DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Mental Health; Notice of Closed 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 the following 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 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 contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: July 10, 2001.

Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate contract proposals.

Place: Marriott Suites Bethesda, 6711 Democracy Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817.

Contact Person: Peter J. Sheridan, Scientific Review Administrator, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of mental Health, NIH, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Room 6142, MSC 9606, Bethesda, MD 20892–9606, 301–443–1513, psherida@mail.nih.gov

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.242, Mental Health Research Grants; 93.281, Scientist Development Award, Scientist Development Award for Clinicians, and Research Scientist Award; 93.282, Mental Health National Research Service Awards for Research Training, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

Dated: June 18, 2001.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed 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 the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552(b)(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications 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, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel.

Date: June 20, 2001.

Time: 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

Contact Person: Julian L. Azorlosa, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3190, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1507.

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. 93.306, Comparative Medicine, 93.306; 93.333, Clinical Research, 93.333, 93.337, 93.393–93.396, 93.837–93.844, 93.846–93.878, 93.892, 93.893, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Amended Notice of Meeting

Notice is hereby given of a change in the meeting of the Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, June 21, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to June 22, 2001, 6 p.m., River Inn, 924 25th Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20037 which was published in the **Federal Register** on June 12, 2001, 66 FR 31683–31685.

The meeting will be one day only June 21, 2001. The time and location remain the same. The meeting is closed to the public.

Dated: June 18, 2001.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS); National Toxicology Program (NTP); The Revised Draft Up-and-Down Procedure for Assessing Acute Oral Toxicity: Notice of Availability and Request for Public Comments

Summary

Notice is hereby given of the availability of a revised draft Up-and-Down Procedure for assessing acute oral toxicity and solicitation of public comment. Documents available include: (1) A revised draft Up-and-Down Procedure (UDP) test guideline (hereafter, revised draft UDP); (2) A procedure incorporated into the revised draft UDP for calculating the confidence interval for the estimated median lethal dose (LD50); and (3) A software program for use in establishing test doses, determining when to stop the test, and estimating the LD50 and the confidence interval for the estimated LD50.

Availability of Revised Draft UDP Documents

The revised draft UDP was proposed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) to the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) as an alternate for the existing conventional LD50 test (EPA 870.1100) used to evaluate the acute oral toxicity of chemicals. A previous version of the draft UDP was reviewed by the UDP Peer Review Panel (hereafter, Panel) at a meeting on July 25, 2000 organized by the NTP Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM) and ICCVAM. This revised draft UDP incorporates modifications made in response to the conclusions and recommendations of the Panel and may be obtained electronically from the NICEATM/ICCVAM web site at http:/iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/udpdocs/udprpt/udp_ciprop.htm. For a paper copy (a limited number are available), contact NICEATM at (919) 541–3398, or via e-mail at niceatm@niehs.nih.gov.

The proposed procedure for calculating the confidence interval for the estimated LD50 is a statistical calculation and does not require the use of test animals beyond what is needed to estimate the LD50. This procedure helps to place the estimated LD50 in a statistical context for hazard and risk assessment purposes. The confidence

interval procedure may be obtained electronically from the NICEATM/ICCVAM web site at http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/udpdocs/udprpt/udp_ciprop.htm. For a paper copy (a limited number are available), contact NICEATM at (919) 541–3398, or via e-mail at niceatm@niehs.nih.gov. For technical clarification or questions regarding the confidence interval procedure, contact Dr. Amy Rispin, U.S. EPA, by telephone at (703) 305–5989 or via e-mail at rispin.amy@epa.gov.

Because the generation of parameters for this revised draft UDP is computationally intensive, the U.S. EPA developed a simple-to-use software program to aid in dose selection, test-stopping decisions, calculation of an estimate of the LD50, and calculation of a confidence interval around the LD50. The confidence interval procedure may be obtained electronically from the NICEATM/ICCVAM web site at http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/methods/udpdocs/udprpt/udp_ciprop.htm. To obtain a diskette of this software program, (a limited number are available), contact NICEATM at (919) 541–3398 or via e-mail at niceatm@niehs.nih.gov. For technical clarification or questions regarding the software package contact Dr. Elizabeth Margosches, U.S. EPA, by telephone at (202) 260–1511 or via e-mail at margosches.elizabeth@epa.gov, or Ms. Deborah McCall, U.S. EPA, by telephone at (703) 305–7109, or via e-mail at mccall.deborah@epa.gov.

