

would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* June 18, 2001.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m..

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hyatt Hotel, One Bethesda Metro Center; Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Richard E. Weise, Scientific Review Administrator, National Institute of Mental Health, DEA, National Institute of Health, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Room 6140, MSC9606, Bethesda, MD 20892-9606, 301-443-1340, rweise@mail.nih.gov.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* June 7, 2001.

*Time:* 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Neuroscience Center, National Institute of Health, 6001 Executive Blvd, Bethesda, MD 20892, (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* David I. Sommers, PHD, Scientific Review Administrator, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Room 6144, MSC 9606, Bethesda, MD 20892-9606, 301-443-6470, dsommers@mail.nih.gov.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Mental Health Special Emphasis Panel.

*Date:* July 12, 2001.

*Time:* 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Bethesda Holiday Inn, 8120 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Henry J. Haigler, PHD, Associate Director for Staff Development, Division of Extramural Activities, National Institute of Mental Health, NIH, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Rm 6150, MSC 9608, Bethesda, MD 20892-9608, 301/443-7216.

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Dated: May 23, 2001.

**LaVerne Y. Stringfield,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Public Health Service

#### National Toxicology Program (NTP); Availability of the Report on Carcinogens, Ninth Edition

##### Background

The National Toxicology Program (NTP) announces the availability of the Report on Carcinogens, Ninth Edition.

The Report on Carcinogens (RoC) (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 biennial report which contains a list of all substances (1) which either are known to be human carcinogens or may reasonably be anticipated to be human carcinogens; 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 Report on Carcinogens, Ninth Edition was submitted to Congress on May 15, 2000.

The new entries for the Report on Carcinogens, Ninth Edition have undergone a multiphased peer review. This review included two Federal and one non-government, scientific peer reviews and public comment and review. The three scientific review committees evaluated all available data relevant to the criteria for inclusion of candidate nominations in the Report. The criteria used in the review process and a detailed description of the review procedures, including the steps in the current formal review process, can be obtained from the NTP Home Page web site at <http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov/> or by contacting: Dr. C. W. Jameson, National Toxicology Program, Report on Carcinogens, at the address listed below.

The Report on Carcinogens, Ninth Edition, which was publicly released on May 15, 2000, contains 218 entries, 14 of which have not appeared in earlier Reports. This Report also reclassifies 1,3-butadiene, cadmium and cadmium compounds, Direct Black 38, Direct Blue 6, ethylene oxide, and silica (crystalline,

respirable size) from reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen to known to be a human carcinogen, with corresponding revisions of the earlier entries for these chemicals. Two substances, saccharin and ethyl acrylate, have been removed from the Report on Carcinogens, Ninth Edition as a result of formal reviews for delisting. In addition, the NTP published an addendum to its Report on Carcinogens, Ninth Edition on January 19, 2001. This addendum changes the listing of 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin CAS No. 1746-01-6, also known as "TCDD" or "Dioxin", to a known to be human carcinogen, from its earlier listing as reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen. Publication of this addendum followed the ruling by the US Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia to dismiss a request for an injunction to prevent the listing of TCDD as a known to be human carcinogen in the Report on Carcinogens, Ninth Edition. The proposal to list TCDD as a known human carcinogen was reviewed in the same way and at the same time as the other new listings for the Report on Carcinogens, Ninth Edition.

The Report on Carcinogens is an informational scientific and public health document that identifies and discusses agents, substances, mixtures, or exposure circumstances that may pose a carcinogenic hazard to human health. It serves as a meaningful and useful compilation of data on the (1) carcinogenicity, genotoxicity, and biologic mechanisms of the listed substances in humans and/or animals, (2) the potential for exposure to these substances, and (3) the regulations promulgated by Federal agencies to limit exposures. The Report does not present quantitative assessments of carcinogenic risk, an assessment that defines the conditions under which the hazard may be unacceptable. Listing of substances in the Report, therefore, does not establish that such substances present carcinogenic risks to individuals in their daily lives. Such formal risk assessments are the purview of the appropriate Federal, State, and local health regulatory and research agencies.

Hard copies of the Report on Carcinogens, Ninth Edition can be obtained by contacting the NIEHS Environmental Health Information Service, ATTN: Order Processing, PO Box 12510, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2510, fax number (919) 541-0763, email: [ehis@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:ehis@niehs.nih.gov). The Report on Carcinogens, Ninth Edition is also available on the internet and can be accessed from the NIEHS Environmental Health Information Service Home Page

at: <http://ehis.niehs.nih.gov/> or from the NTP Home Page at: <http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov/>.

Questions or comments concerning the Report on Carcinogens, Ninth

Edition should be directed to: Dr. C. W. Jameson, National Toxicology Program, Report on Carcinogens, MD EC-14, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; phone: (919) 541-4096, fax: (919)

541-0144, email: [jameson@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:jameson@niehs.nih.gov).

Dated: April 17, 2001.

**Kenneth Olden,**

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# SUMMARY FOR AGENTS, SUBSTANCES OR MIXTURES NEWLY LISTED, UPGRADED OR DELISTED IN THE REPORT ON CARCINOGENS, NINTH EDITION

| Agent, substance or mixture                                | Primary uses or exposures  | Action   |
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| Alcoholic Beverage Consumption .....                       | Consumption of alcoholic beverages .....   | Listed as a known to be human carcinogen.  |
| 1,3-Butadiene/CAS# 106-99-0 .....                          | Used primarily in the manufacture of synthetic rubber.   | Listing upgraded to a known to be human carcinogen.  |
| Cadmium and Cadmium Compounds/CAS# 7440-43-9.              | Used in batteries, coating and plating, plastics and in alloys.  | Listing upgraded to a known to be human carcinogen.  |
| Chloroprene/CAS# 126-99-8 .....                            | Used as a monomer for industrial rubber products, and as a component of adhesives in food packaging.   | Listed as a reasonably anticipated to be human carcinogen.   |
| Diesel Exhaust Particulates .....                          | Diesel engine exhaust .....  | Listed as a reasonably anticipated to be human carcinogen.   |
| Dyes Metabolized To Benzidine (Benzidine Dyes As A Class). | Benzidine-based dyes are used primarily for dyeing textiles, paper and leather products.   | Listed as known to be human carcinogens. This action also resulted in the upgrading of the listing of Direct Black 38, Direct Blue 6 to known to be human carcinogens. |
| Environmental Tobacco Smoke .....                          | "Passive" inhalation of tobacco smoke from environmental sources.  | Listed as a known to be human carcinogen.  |
| Ethyl Acrylate/CAS# 140-88-5 .....                         | Monomer used to produce polymers for use in latex paints, textiles, etc.   | Removed (delisted) from the RoC.   |
| Ethylene Oxide/CAS# 75-21-8 .....                          | Industrial chemical used as a synthetic intermediate and also widely used in the health care industry as a sterilant.  | Listing upgraded to a known to be human carcinogen.  |
| Isoprene/CAS# 78-79-5 .....                                | Widely used in the production of isoprene-butadiene copolymers..   | Listed as a reasonably anticipated to be human carcinogen.   |
| Phenolphthalein/CAS# 77-09-8 .....                         | Used as a laboratory reagent and in over-the-counter laxative preparations.  | Listed as reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen.   |
| Saccharin/CAS# 218-44-9 .....                              | Used primarily as a nonnutritive sweetening agent.   | Removed (delisted) from the RoC.   |
| Silica, Crystalline (Respirable Size)/CAS# 7631-86-9.      | Exposure from mining of coal and other minerals, stone cutting, production of glass and ceramics and in occupations such as sand-blasting, polishing and grinding. | Listing upgraded to a known to be human carcinogen.  |
| Smokeless Tobacco .....                                    | Oral use of smokeless tobacco products .....   | Listed as a known to be human carcinogen.  |
| Strong Inorganic Acid Mists Containing Sulfuric Acid.      | Present in a wide variety of industries, especially the finishing of metal and fertilizer production.  | Listed as a known to be human carcinogen.  |
| Tamoxifen/CAS# 10540-29-1 .....                            | Used as an anti-estrogen drug and in the palliative treatment of breast cancer.  | Listed as a known to be human carcinogen.  |
| 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-Dioxin (TCDD)/CAS# 1746-01-6. | Found as a contaminant in the production of some pesticides and other commercial products.   | Listing upgraded to a known to be human carcinogen.  |
| Tetrafluoroethylene/CAS# 116-14-3 .....                    | Used in the production of polytetrafluoroethylene.   | Listed as a reasonably anticipated to be human carcinogen.   |
| Tobacco Smoking .....                                      | Inhalation of tobacco smoke .....  | Listed as a known to be human carcinogen.  |
| Trichloroethylene/CAS# 79-01-6 .....                       | Used mainly as an industrial solvent for vapor degreasing and cold cleaning of fabricated metal parts.   | Listed as a reasonably anticipated human carcinogen.   |
| Solar UV Radiation And Exposure To Sunlamps And Sunbeds.   | Solar and artificial sources of ultraviolet radiation.   | Listed as known to be human carcinogens.   |

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

[Docket No. FR-4687-N-01]

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### Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS); Revised Timetable for Issuance of Management Operations Official Scores and PHAS Advisory Scores; and Notice of Intent To Commence Informal Meetings on PHAS

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, and Office of the Director of the Real Estate Assessment Center, HUD.

**ACTION:** Notice of revised timetable for issuance of management operations official scores and PHAS advisory scores and intent to commence informal meetings on PHAS.

**SUMMARY:** This document advises that the Management Operations indicator under the Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) will continue to be the official assessment for public housing agencies (PHAs) with fiscal years ending on June 30, 2000, through June 30, 2001. Accordingly, HUD will issue these management scores and PHAS advisory scores as provided in the Supplementary Information section of this document. Further, this document notifies the public of the intent of the Department to conduct informal consultations with PHAs, public housing residents, representatives of PHAs and residents, housing advocacy representatives, governmental representatives, and such other groups that HUD may identify regarding ways to improve HUD's on-going procedures for assessing the performance of public housing agencies. It is expected that these informal consultations will commence within the near future and occur periodically through November, 2001, and thereafter as necessary on dates and at locations provided by the Department.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information contact the Office of Public and Indian Housing, Office of Troubled Agency Recovery Attention: Judy Wojciechowski, Director of PHAS Operations, U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Room 4112, Washington, D.C. 20410 or the Real Estate Assessment Center (REAC), Attention: Wanda Funk, U. S.

Department of Housing and Urban Development, 1280 Maryland Avenue, SW, Suite 800, Washington DC, 20024; telephone Customer Service Center at (888)-245-4860 (this is a toll free number). Persons with hearing or speech impairments may access that number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additional information is available from the REAC Internet Site, <http://www.hud.gov/reac>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** HUD's rule implementing the PHAS was published on September 1, 1998 (64 FR 46596), and became effective October 1, 1998. Although the PHAS regulation became effective October 1, 1998, the final rule provided a one year delayed implementation date.

On January 11, 2000 (65 FR 1712), HUD issued an amended PHAS rule. The amendments were prompted by both statutory and administrative changes to the PHAS and comments from interested parties. The amended rule deferred full implementation of PHAS for PHAs with fiscal year end dates of September 30, 1999, and December 31, 1999. The January 11, 2000 rule provided that these PHAs would receive an assessment score based only on the Management Operations indicator (MASS).

On June 6, 2000 (65 FR 36042), HUD issued a technical correction to the January 11, 2000, final rule and one of the corrections further deferred full implementation of PHAS for PHAs with fiscal years ending on and after June 30, 2000.

The Conference Report 106-988 for the Department's Fiscal Year 2001 Appropriations Act (Pub L. 106-377, approved October 27, 2000), directed the Department to, among other things, continue to assess the accuracy and effectiveness of the PHAS system, perform a statistically valid test of PHAS, conduct a thorough analysis of the results, and have the methodology and results reviewed by an independent expert before taking any adverse action against a PHA based solely on its PHAS score. A report addressing these issues was provided to HUD's Committee on Appropriations on March 1, 2001.

Consistent with the direction of the conferees, HUD issued a PIH notice (Notice PIH 2001-5), issued January 19, 2001, that provided prior to March 1, 2001, HUD would not take adverse action against PHAs solely on the basis of the PHAS scores. "Adverse action" was defined as troubled designations based upon the official PHAS composite score. In accordance with the PIH notice, all official troubled/substandard

designations (with the exception of substandard management operations indicator designations), beginning with PHAs with June 30, 2000, fiscal year end dates, were held in abeyance prior to HUD's March 1, 2001, submission date.

Given these recent events, HUD has determined that full implementation of PHAS should be further deferred until after June 30, 2001. Accordingly, PHAs with fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, through June 30, 2001, will receive an assessment solely on the basis of HUD's assessment of the PHA's management operations in accordance with 24 CFR part 902, subpart D of the PHAS regulations (PHAS Indicator #3, Management Operations), as amended by the January 11, 2000, final rule, and corrected by the June 6, 2000, PHAS Technical Correction.

Further, it is the Department's intent to meet with public housing stakeholders (such as PHAs, representatives of PHAs, public housing residents, representatives of PHAs and residents, housing advocacy representatives, governmental representatives and other groups HUD may identify) and seek their input to identify any necessary modifications to the rule and to publish, if appropriate, a new amended PHAS rule to address changes. Through these meetings, HUD is not seeking consensus advice, but only feedback on experiences with the PHAS, identification of problems and recommendations for modifications. In the interim, modified PHAS scores, as established by appropriate procedures and notification, may be issued to PHAs with fiscal years ending on September 30, 2001, December 31, 2001, March 31, 2002, and June 30, 2002. The following sets out the timetable for issuance of PHAS advisory scores and official MASS scores.

### Revised Timetable

*PHAs With Fiscal Years Ending 6/30/00, 9/30/00, 12/31/00, 3/31/01 and 6/30/01*

For PHAs with fiscal years ending June 30, 2000, September 30, 2000, December 31, 2000, March 31, 2001, and June 30, 2001, HUD will not issue PHAS scores for the fiscal years ending on these dates. For these PHAs, in lieu of a PHAS score, HUD will issue the following:

**Management Assessment Score.** PHAs with a fiscal year ending June 30, 2000, September 30, 2000, December 31, 2000, March 31, 2001, or June 30, 2001, will receive an official assessment score on the basis of HUD's assessment of the PHA's management operations in accordance with 24 CFR part 902,