on bisphenol A will be held August 6-8, 2007. The interim draft expert panel report containing sections 1-4 is currently available for public comment [**Federal Register**, May 1, 2007 (Vol. 72, No. 83, pages 23833-4)]. Written public comments on the interim draft report must be received by June 20, 2007. July 30, 2007 is the deadline for pre-registration to attend the meeting, to pre-register to provide oral comments, and to submit written materials intended to supplement the oral remarks.

ADDRESSES: The second expert panel meeting will be held at the Hilton Alexandria Old Town, 1767 King Street, Alexandria, VA (located across the street from the King Street Metro Stop). Written comments should be sent to Dr. Michael D. Shelby, CERHR Director [NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233, MD EC-32, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 (mail), (919) 316-4511 (fax), or shelby@niehs.nih.gov (e-mail)]. Courier address: CERHR, 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Building 4401, Room 103, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Michael D. Shelby, CERHR Director, 919-541-3455, shelby@niehs.nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

CERHR convened the expert panel on March 5-7, 2007 to complete its report on the potential reproductive and developmental hazards of bisphenol A. The panel discussed and made revisions to the draft expert panel report, but because of the length and complexity of this evaluation, the panel was unable to complete its task. Information about the meeting and the draft interim expert panel report, which shows all edits to date, are available on the CERHR Web site (<http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov/chemicals/bisphenol/bisphenol.html>).

The expert panel will reconvene on August 6-8, 2007, for a second meeting at the Hilton Alexandria Old Town, 1767 King Street, Alexandria, VA. The meeting will begin each day at 8:30 a.m. and continue until adjournment. It is anticipated to adjourn by noon on August 8, although adjournment may occur earlier or later depending upon the time needed for the expert panel to complete its work. The expert panel will (1) continue its review, (2) finalize sections 1-4 of the draft report, (3) reach conclusions regarding whether exposure to bisphenol A is a hazard to human reproduction or development, and (4) write Section 5 Summary, Conclusions, and Critical Data Needs. The interim draft report will serve as the starting point for the expert panel's discussions at its August meeting.

Bisphenol A (CAS RN: 80-5-07) is a high production volume chemical used in the production of epoxy resins, polyester resins, polysulfone resins, polyacrylate resins, polycarbonate plastics, and flame retardants. Polycarbonate plastics are used in food and drink packaging; resins are used as lacquers to coat metal products such as food cans, bottle tops, and water supply pipes. Some polymers used in dental sealants and tooth coatings contain bisphenol A. Exposure to the general population can occur through direct contact to bisphenol A or by exposure to food or drink that has been in contact with a material containing bisphenol A. CERHR selected this chemical for evaluation because of (1) high production volume, (2) widespread human exposure, (3) evidence of reproductive toxicity in laboratory animal studies, and (4) public concern.

Request for Comments

The CERHR again invites written public comments on the interim draft expert panel report on bisphenol A. All