Request for Public Comment

NICEATM invites written public comments on the revised draft UDP, the confidence interval proposal, and the software program. Comments should be sent to NICEATM through August 6, 2001. Comments submitted via e-mail are preferred; the acceptable file formats are MS Word (Office 98 or older), plain text, or PDF. Comments should be sent to Dr. William S. Stokes, Director, NICEATM, NIEHS, MD EC–17, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC, 27709; telephone 919–541–2384; fax 919–541–0947; e-mail niceatm@niehs.nih.gov. Persons submitting written comments should include their contact information (name, affiliation, address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail) and sponsoring organization, if any. Public comments received in response to this **Federal Register** notice will be posted on the NICEATM/ICCVAM web site (http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov). In addition, they will be available for viewing Monday through Friday, from noon to 4 p.m., excluding legal holidays, at the U.S. EPA under docket control number: AR–228, Up-and-Down Procedure. [U.S. EPA, Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances, Non-Confidential Information Center, Room 607B, Northeast Mall, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone: (202) 260–7099]. This docket also contains background and supporting materials for the revised draft UDP.

The comments will also be provided to the Panel for consideration in preparation for a final meeting tentatively planned for August 2001. This meeting is anticipated to be held as a teleconference with opportunity for public participation. An announcement of the Panel meeting with additional details will be published in a future **Federal Register** notice. The focus of this meeting will be to discuss the revised draft UDP, the proposed procedure for calculating the confidence interval for the estimated LD50, and the software program. Following the Panel meeting, a final report of the Panel's findings and recommendations will be published and made available to the public through NICEATM. In accordance with Public Law 106–545, ICCVAM will develop and forward test recommendations on the UDP to Federal agencies for their consideration. The ICCVAM recommendations will also be made available to the public.

Background

In 1999, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) proposed deletion of its standard test guideline (TG) for assessing the acute oral toxicity of chemicals (TG 401; OECD, 1987). The rationale for deletion was that three alternative acute toxicity test methods had previously been adopted and could be used instead. Each method uses fewer animals than the procedure described in TG 401. One of these test methods is the UDP (OECD TG 425). Prior to formal deletion of TG 401, OECD determined that it was necessary to revise the three alternative methods to conform to the newly harmonized OECD hazard classification scheme (OECD, 1998). The U.S. EPA agreed to organize a Technical Task Force to revise the UDP (OECD TG 425). The revised UDP test method included two procedures different from the original UDP: a Limit Test for substances anticipated having minimal toxicity, and a Supplemental Test to determine the slope and confidence interval for the dose-response curve.

ICCVAM and NICEATM convened an international independent scientific peer review panel July 25, 2000, to evaluate the validation status of the revised UDP. The Panel concluded that the revised UDP Primary Test provided an improved estimate of acute oral toxicity with a reduction in the number of animals used compared to the existing conventional LD50 test (e.g., EPA 870.1100, TG 401). The Panel concluded that the proposed Limit Test procedure would be expected to perform as well as or better than the currently used EPA 870.1100 or TG 401 limit test for hazard classification, while using fewer animals. The Panel did not recommend the proposed UDP Supplemental Test procedure for use. Information on previous deliberations of the Panel can be found on the Internet at http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/udp.htm.

In recognition of the need for a procedure to calculate the confidence interval for the estimated median lethal dose determined using the UDP, the UDP Technical Task Force developed a procedure for use with UDP data from the primary procedure. As recommended by the Panel, the Supplemental Procedure has been deleted in the revised draft UDP and no further work on a procedure to generate dose-response slope information has been proposed. A specialized software program was subsequently developed by the U.S. EPA to facilitate implementation and use of the revised UDP.

Background for the UDP, including the availability of review materials, can be found in previous **Federal Register** notices (see FR Volume 65, Number 34, pages 8385–8386, February 18, 2000, and FR Volume 65, Number 106, pages 35109–35110, June 1, 2000). Minutes from the UDP Peer Review Panel meeting held July 25, 2000, may be found at http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/udp.htm.

