

Contact Person: Tracy A. Shahan, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases, Natcher Building, MSC 6500, 45 Center Drive, 5AS-25H, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 594-4952.

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Dated: August 9, 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 Meetings

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 meetings.

The meetings 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 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: August 13, 2001.

Time: 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: Jeanne N. Ketley, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4130, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1789.

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.

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

Date: August 16, 2001.

Time: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: Jeanne N. Ketley, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4130, MSC 7814, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1789.

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

Date: August 16, 2001.

Time: 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

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

Contact Person: Prabha L. Atreya, PhD., Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5152, MSC 7842, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-8367.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

National Toxicology Program; Workshop

SUMMARY: National Toxicology Program (NTP); National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS); Announces a Workshop on the "Assessment of the Allergenic Potential of Genetically Modified Foods," September 24-26, 2001, Durham Marriott at the Civic Center, 201 Foster Street, Durham, NC.

Background

There is growing concern among the general public and the scientific community regarding the potential toxicity of genetically modified (GM) foods. Of specific interest is the ability of GM proteins to elicit potentially harmful immunologic responses including hypersensitivity and/or autoimmunity. The lack of information

on the potential toxicity of these products has created a considerable backlash against the producers and users of these crops. This workshop will gather experts in food allergy, GM crops, and the regulatory aspects of these products, along with bench scientists and clinicians, to examine the current state of knowledge in the area, identify the critical issues regarding these materials, and develop testing strategies to examine the allergenicity of these compounds.

Sponsors for the workshop include the Office of Research and Development, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; National Toxicology Program, Department of Health and Human Services; National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, National Institutes of Health; Office of Rare Diseases, National Institutes of Health; Center for Food Safety and Nutrition, U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The workshop is organized by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and the National Toxicology Program, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

Preliminary Meeting Agenda

Monday, September 24, 2001

8:30 a.m.

Meeting Begins/Welcome

Introduction: What are the issues?—

Dr. Dean Metcalfe

National Center for Food Safety and Technology Conference Conclusion, November 2000—Dr. Steven Gendel

Session I: Clinical Aspects and Clinical Investigation of Food Allergy

Clinical Spectrum of Food Allergy—

Dr. Hugh Sampson

Clinical Assessment of Food Allergy

to Novel Proteins—Dr. Sam Lehrer

Contribution of Inhalation

Allergenicity—Occupational/Rural

Exposures—Dr. Leonard Bernstein

The Role of Eosinophils in Food

Allergy—Dr. Marc Rothenberg

12:00 p.m.

Lunch

Post-Marketing Surveillance—Dr.

Carol Rubin

Session II: Toxicological Evaluation of Novel Proteins

Assessment of Protein Structure,

Sequence Homology and Stability—

Dr. Tong-Jen Fu, Dr. Gary Bannon

Session III: Regulatory Considerations

Panel Discussion: This session will consist of short presentations from regulatory and industry scientists followed by a panel discussion. Panelists will consider what studies (data) are most useful in assessing the

safety of exposure to potentially allergenic substances and what are the biggest uncertainties.

Speaker/Panelist—Dr. Laura Tarantino (FDA), Dr. John Kough (EPA), Dr. James Astwood (Monsanto), Dr. Katherine Sarlo (Proctor and Gamble), Dr. Val Giddings (Biosys)

Session IV: Risk Communication

Biotechnology and How The Public Perceives It—Dr. Thomas Hoban, Dr. Rebecca Goldberg

5:00 p.m.

Open Discussion

Tuesday, September 25, 2001

Session V: Toxicologic Methods of Safety Assessment

8:30 a.m.

Meeting Begins/Overview

Oral and Intraperitoneal Exposure of Brown Norway Rats—Dr. Andre Penninks

Oral and Systemic Exposure of BALB/c Mice—Dr. Ian Kimber

Assessment of Allergenicity in Dogs—Dr. Robert Buchanan

Assessment of Allergenicity Using Swine Models—Dr. Ricki Helm

Serum Screening & Challenges for Allergenicity Safety Assessment—Dr. Susan Hefle

12:00 p.m.

