

Date: February 12, 1998.

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: Radisson Barcelo Hotel, Washington, DC.

Contact Person: Dr. Leonard Jakubczak, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5172, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1247.

This notice is being published less than 15 days prior to the above meetings due to the urgent need to meet timing limitations imposed by the grant review and funding cycle.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: March 12-13, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Holiday Inn-Georgetown, Washington, DC.

Contact Person: Dr. Betty Hayden, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4206, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1223.

Name of SEP: Multidisciplinary Sciences.

Date: March 15-17, 1998.

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Place: Regal University Hotel, Durham, NC.
Contact Person: Dr. Lee Rosen, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5116, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1171.

Name of SEP: Biological and Physiological Sciences.

Date: March 16, 1998.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: NIH, Rockledge 2, Room 6168, Telephone Conference.

Contact Person: Dr. Syed Amir, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6168, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1043.

Name of SEP: Chemistry and Related Sciences.

Date: March 25-27, 1998.

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: Quality Suites, Rockville, MD.

Contact Person: Dr. Jean D. Sipe, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5152, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1743.

Purpose/Agenda: To review Small Business Innovation Research.

Name of SEP: Multidisciplinary Sciences.

Date: March 9-10, 1998.

Time: 8:30 a.m.

Place: Holiday Inn-Georgetown, Washington, DC.

Contact Person: Dr. Bill Bunnag, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5212, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1177.

Name of SEP: Chemistry and Related Sciences.

Date: March 17-18, 1998.

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Place: Holiday Inn-Georgetown, Washington, DC.

Contact Person: Dr. Jean D. Sipe, Scientific Review Administrator, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5152, Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 435-1743.

The meetings will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. Applications and/or proposals and the

discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material and personal information concerning individuals associated with the applications and/or proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, 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)

Dated: January 27, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Prospective Grant of Coexclusive License: Vaccines for Dengue and Other Flaviviruses

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice in accordance with 15 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i) that the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services, is contemplating the grant of a limited field of use coexclusive world-wide license to practice the invention embodied in U.S. Patent No. 5,494,671, issued February 27, 1996 (U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 07/747,785, filed August 20, 1991), entitled "C-Terminally Truncated Dengue and Japanese Encephalitis Virus Envelope Proteins" to SmithKline Beecham Biological of Rixensart, Belgium. Publication of this notice should be considered a modification of an earlier notice (62 FR 5836, Feb. 7, 1997). The patent rights in this invention have been assigned to the United States of America.

DATES: Only written comments and/or applications for a license which are received by NIH on or before April 6, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Requests for a copy of this issued patent, inquiries, comments, and other materials relating to the contemplated license should be directed to: Carol A. Salata, Technology Licensing Specialist, Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, MD 20852-3804; Telephone: (301) 496-7735 ext 232; Facsimile: (301) 402-0220; E-mail: salatac@OD.NIH.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The patent describes the use of C-terminally truncated flavivirus envelope proteins in vaccines against flavivirus infections. The inventions also relates to recombinant viruses which encode the truncated protein and to host cells infected therewith.

The prospective coexclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. It is anticipated that this license may be limited to the field of subunit vaccines against Dengue and Japanese Encephalitis produced in prokaryotic or eukaryotic cells. This license will not include live virus, killed virus or DNA-based vaccines or the use of vaccinia virus as a vector, or immunogen.

This prospective coexclusive license may be granted unless within 60 days from the date of this published notice, NIH receives written evidence and argument that establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Applications for a license filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the grant of the contemplated license. Comments and objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available for public inspection, and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: January 23, 1998.

Barbara M. McGarey,

Deputy Director, Office of Technology Transfer.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

National Toxicology Program; Call for Public Comments; Substances, Mixtures and Exposure Circumstances Proposed for Listing in or Delisting (Removing) From the Report on Carcinogens, Ninth Edition

Background

The National Toxicology Program (NTP) announces its intent to review additional substances, mixtures and exposure circumstances for possible listing in or delisting (removing) from the Report on Carcinogens, Ninth Edition. This Report (previously known as the Annual Report on Carcinogens) is a Congressionally-mandated listing of known human carcinogens and

reasonably anticipated human carcinogens and its preparation is delegated to the National Toxicology Program by the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Section 301(b)(4) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended, provides that the Secretary, (DHHS), shall publish a report which contains a list of all substances (1) which either are known to be human carcinogen or may be reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen, and (2) to which a significant number of persons residing in the United States (US) are exposed. The law also states that the reports should provide available information on the nature of exposures, the estimated number of persons exposed and the extent to which the implementation of Federal regulations decreases the risk to public health from exposure to these chemicals.