Additional Information About ICCVAM and NICEATM

ICCVAM, with 15 participating Federal agencies, was established in 1997 to coordinate interagency issues on toxicological test method development, validation, regulatory acceptance, and national and international harmonization. The ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106–545) formally authorized and designated ICCVAM as a permanent committee. The NICEATM was established in 1998 to collaborate with the ICCVAM to facilitate the development, scientific review, and validation of novel toxicological methods that predict human health risks while reducing, refining, and/or replacing animal tests and to promote communication with stakeholders. The NICEATM is located at the NIEHS in Research Triangle Park, NC. Additional information concerning ICCVAM and NICEATM can be found

on the ICCVAM/NICEATM web site at http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov.

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OECD (1987). TG 401. OECD Guideline for the Testing of Chemicals, Acute Oral Toxicity, Adopted February 24, 1987, OECD, Paris, France.

OECD (1998). Harmonized Integrated Hazard Classification System for Human Health and Environmental Effects of Chemical Substances as endorsed by the 28th Joint Meeting of the Chemicals Committee and Working Party on Chemicals in November 1998. Available on the Internet at http://www.oecd.org/ehs/Class/HCL6.htm.

Dated: June 6, 2001.

Samuel H. Wilson,

Deputy Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–4655–N–16]

Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Comment Request; Congregate Housing Services Program (CHSP)

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below will be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* August 21, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comments should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB Control Number and should be sent to: Wayne Eddins, Reports Management Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, L'Enfant Building, Room 8202, Washington, D.C. 20410.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carissa Janis, Office of Housing Assistance and Grants Management, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410, telephone number (202) 708–2866, extension 2487 (this is not a toll-free number), for copies of the proposed forms and other available information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department is submitting the proposed information collection to OMB for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1955 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended).

This Notice is soliciting comments from members of the public and affected agencies concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond; including the use of appropriate automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

This Notice also lists the following information:

Title of Proposal: Congregate Housing Services Program (CHSP).

OMB Control Number, if applicable: 2502–0485.

Description of the need for the information and proposed use: Completion of the Annual Report by grantees provides HUD with essential information about who the grant is serving and what sort of services the individual receive through the use of grant funds. The Summary Budget is a matrix of budgeted yearly costs, which shows the services funded through the grant and demonstrates how matching funds, participants fees, and grant funds will be used in tandem to operate the grant program. Field staff approve this annual budget and request annual extension funds according to the budget. Field staff can also determine if grantees are meeting statutory and regulatory requirements through the evaluation of this budget. HUD will use the Payment Voucher to monitor the use of grant funds for eligible activities over the term of the grant. The Grantee may similarly use the Payment Voucher to track and record their request for payment reimbursement for grant-funded activities over the term of the grant. The grantee may similarly use the Payment Voucher to track and record their request for payment reimbursement for grant-funded activities.

Agency from numbers, if applicable: HUD–90006, HUD–90198, HUD–91180–A.

Estimation of the total number of hours needed to prepare the information collection including number of respondents, frequency of response, and hours of response: The estimated number of respondents is 81, the frequency of responses is annually, estimated time to compete is approximately 4 hours for HUD–90006; .25 hours for HUD–90198; 3.5 hours for HUD–91180–A; and 2 hours for SF–269, and the total annual burden hours requested for this collection is 1,013.

Status of the proposed information collection: Reinstatement with change, of previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Authority: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C., Chapter 35, as amended.

Dated: June 1, 2001.

Sean G. Cassidy,

General Deputy, Assistant Secretary for Housing—Deputy Federal Housing Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR–4650–N–4]

Notice of Submission of Proposed Information Collection to OMB; Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and Improvement Plan (IP)

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Information Officer, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The proposed information collection requirement described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Department is soliciting public comments on the subject proposal.

DATES: *Comments Due Date:* July 23, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments regarding this proposal. Comment should refer to the proposal by name and/or OMB approval number and should be sent to: Joseph F. Lackey, Jr., OMB Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.