

arising from physical forces such as laser beams and to compositions containing phenyl nitrones and dihydrolipoic acids or alpha-lipoic acid as neuroprotective agents. The protective effect is believed to be due to the metabolites ability to protect neurons by a direct antioxidant effect, recycling of antioxidant vitamins E and C by redox, enhancement of glutathione, creation of at least 8 species of free radicals, and enhancement of intracellular ATP. Such may be useful in glaucoma, temporal arteritis, macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, proliferative retinopathy, retinitis pigmentosa, and as an adjunctive prophylactic therapy prior to or following cataract surgery.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### **Availability for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Application Concerning Pharmaceutical Composition Containing pGLU-GLU-PRO-NH2 and Method for Treating Diseases and Injuries to the Brain, Spinal Cord and Retina Using Same**

**AGENCY:** Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/692,938 entitled "Pharmaceutical Composition Containing pGLU-GLU-PRO-NH2 and Method for Treating Diseases and Injuries to the Brain, Spinal Cord and Retina Using Same" and filed October 20, 2000. Foreign rights are also available (PCT/US00/29278). The United States Government, as represented by the Secretary of the Army, has rights in this invention.

**ADDRESSES:** Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, ATTN: Command Judge Advocate, MCMR-JA, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, Maryland 21702-5012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For patent issues, Ms. Elizabeth Arwine, Patent Attorney, (301) 619-7808. For licensing issues, Dr. Paul Mele, Office of Research & Technology Assessment, (301) 619-6664. Both at telefax (301) 619-5034.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A neuroprotectant composition wherein the active ingredient is pGLU-GLU-PRO-NH2 or a combination of pGLU-GLU-PRO-NH2 (EEP) and N-tert-Butyl- $\alpha$ -(2sulfophenyl)nitrone (SPBN) or other nitrone. A method of treating and preventing diseases and injuries of the brain, spinal cord and retina is also presented by administering the endogenous tripeptide EEP to a subject as a neuroprotectant or by administering EEP in combination with SPBN or other nitrone.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### **Availability for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Application Concerning Treatment of and/or Prophylaxis Against Brain and Spinal Cord Injury**

**AGENCY:** Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/556,954 entitled "Treatment of and/or Prophylaxis Against Brain and Spinal Cord Injury" and filed April 21, 2000. The United States Government, as represented by the Secretary of the Army, has rights in this invention.

**ADDRESSES:** Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, ATTN: Command Judge Advocate, MCMR-JA, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, Maryland 21702-5012.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The administration of  $\alpha$ -lipoic acid ( $\alpha$ -LA) and dihydrolipoic acid (DHL) both as a preventive measure before exposure to conditions which may cause damage, such as rapid changes in atmospheric pressure, and as a means of preventing or ameliorating damage arising from such injury provides benefits not currently available. The active agents

may be administered systematically or to the injured tissue. For example, when there is spinal cord injury, the active agents may be administered intrathecally.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### **Performance Review Boards Membership**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is give of the names of members of a Performance Review Board for the Department of the Army.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 11, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

David Stokes, U.S. Army Senior Executive Service Office, Assistant Secretary of the Army, Manpower & Reserve Affairs, 111 Army, Washington, DC 20310-0111.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 4314(c)(1) through (5) of Title 5, U.S.C., requires each agency to establish, in accordance with regulations, one or more Senior Executive Service performance review boards. The boards shall review and evaluate the initial appraisal of senior executives' performance by supervisors and make recommendations to the appointing authority or rating official relative to the performance of these executives.