The review of the substances, mixtures or exposure circumstances for listing in, changing the current listing from reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen to known to be a human carcinogen or delisting from the Ninth Report will involve a multiphased, peer review process involving two Federal scientific review groups and one non-government, scientific peer review body (a subcommittee on the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors) which will meet in an open, public meeting that will provide for public comments. All

available data relevant to the criteria for inclusion or removal of candidate agents, substances, mixtures or exposure circumstances in the Report will be evaluated by the three scientific review committees. The criteria to be used in the review process and the detailed description of the review procedures, including the steps in the formal review process, can be obtained by contacting: Dr. C. W. Jameson, National Toxicology Program, Report on Carcinogens, MD EC-14, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; phone: (919) 541-5096, fax: (919) 541-2242, email: jameson@niehs.nih.gov.

Public Comment Requested

The NTP will be considering 11 substances, mixtures and exposure circumstances in 1998, for either listing in or delisting (removing) from, or changing the current listing from reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen to the known to be a human carcinogen category in the Ninth Report. These substances, mixtures, or exposure circumstances are provided in the following table with their chemical Abstracts Services (CAS) Registry numbers (where available) and pending review action. The NTP solicits public input on these 11 substances, mixtures and exposure circumstances and asks for relevant information anyone may have on carcinogenesis from completed, ongoing, or planned studies by others, as well as current production data, use patterns, and human exposure

information for any of the substances, mixtures or exposure circumstances listed in this announcement. Comments concerning the review of these substances, mixtures or exposure circumstances for listing in or delisting from the Ninth Report on Carcinogens will be accepted for a period of 45 days from the date of the publication of this announcement in the Federal Register. Comments or questions should be directed to Dr. C. W. Jameson at the address listed above.

Public Nominations for Delisting or Listing Encouraged

The NTP solicits and encourages the broadest participation from interested individuals or parties in nominating agents, substances, or mixtures for listing in or delisting from the Ninth and future Reports on Carcinogens. Petitions should contain a rationale for listing or delisting. Appropriate background information and relevant data (e.g. Journal articles, NTP Technical Reports, IARC listings, exposure surveys, release inventories, etc.) which support a petition should be provided or referenced when possible.

A detailed description of listing/delisting procedures, including the steps in the formal review process, can be obtained by contacting Dr. Jameson at the address listed above.

Dated: January 26, 1998.

Kenneth Olden,
Director, National Toxicology Program.

SUMMARY FOR AGENTS, SUBSTANCES, MIXTURES OR EXPOSURE CIRCUMSTANCES TO BE REVIEWED IN 1998, FOR CONSIDERATION OF LISTING IN OR DELISTING FROM THE NINTH REPORT ON CARCINOGENS

Substance or exposure circumstance/CAS Number	Primary uses or exposures	To be reviewed for
Alcoholic Beverages	Consumption of alcoholic beverages	Listing in the 9th Report.
Boot and Shoe Manufacture and Repair.	Workers in the boot and shoe manufacture and repair industry	Listing in the 9th Report.
Diesel Particulates	Diesel engine exhaust	Listing in the 9th Report.
Environmental Tobacco Smoke	"Passive" inhalation of tobacco smoke from environmental sources	Listing in the 9th Report.
Ethyl Acrylate/140-88-5	Monomer used to produce polymers and copolymers for use in latex paints, textiles, etc.	Delisting from the Report on Carcinogens.
Ethylene Oxide/75-2-8	Industrial chemical used as an intermediate in the manufacture of other chemicals; e.g., ethylene glycol and is widely used in the health care industry as a sterilant.	Change current listing to the Known to be a Human Carcinogen category.
Isoprene/78-79-5	The monomeric unit of natural rubber and naturally occurring terpenes and steroids and widely used in the production of isoprene-butadiene copolymers.	Listing in the 9th Report.
Methyl-t-Butyl Ether/1634-04-4	Used as an additive in unleaded gasoline in amounts up to 11%	Listing in the 9th Report.
Nickel and Nickel Compounds/7440-02-0.	Many industrial and commercial applications	Change current listing to the Known to be a Human Carcinogen category.
Nickel Refining	Workers in the nickel refining industry	Listing in the 9th Report.
Silica, Crystalline/7631-86-9	Exposure from mining and quarrying of coal and other minerals, stone cutting, production of glass and ceramics and in occupations such as sandblasting, polishing and grinding.	Change current listing to the Known to be a Human Carcinogen category.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Endangered and Threatened Species Permit Applications

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of receipt of applications.

