

Information Requirements for Federal Assistance Program Announcements" (45 FR 39592, June 11, 1980) requires a statement concerning the official government programs contained in the *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance*. Normally NIH lists in its announcements the number and title of affected individual programs for the guidance of the public. Because the guidance in this notice covers virtually every NIH and Federal research program in which DNA recombinant molecule techniques could be used, it has been determined not to be cost effective or in the public interest to attempt to list these programs. Such a list would likely require several additional pages. In addition, NIH could not be certain that every Federal program would be included as many Federal agencies, as well as private organizations, both national and international, have elected to follow the *NIH Guidelines*. In lieu of the individual program listing, NIH invites readers to direct questions to the information address above about whether individual programs listed in the *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance* are affected.

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LaVerne Y. Stringfield,

Committee Management Officer, NIH

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences National Toxicology Program

Request for Comments on Chemicals Nominated to the National Toxicology

Program (NTP) for Toxicological Studies—Recommendations by the Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination (ICCEC) for Study, No Studies, or Deferral to Obtain Additional Information.

Background

As part of an effort to earlier inform the public and obtain input into the selection of chemicals for evaluation, the National Toxicology Program (NTP) routinely seeks public input on (1) chemicals nominated to the Program for toxicological studies, and (2) the testing recommendations made by the ICCEC, the Federal interagency committee that serves as the first level of review for nominations. Summaries of the ICCEC's recommendations and public comments received on the nominated chemicals are next presented to the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors (the Program's external scientific advisory committee) for their review and comment in an open, public session. The ICCEC recommendations, Board recommendation, and public comments are incorporated into the recommendations that are then submitted to the NTP Executive Committee, the Federal interagency policy oversight body. The Executive Committee reviews and approves action to move forward to test, defer, or delete on each of the nominated chemicals for the various types of study, and recommends priorities.

Request for Comment

Interested parties are encouraged to comment on the recommendations and provide information on the chemicals listed below. The Program would welcome receiving toxicology and carcinogenesis information from completed or ongoing studies, and information on planned studies, as well

as current production data, human exposure information, use patterns, and environmental occurrence for any of the chemicals listed in this announcement. To provide comments or information, please contact Dr. William Eastin at the address given below within 60 days of the appearance of this announcement.

At their meeting on November 23, 1998, the ICCEC reviewed 13 agents nominated to the NTP for consideration to study and recommended 10 agents for metabolism, toxicity, or carcinogenicity studies, recommended that no studies be performed on 2 chemicals, and deferred 1 substance pending receipt of test data from other organizations or from related studies anticipated or in progress by the NTP, and information on production, exposure, and use patterns. Additionally, the ICCEC reviewed 13 agents recommended for study in previous ICCEC meetings. Following review of additional data received from the public and elsewhere, 12 are no longer considered priority candidates for study, and 1 chemical previously recommended for toxicity study was recommended for carcinogenicity study. Chemicals with CAS numbers, nomination source, types of studies under consideration, and rationale and other information are given in the following tables.

Contact may be made by mail to: Dr. William Eastin, NIEHS/NTP, P.O. Box 12233, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709; by telephone at (919) 541-7941; by FAX at (919) 541-3687; or by email at Eastin@NIEHS.NIH.GOV. The URL for the NTP homepage is <http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov>.

Dated: December 11, 1998.

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Attachment

CHEMICALS NOMINATED TO THE NTP FOR STUDY, AND TESTING RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE ICCEC ON NOVEMBER 23, 1998

Chemical [CAS No.]	Nominated by	ICCEC recommendations	Study rationale; other information
Chemicals Recommended for Testing			
Androstenedione [63-05-8]	NCI	—subchronic (cardiovascular and reproductive) toxicity. —metabolism	—widely used steroid dietary supplement. —estrogen and testosterone precursor.
Bentonite [1302-78-9]	NIOSH	—carcinogenicity	—naturally occurring silicate. —known worker exposure.
Bis(2-chloroethoxy)methane [111-91-1]	NIEHS	—chronic inhalation toxicity	—high production. —environmentally persistent.
Chromium picolinate [14639-25-9]	NCI; Private individual.	—carcinogenicity	—potential high worker exposure. —widely used dietary supplement. —picolinate ligand enhances chromium absorption.
		—subchronic toxicity	
		—metabolism and pharmacokinetics ...	
		—reproductive toxicity	
		—carcinogenicity	

CHEMICALS NOMINATED TO THE NTP FOR STUDY, AND TESTING RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE ICCEC ON NOVEMBER 23, 1998—Continued

Chemical [CAS No.]	Nominated by	ICCEC recommendations	Study rationale; other information
Cumene hydroperoxide [80-15-9]	NIEHS	—carcinogenicity	—high production. —known worker exposure.
Echinacea	NCI	—subchronic toxicity	—natural product.
		—immunotoxicity	—widely used dietary supplement.
		—chronic toxicity	—wide variety of preparations available.
Fluasterone [112859-71-9]	NCI	—toxicological characterization	—fluorine-substituted DHEA analogue.
		—carcinogenicity	—NCI considering for clinical trial.
<i>Ginkgo biloba</i> extract	NCI	—toxicological characterization	—natural product (standardized plant extract).
		—neurotoxicity	—widely used dietary supplement.
		—carcinogenicity	—Ginkgolide B is a constituent of <i>Ginkgo biloba</i> extract.
Ginkgolide B [15291-75-5]	NCI	—micronucleus test (Ginkgolide B)	—natural and industrial product.
Pyrogallol [87-66-1]	Private individual ..	—subchronic toxicity	—FDA approved coloring additive.
		—carcinogenicity	—widespread human exposure.
Triallyl isocyanurate [1025-15-6]	NIEHS	—subchronic toxicity	—moderate production.
		—metabolism and pharmacokinetics (pending confirmation of significant production).	—indirect food additive.