Lunch

Charge to Breakout Groups:

The afternoon of the 25th will be devoted to breakout sessions. Breakout group reports will be presented the morning of the 26th. Meeting participants will divide into breakout groups that will address questions and evaluate research needs as listed below. It is anticipated that each breakout group will consist of 8–10 individuals with varied expertise. On the final day of the meeting, each breakout group will report on their discussions of the state of the science, the research gaps in the specific area, and approaches to address these gaps.

What are the research needs in the areas of:

1. Use of Human Clinical Data for Risk Assessment
2. Animal Models to Assess Food allergy
3. Biomarkers of Exposure and Effect
4. Sensitive Populations
5. Models of Dose Response
6. Post-market Surveillance

Session VI—Breakout Group Meetings

Address Questions, Research Needs and Areas of Particular Focus
Observer Question and Discussion
Session (Within Breakout Groups)

5:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Wednesday September 26, 2001

Session VII—Breakout Group Presentations

8:30 a.m.

Meeting Begins/Presentations

Meeting Summary and Discussion

Consensus Building and Agreement on the Way Forward

12:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Open to the Public/Registration Information

The public is invited to attend the workshop as observers. The number of observers will be limited only by the space available. An open discussion session is scheduled each day to provide an opportunity for observers to contribute to the scientific discussion. Due to space limitations, advance registration is requested by August 31, 2001. For registration information, contact Ms. Angie Sanders, NTP Office of Liaison and Scientific Review, 111 T.W. Alexander Drive, NIEHS, MD A3-02, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; sanders5@niehs.nih.gov; 919-541-0530 (telephone); 919-541-0295 (fax). For additional information or to view the registration package, please access the meeting web page located on the NTP web site: <http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov/htdocs/Liaison/GMFoodPg.html>. For scientific information, contact Dr. Dori Germolec: germolec@niehs.nih.gov; 919-541-3230 (telephone); 919-541-0870 (fax).

Dated: August 6, 2001.

Samuel H. Wilson,

Deputy Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AZA 31816]

Notice of Proposed Withdrawal; Arizona

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Forest Service proposes to withdraw 158.06 acres of National Forest System land to protect the unique prehistoric, recreational, historical, and interpretive integrity of the Snake Gulch area. This notice segregates the land for up to 2

years from location and entry under the United States mining laws. The land will remain open to all other uses which may by law be made of National Forest System land.

DATES: Comments should be received on or before November 14, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to the Forest Supervisor, Kaibab National Forest, 800 South 6th Street, Williams, Arizona 86046.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dwan Utley, Kaibab National Forest, 928-635-8275.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Forest Service proposes to withdraw the following described National Forest System land from location and entry under the United States mining laws, subject to valid existing rights:

Kaibab National Forest

Gila and Salt River Meridian

T. 37 N., R. 3 W., (unsurveyed) and T. 38 N., R. 3 W., HES No. 581

The area described contains 158.06 acres in Coconino and Mohave Counties.

For a period of 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, all persons who wish to submit comments, suggestions, or objections in connection with the proposed withdrawal may present their views in writing to the Forest Supervisor of the Kaibab National Forest.

Notice is hereby given that an opportunity for a public meeting is afforded in connection with the proposed withdrawal. All interested persons who desire a public meeting for the purpose of being heard on the proposed withdrawal must submit a written request, by the date specified above, to the Forest Supervisor, Kaibab National Forest. Upon determination by the authorized officer that a public meeting will be held, a notice of time and place will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The application will be processed in accordance with the regulations set forth in 43 CFR 2300.

For a period of 2 years from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the land will be segregated as specified above unless the application is denied or canceled or the withdrawal is approved prior to that date.

Dated: August 1, 2001.

John R. Christensen,

Acting Deputy State Director, Resources Division.

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