The members of the Performance Review Board for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are:

1. MG Hans Van Winkle (chair).
2. Dr. Lewis Link (alternative chair).
3. BG Carl Strock.
4. BG Peter Madsen.
5. Mr. Fred Caver.
6. Ms. Linda Garvin.
7. Mr. Joe Tyler.
8. Mr. Rob Vining.
9. Mr. Steve Browning.
10. Mr. Louis Carr.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### **National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Assessment Governing Board, Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. This notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under section 10 (a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend. Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to attend the meeting (i.e. interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Munira Mwalimu at 202-357-6938 or at [Munira.Mwalimu@ed.gov](mailto:Munira.Mwalimu@ed.gov) no later than November 9, 2001. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

**DATES:** November 16–17, 2001.

**Time:** November 16—Full Board 8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.; Assessment Development Committee 10:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.; Committee on Standards, Design and Methodology, 10:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.; Reporting and Dissemination Committee, 10:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m.; Full Board, 12:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.; November 17—Full Board 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

**Location:** The Westin Fairfax, 2100 Massachusetts Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Munira Mwalimu, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 825, Washington, DC 20002-4233, Telephone: (202) 357-6938.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994) (Pub. L. 103-382).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The Board is responsible for selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, identifying appropriate achievement goals for each grade and subject tested, and establishing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons.

On November 16, 2001 the full Board will convene in open session from 8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m. The Board will approve the agenda; hear a report from the Executive Director of the National

Assessment Governing Board; receive updates on the NAEP Program and on reauthorization; and on the “No Child Left Behind” initiative. From 10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., the Board’s standing committees will meet in open session.

The Assessment Development Committee (ADC) will meet in open session on Friday, November 16, 2001 from 10:00 a.m.–12:15 p.m. The Committee will review final recommendations on the Mathematics Framework and Specifications for the 2004 NAEP Math Assessment; review the draft NAEP Reading Framework; and receive a briefing on the Economics Framework and Specifications project for the NAEP 2005 Economics Assessment.

The Committee on Standards, Design, and Methodology will meet on Friday, November 16, 2001 from 10 a.m.–12:15 p.m. to discuss technical issues in potential changes to Long Term Trend Assessments; receive a summary analyses of combined state and national NAEP data; discuss proposed statistical standards for inference and comparisons; receive a summary analyses of the grade 12 score decline in NAEP; and receive a status report on the 2001 geography achievement level anchoring study.

The Reporting and Dissemination Committee will meet on Friday, November 16, 2001 from 10 a.m.–12:15 p.m. to discuss the NAEP 2000 Science Release; the schedule for release of future NAEP reports; and annual reporting of reading and mathematics.

The Committee will receive an update on racial/ethnic categories in NAEP data collection and reporting, and discuss the Board’s role in the review of background questions and criteria for review. The Committee will review background questions for the NAEP 2002 reading and writing assessments; the NAEP 2002 field test; and the long term trend assessments.

The full Board will reconvene on November 16, 2001 from 12:30 p.m.–5 p.m. to discuss measuring achievement gaps, to receive an update and discuss the NAEP 2002 Reading Revisit; hear a status report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Confirming State Results; hear recommendations and discuss the NAEP 2004 Mathematics Framework; and receive ethics training upon which the November 16, 2001 session of the Board meeting will adjourn.

On November 17, 2001, the Board will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. to receive a demonstration of the Interactive NAEP Data Tool. The Board will then hear and take action on Committee reports from 9:30 a.m. to 12

p.m., whereupon the meeting will adjourn.

Summaries of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters, which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite #825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

Dated: November 1, 2001.

**Roy Truby,**

*Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Fossil Energy; National Coal Council

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of Charter Renewal.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463) and in accordance with title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 102-3.65, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the National Coal Council has been renewed for a two-year period ending November 1, 2003. The Council will continue to provide advice, information, and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on a continuing basis, regarding general policy matters relating to coal issues.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Council members are chosen to assure a well-balanced representation from all sections of the country, all segments of the coal industry, including large and small companies, and commercial and residential consumers. The Council also has diverse members who represent interests outside the coal industry, including environmental interests, labor, research, and academia. Membership and representation of all interests will continue to be determined in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and implementing regulations.

The renewal of the Council has been determined essential to the conduct of the Department’s business and in the