Chemical [CAS Number]	Nominated by	Nominated for	Rationale; other information
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Chemical for Which No Testing is Recommended

Caffeic acid [331-39-5], Chlorogenic acid [327-97-9].	Private individual ..	—carcinogenicity	—naturally occurring in a wide variety of nutritionally important foods. —generally weak evidence of toxicity in existing studies.
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Chemical Deferred for Additional Information

Dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA) [53-43-0].	NCI; Private individual.	—Toxicological characterization	—widely used steroid dietary supplement.
		—carcinogenicity	—has FDA IND status.
		—reproductive toxicity	—metabolized to androstenedione.
			—defer until results of androstenedione studies available.

Chemicals to be Removed from Consideration

2-Acetylpyridine [1122-62-9]	NCI	—carcinogenicity	—insufficient production and use to warrant testing.
Cyanogen chloride [506-77-4]	EPA	—metabolism	—rapid conversion to cyanide in blood.
		—carcinogenicity	
Diethylamine [109-89-7], Isopropylamine [75-31-0], Triethylamine [121-44-8].	NIEHS, NIEHS, UAW.	—subchronic inhalation toxicity	—adequate NIOSH studies of DEA and TEA.
		—ocular toxicity	—too corrosive for humane study.
			—ocular irritation in workers already well documented.
Ethidium bromide [1239-45-8]	Private individual ..	—toxicological characterization	—already labeled as possible carcinogen.
		—carcinogenicity	—few people exposed.
Ethyl bromoacetate [105-36-2]	NCI	—metabolism	—rapid hydrolysis in blood
			—animals would be distressed
			—other haloacetic acids being studied
			—unable to obtain material
4-Methoxy-N-methyl-1,8-naphthalimide [3271-05-4].	NCI	—chemical disposition	
—Myrcene [123-35-3]	NIEHS	—metabolism	—unable to obtain radiolabeled material
		—alkylating ability	
Phenothiazine [92-84-2]	NIEHS, NIOSH	—toxicological characterization	—low production
		—carcinogenicity	—no longer in agricultural or veterinary use
Saw palmetto, Sitosterol [83-46-5]	Private individual ..	—toxicological characterization	—low potential for reproductive toxicity
		—carcinogenicity	—two-generation and 13-week studies available
			—subject of FDA-approved clinical trial

Chemical [CAS Number]	Nominated by	Nominated for	Rationale; other information
Trigonelline [535-83-1]	Private individual ..	—subchronic toxicity .. —comparative metabolism ..	—naturally occurring in a wide variety of nutritionally important foods —metabolite of niacin in humans —metabolized differently in rats and humans —very low acute toxicity
Chemical for Which Previous Testing Recommendation Has Been Modified			
Propargyl alcohol [107-19-7]	NCI	—carcinogenicity	—high production —widespread human exposure —subchronic study available —suspicion of carcinogenicity based on structure

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior

ACTION: Notice of Amendment to Approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 2710, of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-497), the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through her delegated authority, has approved the Amendments to the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and the State of Wisconsin Gaming Compact of 1991, which was executed on December 11, 1998.

DATES: This action is effective December 22, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: December 11, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gambling on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the Tribal-State Gaming Compact between the State of California and the Table Mountain Rancheria, which was executed on July 13, 1998.

DATES: This action is effective December 22, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: December 11, 1998.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Nevada Temporary Closure of Certain Public Lands Managed by the Bureau of Land Management, Las Vegas District

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Department of Interior.

ACTION: Temporary closure of selected public lands in Clark County, Nevada, during the operation of the 1999 SCORE Laughlin Desert Challenge Race.

SUMMARY: The District Manager of the Las Vegas District announces the temporary closure of selected public lands under its administration. This action is being taken to help ensure public safety, prevent unnecessary environmental degradation during the official permitted running of the 1999 SCORE Laughlin Desert Challenge Race and to comply with provisions of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Biological Opinion for Speed Based Off-Highway Vehicle Events (1-5-98-F-053).

DATES: From 6:00 a.m. January 22, 1999 through 8:00 p.m. January 24, 1999 Pacific Standard Time.

Closure Area: As described below, an area within T. 32 S. to T. 33 S. R. 64 E. to R. 66 E.

1. The closure is bounded by State Route #163 on the North, California State Line on the South, US 95 on the West, Big Bend Drive on the East.

Exceptions to the closure are: State Route 163.

2. The entire area encompassed by the designated course and all areas outside the designated course as listed in the legal description above are closed to all vehicles except Law Enforcement, Emergency Vehicles, and Official Race Vehicles. Access routes leading to the course are closed to vehicles.

3. No vehicle stopping or parking.

4. Spectators are required to remain within designated spectator area only.

5. The following regulations will be in effect for the duration of the closure:

Unless otherwise authorized no person shall:

a. Camp in any area outside of the designated spectator areas.

b. Enter any portion of the race course or any wash located within the race course.