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Dated: October 9, 1996.

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Executive Officer, NICHD.
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Government-Owned Inventions; Availability for Licensing

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is owned by an agency of the U.S. Government and is available for licensing in the U.S. in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally funded research and development.

ADDRESSES: Licensing information and a copy of the U.S. patent application referenced below may be obtained by contacting George H. Keller, Ph.D., at the Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health, 6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, Maryland 20852-3804 (telephone 301/496-7735 ext 246; fax 301/402-0220). A signed Confidential Disclosure Agreement will be required to receive a copy of the patent application.

A Method of Detecting Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies

G. Hsich, C.J. Gibbs, K. Kenney, M.G. Harrington (NINDS)
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DHHS Reference No. E-055-96/0

Improved assays for the detection of transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs) in humans and non-human mammals have been developed. The assays involve detecting the presence or absence of 14-3-3 proteins in cerebrospinal fluid. Elevated levels of these proteins are indicative of TSEs, in particular Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease in humans and animals with these diseases. This invention is available for licensing on a non-exclusive basis.

Dated: October 2, 1996.

Barbara M. McGarey,
Deputy Director, Office of Technology Transfer.
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Recombinant Pseudomonas Exotoxin With Increased Activity

IH Pastan, DJ Fitzgerald (NCI)
Serial Nos. 07/901,709 filed 18 Jun 92 and 08/405,615 filed 15 Mar 95 (FWC of 07/901,709); also 08/463,480 and 08/461,234 filed on 05 Jun 95 (DIVs of 08/405,615)

Development of novel recombinant *Pseudomonas* exotoxin molecules with higher target cell toxicity and less nonspecific cell toxicity offers to significantly improve the effectiveness of immunotherapies against virally infected and cancer cells. Toxins attached to growth factors, antibodies, and other cell-targeting molecules can be used to kill harmful cells bearing specific surface receptors or antigens. One promising source of an effective therapeutic toxin is *Pseudomonas* exotoxin (PE) A, an extremely active monomeric protein that is excreted by the bacteria *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. PE, which causes cell death by inhibiting protein synthesis in eukaryotic cells, contains three structural domains that act in concert to cause cytotoxicity: domain Ia mediates cell binding, domain II is responsible for translocation into the cytosol, and domain III leads indirectly to inhibition of protein synthesis. Unfortunately, immunotoxins made with native PE also attack the liver and—when given in large doses—may produce death due to liver toxicity. This problem has been overcome by cleaving parts of the native endotoxin molecule including all of domain Ia and part of domain II. Such “pre-cleaved” PE molecules are smaller in size and, thus, less likely to be

immunogenic. They also are better able to penetrate tumors. These new PE molecules are at least 20 times more cytotoxic to target cells and less cytotoxic to normal cells than previously developed PE immunotoxins.

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Barbara M. McGarey,
Deputy Director, Office of Technology Transfer.
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National Center for Research Resources; 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:

Name of Committee: Board of Scientific Counselors, National Center for Research Resources (NCRR).

Dates of Meeting: November 18-19, 1996.

Time: 8:00 a.m.-until adjournment.

Place of Meeting: National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Conference Room G, Building 45, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

Scientific Review Administrator: Dr. Louise Ramm, Deputy Director, National Center for Research Resources, Building 12A, Room 4011, Bethesda, MD 20892, Telephone: (301) 496-6023.

Purpose/Agenda: For the review of the NCRR intramural research program.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in section 552(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. and section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, the meeting will be closed to the public for the review, discussion and evaluation of individual programs and projects conducted by the National Institutes of Health, including consideration of personnel qualifications and performance, the competence of individual investigators, and similar items, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: October 8, 1996.

Paula N. Hayes,
Acting Committee Management Officer, NIH.
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National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; Notice of Meeting: Board of Scientific Counselors

Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors,

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, on December 9–11, 1996. The meeting will be held in the 4th Floor Conference Room, Building 4, National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland.

The meeting will be open to the public on December 9 from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and from 2 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. On December 10 the meeting will be open from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. During the open sessions, the permanent staff of the Laboratory of Infectious Diseases will present and discuss their immediate, past and present research activities.