The following applicants have applied for permits to conduct certain activities with endangered species. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531, *et seq.*).

PRT-83713

Applicant: Zambrana Engineering, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri; Paul T. Raibley, Senior Aquatic Scientist.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture and release) pallid sturgeon (*Scaphirhynchus albus*), fanshell [*Cyprogenia stegaria* (= *irrorata*)], fat pocketbook [*Potamilus* (= *Proptera*) *capax*], and Higgins' eye pearl mussel (*Lampsilis higginsii*) from the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers and their tributaries bordering or occurring in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Activities are proposed to document presence or absence of the species for the purpose of survival and enhancement of the species in the wild.

PRT-838714

Applicant: University of Minnesota, Raptor Center, St. Paul, Minnesota; Patrick Redig, Director.

The applicant requests a permit to take (capture, fit with radio tracking units, and release) bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) in Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin. Activities are proposed for the purpose of scientific research aimed at survival and enhancement of the species in the wild.

PRT-838715

Applicant: The Nature Conservancy, Oak Openings Project Office, Swanton, Ohio; David Weekes, Executive Director.

The applicant requests a permit to take (harass and kill through habitat management) Karner blue butterfly (*Lycia melissa samuelis*) at the Kitty Todd Nature Preserve in Swanton, Ohio. Activities are proposed to maintain and increase habitat for a reintroduced population of the species for the purpose of survival and enhancement of the species in the wild.

Written data or comments should be submitted to the Regional Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056, and must be received within 30 days of the date of this publication.

Documents and other information submitted with these applications are available for review by any party who submits a written request for a copy of such documents to the following office within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services Operations, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota 55111-4056. Telephone: (612/713-5332); FAX: (612/713-5292).

Dated: January 26, 1998.

Matthias A. Kerschbaum,

Acting Assistant Regional Director, IL, IN, MO (Ecological Services), Region 3, Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Availability of a Draft Recovery Plan for the Pawnee Montane Skipper (*Hesperia leonardus montana*) for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service announces the availability for public review of a draft recovery plan for the pawnee montane skipper (*Hesperia leonardus montana*). The pawnee montane skipper currently exists on 38 square miles in the South Platte River drainage system in Colorado. The Service solicits review and comment from the public on this draft recovery plan.

DATES: Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before June 3, 1998 to ensure they receive consideration by the Service.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to review the draft recovery plan may obtain a copy by contacting the Partnerships Coordinator, Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. Written comments and materials regarding this plan should be sent to the above address. Comments and materials received are available on request for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bettina Proctor, Partnerships Coordinator (see ADDRESSES above), at (303) 236-8155, extension 259.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of the Service's endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, the Service is working to prepare recovery plans for most of the listed species native to the United States. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish criteria for recovery levels for downlisting or delisting them, and estimate time and cost for implementing the recovery measure needed.

The Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act, as amended in 1988, requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. The Service will consider all information presented during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. The Service and other Federal Agencies also will take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

The pawnee montane skipper was listed as threatened on September 25, 1987 (52 FR 36176). The skipper occurs only on the Pikes Peak Granite Formation in the South Platte River drainage system in Colorado involving portions of Jefferson, Douglas, Teller, and Park counties. The total known habitat within the range is estimated to be 37.9 square miles.

At the time of listing, the skipper habitat was threatened with the construction of Two Forks Dam and Reservoir by the Denver Water Department, and associated development. In 1990, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency did not approve the construction of the dam, removing the immediate principal threat to the skipper's habitat. In the long term, plans to develop a reservoir in the South Platte drainage which might negatively affect skipper habitat may resurface.

Because of the limited habitat and range of the Pawnee montane skipper, unexpected environmental, random (stochastic) events could also have a major deleterious effect on the