

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE**National Toxicology Program (NTP); National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS); Notice of Workshop on Strategies for Assessing the Implications of Malformed Frogs for Environmental Health**

The Workshops will be held in the Conference Center, Building 101, South Campus, NIEHS, 111 Alexander Drive, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709, on December 4-5, 1997, from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 4th and approximately 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday, December 5th.

Background

Over the last few years increasing numbers of malformed frogs have been reported in numerous states, across southern Canada, and in Japan. Early in 1997 the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) requested the assistance of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, National Institutes of Health, and the National Toxicology Program with their investigation into the cause of the frog malformations occurring across Minnesota. A research plan has been implemented to determine whether there is a site-specific correlation between the malformations and contaminants determined by chemical analysis of water and sediment, laboratory bioassays, and field monitoring of frog populations. The causal factors have not yet been determined. However, evidence to date indicates that pond water and groundwater from affected sites are capable of producing frog embryo deformities in the laboratory.

Workshop Goals

- Review NIEHS/NTP findings and strategies for future study
- Assess the implications of NIEHS/MPCA and related findings for human and ecological health
- Provide an opportunity for discussion, input and perspective from the broader scientific community, industry, Federal, state, and local government officials, and the public

Workshop Topics

- Overview of Frog Deformities (Historical Perspective; Geographic Extent and Incidence; Affected State Perspectives; Possible Environmental Causes)
- Minnesota/NIEHS Cooperative Research Efforts
- Environmental Chemistry and Hydrogeology

- Ecological Health Issues: Human Health Issues; Monitoring Strategies (Federal and State)

- Future Directions

Invited speakers will address the topics listed above. Time will be provided for open discussion and comment.

Public Participation Encouraged and Welcome: The entire meeting will be open to the public with attendance limited only by space available.

To Register: Please provide the following information by mail or fax, or E-mail: Last Name, First Name, Middle Initial; Institution, Department, Title; Address, City, State/County, Zip Code; Daytime Phone, FAX Number, E-Mail Address. Forward to: NTP Liaison Office, P.O. Box 12233, MD: A3-01, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709, USA [Tel: (919) 541-0530; FAX (919) 541-0295, E-mail: britton@niehs.nih.gov.

For further information, including a tentative agenda, contact the NTP Liaison Office as shown above.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

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Federal Property Suitable as Facilities to Assist the Homeless

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Community Planning and Development, HUD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice identifies unutilized, underutilized, excess, and surplus Federal property reviewed by HUD for suitability for possible use to assist the homeless.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark Johnston, room 7256, Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20410; telephone (202) 708-1226; TDD number for the hearing- and speech-impaired (202) 708-2565 (these telephone numbers are not toll-free), or call the toll-free Title V information line at 1-800-927-7588.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 24 CFR part 581 and section 501 of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11411), as amended, HUD is publishing this notice to identify Federal buildings

and other real property that HUD has reviewed for suitability for use to assist the homeless. The properties were reviewed using information provided to HUD by Federal landholding agencies regarding unutilized and underutilized buildings and real property controlled by such agencies or by GSA regarding its inventory of excess or surplus Federal property. This Notice is also published in order to comply with the December 12, 1988 Court Order in *National Coalition for the Homeless v. Veterans Administration*, No. 88-2503-OG (D.D.C.).

Properties reviewed are listed in this Notice according to the following categories: Suitable/available, suitable/unavailable, suitable/to be excess, and unsuitable. The properties listed in the three suitable categories have been reviewed by the landholding agencies, and each agency has transmitted to HUD: (1) its intention to make the property available for use to assist the homeless, (2) its intention to declare the property excess to the agency's needs, or (3) a statement of the reasons that the property cannot be declared excess or made available for use as facilities to assist the homeless.

Properties listed as suitable/available will be available exclusively for homeless use for a period of 60 days from the date of this Notice. Homeless assistance providers interested in any such property should send a written expression of interest to HHS, addressed to Brian Rooney, Division of Property Management, Program Support Center, HHS, room 5B-41, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857; (301) 443-2265. (This is not a toll-free number.) HHS will mail to the interested provider an application packet, which will include instructions for completing the application. In order to maximize the opportunity to utilize a suitable property, providers should submit their written expressions of interest as soon as possible. For complete details concerning the processing of applications, the reader is encouraged to refer to the interim rule governing this program, 24 CFR part 581.

For properties listed as suitable/to be excess, that property may, if subsequently accepted as excess by GSA, be made available for use by the homeless in accordance with applicable law, subject to screening for other Federal use. At the appropriate time, HUD will publish the property in a Notice showing it as either suitable/available or suitable/unavailable.

For properties listed as suitable/unavailable, the landholding agency has decided that the property cannot be declared excess or made available for