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. and Section 10(d) of Public Law 92–463, the meeting will be closed to the public on December 9 from 8:30 a.m. until 10 a.m., from 12:15 p.m. until 2 p.m., and from 4:15 p.m. until recess; on December 10 from 8:30 a.m. until 9 a.m., and from 11:30 a.m. until recess; and on December 11 from 8:30 a.m. until adjournment, for the review, discussion, and evaluation of individual intramural programs and projects conducted by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, including consideration of personal qualifications and performance, the competence of individual investigators, and similar items, and disclosure of which would constitute a clearing unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Ms. Claudia Goad, Committee Management Officer, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Solar Building, Room 3C26, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland 20982, 301–496–7601, will provide a summary of the meeting and a roster of committee members upon request. Individuals who play to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Ms. Goad in advance of the meeting.

Dr. Thomas J. Kindt, Executive Secretary, Board of Scientific Counselors, NIAID, National Institutes of Health, Building 10, Room 4A31, telephone 301–496–3006, will provide substantive program information.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93–301, National Institutes of Health.)

Dated: October 8, 1996.

Paula N. Hayes,

Acting Committee Management Officer, NIH.
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[ES–020–1310–00]

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Planning Analyses/Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Interior.

SUMMARY: The Jackson District Office, Eastern States, through a third party contractor (John Chance & Associates), will prepare a Planning Analyses/Environmental Assessment (PA/EA) for consideration of leasing Federal mineral estate for oil and gas exploration and development. The mineral estate is located on the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant (LAAP). Consent to lease has been obtained from the Department of Defense, the Surface Managing Agency.

This notice is issued pursuant to Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1501.7 and Title 43 CFR 1610.2(c). The planning effort will follow the procedures set forth in 43 CFR Part 1600.

The public is invited to participate in this PA/EA process by assisting with the identification of issues and criteria to be addressed in the PA/EA.

DATES: Comments relating to the identification of issues and criteria for the PA/EA will be accepted for 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to John E. Chance & Associates, Inc., Attention Steve Ellsworth, 200 Dulles Drive, Lafayette, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Clay W. Moore, National Environmental Policy Act Coordinator, BLM, Jackson District, 411 Briarwood Drive, Suite 404, Jackson, MS 39206, (601) 977–5400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15,341 acre LAAP is located approximately 15 miles east of Shreveport, Louisiana and five miles west of Minden, Louisiana in Webster Parish. The entire facility is under non-competitive oil and gas lease application. The BLM has responsibility to consider applications to lease Federal mineral estate for oil and gas exploration and development.

Preliminary examination of the LAAP has identified the following issues: (1) The installation mission prohibits drilling within all fenced-in areas around various military facilities and drilling is not allowed in contaminated areas, (2) Wetland, floodplain and riparian areas are present on the LAAP; (3) Suitable habitat for the endangered Red Cockaded Woodpecker (RCW) is

present, however, active RCW colonies were not located. A cultural resources survey and a threatened and endangered (T&E) species survey has been completed on the LAAP; (4) Federally designated Wild and Scenic Rivers or Wilderness areas are not located on the LAAP; (5) Lands classified as Farm Lands (prime or unique) are not present on the LAAP; (6) Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (this classification is reserved for lands administered by the BLM) are not located on the LAAP.

The issues noted above could change as a result of input from the public or State and Federal agencies.

Bruce E. Dawson,

District Manager, Jackson.

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Bureau of Land Management

[OR–958–0777–54; GP6–0125; OR–19652 (WA)]

Public Land Order No. 7220; Revocation of Secretarial Order dated June 15, 1927; Washington

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Public land order.

SUMMARY: This order revokes in its entirety a Secretarial order which withdrew 11,360 acres of National Park and National Forest System lands for the Bureau of Land Management's Powersite Classification No. 184. The lands are no longer needed for the purpose for which they were withdrawn. This action will open approximately 90 acres to surface entry, which have been and will remain open to mining and mineral leasing. The remaining 11,270 acres are included in other overlapping withdrawals and will remain closed to surface entry, mining, and mineral leasing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 15, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Betty McCarthy, BLM Oregon/Washington State Office, P.O. Box 2965, Portland, Oregon 97208–2965, 503–952–6155.

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of the Interior by Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, 43 U.S.C. 1714 (1988), it is ordered as follows:

1. The Secretarial Order dated June 15, 1927, which established Powersite Classification No. 184, is hereby revoked in its entirety: