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*Director, Office of Federal Advisory Committee Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; 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.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The contract proposals and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the contract proposals, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Special Emphasis Panel, ZAA1 HH (50)—Review of SBIR Phase II Proposal.

*Date:* August 23, 2004.

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

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate contract proposals.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, NIAAA/Fisher's Building, 5635 Fishers Lane, Room 3033, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Jeffrey I. Toward, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, National Institutes of Health, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, Extramural Project Review Branch, OSA, 5635 Fishers Lane, Bethesda, MD 20892-9304, (301) 435-5337, [jtoward@mail.nih.gov](mailto:jtoward@mail.nih.gov).

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

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.271, Alcohol Research Career Development Awards for Scientists and Clinicians; 93.272, Alcohol National Research Service Awards for Research Training; 93.273, Alcohol Research Programs; 93.891, Alcohol Research Center Grants, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; 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.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel, SNRP Review.

*Date:* August 2-3, 2004.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Marriott Plaza San Antonio, 555 South Alamo Street, San Antonio, TX 78205.

*Contact Person:* Phillip F. Wiethorn, Scientific Review Administrator, DHHS/NIH/NINDS/DER/SRB, 6001 Executive Boulevard; MSC 9529, Neuroscience Center; Room 3203, Bethesda, MD 20892-9529, (301) 496-5388, [wiethorp@ninds.nih.gov](mailto:wiethorp@ninds.nih.gov).

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

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.853, Clinical Research Related to Neurological Disorders; 93.854, Biological Basis Research in the Neurosciences, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke; 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.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke Special Emphasis Panel, Parkinson's Disease.

*Date:* August 9, 2004.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Katherine Woodbury, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Scientific Review Branch, NINDS/NIH/DHHS, Neuroscience Center, 6001 Executive Blvd, Suite 3208, MSC 9529, Bethesda, MD 20892-9529, (301) 496-5980, [kw47o@nih.gov](mailto:kw47o@nih.gov).

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

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.853, Clinical Research Related to Neurological Disorders; 93.854, Biological Basis Research in the Neurosciences, National Institutes of Health, HHS)

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### [USCG-2001-10486]

#### Approval of Ballast Water Treatment Systems

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice with request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard seeks consultation with all interested and affected parties in establishing a program to approve ballast water treatment systems. The intent of this program is to ensure that ballast water treatment systems approved for use on-board vessels will meet the ballast water discharge standard the Coast Guard will be implementing in the near future to prevent the introduction and spread of nonindigenous species via ballast water discharges, as authorized by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act and the National Invasive Species Act.

**DATES:** Comments and related material must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before December 3, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** To make sure your comments and related material are not entered more than once in the docket, please submit them by only one of the following means:

(1) By mail to the Docket Management Facility (USCG-2001-10486), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001.

(2) By delivery to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is (202) 366-9329.

(3) By fax to the Docket Management Facility at (202) 493-2251.

(4) Electronically through the Web site for the Docket Management System at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

In choosing among these means, please give due regard to the recent difficulties and delays associated with the delivery of mail through the U.S. Postal Service to Federal facilities. Delivery methods 2-4 of those listed above are the preferred methods because security measures taken by the U.S. Postal Service and Coast Guard mail reception facilities may seriously damage or render unreadable comments sent via regular mail.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments and material received from the public, as well as documents mentioned in this notice as being available in the docket, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also

find this docket at the following Web site address: <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Electronic forms of all comments received into any of our dockets can be searched by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor unit, etc) and is open to the public without restriction. You may review the Department of Transportation's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477-78), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information concerning this notice, call Mr. Bivan Patnaik, Project Manager, Environmental Standards Division, U.S. Coast Guard, telephone (202) 267-0995 or via e-mail [bpatnaik@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:bpatnaik@comdt.uscg.mil). If you have any questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, call Ms. Andrea M. Jenkins, Program Manager, Docket Operations, Department of Transportation, telephone (202) 366-0271.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Request for Comments**

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to submit written data, views, or comments. Persons submitting comments should please include their name and address and identify the docket number (USCG-2001-10486). You may submit your comments and material by mail, hand delivery, fax, or electronic means to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**; but please submit your comments and material by only one means. If you submit them by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know they were received, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

**Background and Purpose**

The Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990, as reauthorized and amended by the National Invasive Species Act of 1996, authorizes the Coast Guard to approve alternative ballast water management methods in lieu of ballast water exchange to prevent the introduction and spread of nonindigenous species (NIS) in U.S. waters via ballast water discharge. The Coast Guard will use information gathered from this notice to develop a comprehensive approval program to ensure ballast water treatment systems meet the ballast water discharge standard regulations, which

we intend to promulgate in the near future. Commenters should note that the approval program will have to accommodate many different technologies as ballast water treatment options, as well as different types of vessels, and the costs associated with establishing this program. Commenters should also consider that treated ballast water may be sampled for the life of the treatment system as part of compliance measures to enforce ballast water discharge standards. In addition, commenters should be aware that the Environmental Protection Agency's Environmental Technology Verification Program (<http://www.epa.gov/etv/>), an independent technology evaluation program could be used in conjunction with our approval program. If commenters believe that an approval program is not warranted, comments on alternative programs and their associated costs would be beneficial.

The development of an approval program presents a complex challenge for the Coast Guard. We currently approve some equipment as a result of only land-based testing. The public should comment on if this is an adequate approach for approving ballast water treatment systems or should approval of these systems involve shipboard testing. The public should comment on appropriate water quality conditions, whether or not testing should include testing from both fresh water and salt water sources, and other environmental conditions that treatment systems should be subjected to as part of the approval program. The development of this program will require close collaboration between government agencies, the scientific community, water treatment experts, the shipping industry, and a wide range of stakeholders.

**Public Meetings**

At this time, the Coast Guard is looking into holding a public meeting, and the various types of venues for the meeting. You may submit requests and/or comments for a public meeting to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES** explaining why one would be beneficial. If we determine that one would aid the development of this program, we will hold one at a time and place announced by a later notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 29, 2004.

**Joseph J. Angelo,**

*Director of Standards, Marine Safety, Security & Environmental Protection.*

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