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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

Correction

AGENCY: Health Resources and Services
Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: In the **Federal Register** issue
of Thursday, October 9, 1997, make the
following correction:

Correction

In FR Doc. 97-26645, on page 52908,
in the third column under the heading
"Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)/
Other Infant Death (OID) Program," the
program is being withdrawn from
competition due to financial and
programmatic concerns.

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Claude Earl Fox,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Health Resources and Services Administration

National Practitioner Data Bank for Adverse Information on Physicians and other Health Care Practitioners: Availability of and Fee for Public Use Data File

The Health Resources and Services
Administration (HRSA), Department of
Health and Human Services (DHHS), is
announcing a fee of \$195 for the
recently available public use data file
which includes selected information
from approximately 168,000 reports
submitted to the National Practitioner
Data Bank (Data Bank) between
September 1, 1990 and December 31,
1997. HRSA plans to make updated
versions of the complete file available
every 4 months. A separate \$195 fee will
be charged for each updated copy of the
file. The file contains information

concerning: (1) Malpractice payments
made for the benefit of physicians,
dentists, and other health care
practitioners; and (2) adverse licensure,
clinical privileges, and professional
society membership actions concerning
physicians and dentists.

The file does not contain information
which would allow identification of
individual physicians, dentists, or other
health care practitioners. It also does not
contain information identifying either
entities which filed reports with the
Data Bank or patients. This information
is being made available for research
purposes in conformance with 42 USC
11137(b). Hospitals cannot fulfill their
obligation under 42 USC 11135 to query
the Data Bank by obtaining this data file.
Other health care entities cannot fulfill
obligations to query the Data Bank
imposed by accreditation agencies by
obtaining this file.

Information in the file includes type
of practitioner, type of reporting entity,
and the practitioner's State. For
malpractice payment reports,
information includes malpractice
payment amount, reasons for
malpractice payment, date of payment,
and whether payment is a result of
judgment or settlement. For adverse
action reports, the file includes
information on the reason for the
licensure or clinical privileges adverse
action, the type of action taken, and the
duration of such action.

The public use file is in ASCII format
and is approximately 20 megabytes in
size. It is available in compressed form
on IBM-PC compatible high density 3.5
inch diskettes and may also be made
available in CD-ROM format. In
addition to the data themselves, a
complete file description in ASCII text
format is included. For information on
how to order the file, call Data Bank
"Help Line" at 1-800-767-6732.

The Data Bank is authorized by the
Health Care Quality Improvement Act of
1986 (the Act), title IV of Public Law
99-660, as amended (42 U.S.C. 11101 *et
seq.*). Section 427(b)(4) of the Act
authorizes the establishment of fees for
the costs of processing requests for
disclosure and of providing such
information.

Final regulations at 45 CFR part 60 set
forth the criteria and procedures for
information to be reported to and
disclosed by the Data Bank. Section 60.3
of these regulations defines the terms
used in this announcement.

In determining any changes in the
amount of the user fee, the Department
uses the criteria set forth in § 60.12(b) of
the regulations, as well as allowable
costs pursuant to the DHHS
Appropriations Act of 1998, Pub. L.

105-78, enacted November 13, 1997.
This Act requires that the Department
recover the full costs of operating the
Data Bank through user fees. Section
60.12(b) of the regulations states:

"The amount of each fee will be
determined based on the following criteria:

(1) Use of electronic data processing
equipment to obtain information—the actual
cost for the service, including computer
search time, runs, printouts, and time of
computer programmers and operators, or
other employees,

(2) Photocopying or other forms of
reproduction, such as magnetic tapes—actual
cost of the operator's time, plus the cost of
the machine time and the materials used,

(3) Postage—actual cost, and

(4) Sending information by special
methods requested by the applicant, such as
express mail or electronic transfer—the
actual cost of the special service."

Additionally, in establishing this
charge, the Agency used guidance
issued in the Office of Management and
Budget (OMB) Circular A-25, applicable
to the imposition of user fees. This
circular authorizes agencies to collect
user fees for the "full cost" of providing
a service. These allowable costs include
research. All other Data Bank user fees
remain the same.

The Department will review this
charge periodically, and will revise it as
necessary. Any changes in the fee and
their effective dates will be announced
in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: February 10, 1998.

Claude Earl Fox,

Acting Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Human Genome Research Institute; 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: National Human
Genome Research Institute, Special
Emphasis, Panel ZHG1 HGR P M1.

Agenda/Purpose: To review and evaluate
grant applications and/or contract proposals.

Date: February 26, 1998.

Time: 8:30 am to 5 p.m.

Place: The Sheraton Washington Hotel,
Washington, D.C.

Contact Person: Rudy Pozzatti, Ph.D.,
Office of Scientific Review, National Human
Genome Research Institute, National
Institutes of Health, Building 38A, Room 604,
Bethesda, Maryland 20892, (301) 402-0838.

The meeting will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C. The applications and/or contract proposals, and the discussions could reveal confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. (Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.172, Human Genome Research)

Dated: February 9, 1998.

LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute on Drug Abuse; Notice of Closed Meetings

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 National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) Special Emphasis Panel meetings.

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications and contract proposals.

Name of Committee: NIDA Special Emphasis Panel (SBIR Contract Review, "A New Experimental Chamber for the Long-term Study of Complex Behavior and Neurological Function in Rodents").

Date: February 25, 1998.

Time: 10 a.m.

Place: National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-49, Rockville, MD 20857.

Contact Person: Mr. Eric Zatman, Contract Review Specialist, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-42, Rockville, MD 20857, Telephone (301) 443-1644.

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

Name of Committee: NIDA Special Emphasis Panel (Clinical Neuroscience and Imaging).

Date: March 12, 1998.

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Double Tree Hotel, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

Contact Person: Mark Swieter, Ph.D., Scientific Review Administrator, Office of Extramural Program Review, National Institute on Drug Abuse, 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 10-42, Telephone (301) 443-2620.

The meetings will be closed in accordance with provisions set forth in secs. 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5, U.S.C. The 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 Numbers: 93.277, Drug Abuse Scientist Development, Research Scientist Development, and Research Scientist Awards; 93.278, Drug Abuse National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.279, Drug Abuse Research Programs, National Institutes of Health)

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LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; 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 National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meeting:

Name of SEP: Virology Quality Assurance Program (Telephone Conference Call).

Date: February 25, 1998.

Time: 1:00 p.m. to Adjournment.

Place: Teleconference, 6003 Executive Blvd., Solar Building, Room 1A02, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-2500.

Contact Person: Dr. Dianne E. Tingley, Scientific Review Adm., 6003 Executive Boulevard, Solar Bldg., Room 4C07, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 496-2550.

Purpose/Agenda: To evaluate contract proposals.

The meeting will be closed in accordance with the provisions set forth in secs. 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.

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

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs Nos. 93.855, Immunology, Allergic and Immunologic Diseases Research; 93.856, Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Research, National Institutes of Health)

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LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Notice of Closed Meetings

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 National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) meetings:

Name of SEP: Mutagenic Effects of Airborne Toxicants in Human Lungs-Program Project.

Date: March 16-18, 1998.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Sage Howard Johnson, 777 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA 02139.

Contact Person: Mr. David Brown., National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (919) 541-4964.

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Name of SEP: Centers for Children's Environmental Health and Disease Prevention Research—Committee A.

Date: March 22-25, 1998.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Hawthorne Suites, 300 Meredith Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27713, and National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, South Campus, Conference Room 101-B, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Contact Person: Dr. Linda K. Bass, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, P.O. Box 12233, MD EC-24, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (919) 541-1307.

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Name of SEP: Centers for Children's Environmental Health and Disease Prevention Research—Committee B.

Date: March 22-25, 1998.

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Hawthorne Suites, 300 Meredith Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27713, and National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, South Campus, Conference Room 101-C, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709.

Contact Person: Dr. Ethel B. Jackson, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, P.O. Box 12233, MD EC-24, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709, (919) 541-7826 and Mr. Jorge Rangel, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M. Street, S.W., Mailcode 8725R, Washington, DC 20460, (202) 564-2443.

Purpose/Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Name of SEP: Pfiesteria: Impact on Human Health and the Environment-Program Project.