

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 pearlymussel (*Lampsilis higginsi*) 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