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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

The draft guidance serves to clarify and update previously issued guidance on testing the AEC component of mammography units. Due to the use of increasingly sophisticated mammography units, previously issued guidance on this matter does not adequately address the issue. This draft guidance was developed with input from the National Mammography Quality Assurance Advisory Committee during a meeting held on August 26, 2002. Once finalized, this guidance will supersede the AEC guidance that currently appears in the July 18, 2002, version of the MQSA Policy Guidance Help System (<http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/mammography/robohelp/START.HTM>).

This draft guidance is being issued consistent with FDA's good guidance practices regulation (21 CFR 10.115). The draft guidance represents the agency's current thinking on testing of the AEC component of mammography units. It does not create or confer any rights for or on any person and does not operate to bind FDA or the public. An alternative approach may be used if such approach satisfies the requirements of the applicable statute and regulations.

**II. Comments**

Interested persons may submit to the Dockets Management Branch (see **ADDRESSES**) written or electronic comments on the draft guidance. Submit a single copy of electronic comments to <http://www.fda.gov/dockets/ecomments>. Two hard copies of any mailed comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one hard copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. Received comments are available for public examination in the

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**III. Electronic Access**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**National Institutes of Health**

**National Cancer Institute; Notice of Closed Meeting**

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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:* National Cancer Institute Special Emphasis Panel, Flexible System to Advance Innovative Research.

*Date:* March 19-21, 2003.

*Time:* 7 p.m. to 6 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn Select Bethesda, 8120 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda, MD 20814.

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(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.392, Cancer Construction; 93.393, Cancer Cause and Prevention Research; 93.394, Cancer Detection and Diagnosis Research; 93.395, Cancer Treatment Research; 93.396, Cancer Biology Research; 93.397, Cancer Centers Support; 93.398, Cancer Research Manpower; 93.399, Cancer Control, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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