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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

State-of-the-Science Conference on Management of Menopausal Symptoms; Notice

Notice is hereby given of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) "State-of-the-Science Conference on Management of Menopausal Symptoms" to be held March 21–23, 2005, in the NIH Natcher Conference Center, 45 Center Drive, Bethesda, Maryland 20892. The conference will begin at 8 a.m. on March 21 and 22, at 9 a.m. on March 23, and will be open to the public.

Women going through the menopause transition may experience a variety of symptoms, ranging from hot flashes, night sweats, and problems sleeping to loss of sexual desire, depression, vaginal dryness, and urinary and bleeding complaints. As many as two-thirds of all women may experience vasomotor symptoms, such as hot flashes and night sweats, in the years around the menopause transition. For some, the resulting discomfort greatly diminishes their quality of life.

For many decades menopausal hormone therapy (MHT) using estrogen (or, in a woman with a uterus, a combination of estrogen and a progestin) has been the therapy of choice for relieving menopause-related symptoms. But recently, several large clinical trials have found mixed results: a greater chance of serious health problems such as blood clots, stroke, heart disease, or breast cancer, and benefits like fewer hip fractures in certain groups of women using MHT. It is not clear how these findings apply to women with symptoms because these clinical trials were not designed to study such women but rather to test whether MHT could prevent chronic diseases or conditions of aging, such as heart disease or cognitive decline. Nevertheless, many women and their doctors are concerned about the use of MHT for their menopausal symptoms and interested in learning about alternatives.

Research has identified a number of hormonal and non-hormonal approaches that show promise for managing menopause-related symptoms. We urgently need a careful

examination of these strategies for symptom management to provide women and their health care providers with options that will best control their symptoms and restore their quality of life.

During the first two days of the conference, experts will present information on the biology of the menopause transition, the nature of the symptoms women experience, and strategies for relieving the common problems associated with the menopause transition. After weighing all of the scientific evidence, an independent panel will prepare and present a state-of-the-science statement answering the following key conference questions:

- What is the evidence that the symptoms more frequently reported by middle-aged women are attributable to ovarian aging and senescence?
- When do the menopausal symptoms appear, how long do they persist and with what frequency and severity, and what is known about the factors that influence them?
- What is the evidence for the benefits and harms of commonly used interventions for relief of menopause-related symptoms?
- What are the important considerations in managing menopause-related symptoms in women with clinical characteristics or circumstances that may complicate decision-making?
- What are the future research directions for treatment of menopause-related symptoms and conditions?

On the final day of the conference, the panel chair will read the draft statement to the conference audience and invite comments and questions. A press conference will follow to allow the panel and chair to respond to questions from the media.

The National Institute on Aging and the NIH Office of Medical Applications of Research are the primary sponsors of this meeting.

Advance information about the conference and conference registration materials may be obtained from American Institutes for Research of Silver Spring, Maryland, by calling 888-644-2667 or by sending e-mail to menopause@air.org. American Institutes for Research's mailing address is 10720 Columbia Pike, Silver Spring, MD 20901. Registration information is also available on the NIH Consensus Development Program Web site at <http://consensus.nih.gov>.

Please Note: The NIH has recently instituted new security measures to ensure the safety of NIH employees, visitors, patients, and facilities. All visitors must be prepared to show a

photo ID upon request. Visitors may be required to pass through a metal detector and have bags, backpacks, or purses inspected or x-rayed as they enter NIH buildings. For more information about the new security measures, please visit the Web site at <http://www.nih.gov/about/visitorssecurity.htm>.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

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Lower Mississippi River Waterways Safety Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Coast Guard is seeking applications for appointment to membership on the Lower Mississippi River Waterways Safety Advisory Committee (LMRWSAC). LMRWSAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard on matters relating to the safe navigation of vessels to and from ports on the Lower Mississippi River.

DATES: Applications must be completed and postmarked no later than April 30, 2005.

ADDRESSES: You may request an application form by writing to Commanding Officer, USCG Marine Safety Office New Orleans, Attention: Waterways, 1615 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70112; All application forms must be returned to the following address: Commanding Officer

Attn: LMRWSAC Executive Secretary, USCG Marine Safety Office New Orleans, 1615 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70112.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LCDR Michael McKean, Executive Secretary of LMRWSAC at (504-628-1555) or LTJG Melissa Owens, Assistant to the Executive Secretary of LMRWSAC at (504-589-4251).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

LMRWSAC is a Federal advisory committee subject to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. App. 2. This committee provides local expertise to the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Coast Guard on such matters as communications, surveillance, traffic control, anchorages,

aids to navigation, and other related topics dealing with navigation safety in the Lower Mississippi River area. The committee normally meets at least two times a year in the New Orleans area. Members serve voluntarily, without compensation from the Federal Government for salary, travel, or per diem. Term of membership is for two years. Individuals appointed by the Secretary based on applications submitted in response to this solicitation will serve from December 2005 until December 2007. Per LMRWSAC's Charter, the Committee consists of 24 members who have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience regarding the transportation, equipment, and techniques that are used to ship cargo and to navigate vessels on the Lower Mississippi River and its connecting navigable waterways, including the Gulf of Mexico. We seek applications for all 24 membership positions. These members are appointed as follows: (1) Five members representing River Port Authorities between Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the Head of Passes of the Lower Mississippi River, of which one member shall be from the Port of St. Bernard and one member from the Port of Plaquemines; (2) two members representing vessel owners or ship owners domiciled in the State of Louisiana; (3) two members representing organizations that operate harbor tugs or barge fleets in the geographical area covered by the Committee; (4) two members representing companies that transport cargo or passengers on the navigable waterways in the geographical area covered by the Committee; (5) three members representing State Commissioned Pilot organizations, with one member each representing the New Orleans/Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots Association, the Crescent River Port Pilots Association, and the Associated Branch Pilots Association; (6) two at-large members who utilize water transportation facilities located in the geographical area covered by the Committee; (7) three members representing consumers, shippers, or importers/exporters that utilize vessels that utilize the navigable waterways covered by the Committee; (8) two members representing those licensed merchant mariners, other than pilots, who perform shipboard duties on vessels that utilize the navigable waterways covered by the Committee; (9) one member representing an organization that serves in a consulting or advisory capacity to the maritime industry; (10) one member representing

an environmental organization; and (11) one member representing the general public. In support of the policy of the Department of Homeland Security on gender and ethnic diversity, the Coast Guard encourages applications from qualified women and members of minority groups. Individuals nominated to represent the general public will be required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450). Neither the report nor the information it contains may be released to the public, except under an order issued by a Federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a).

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R.F. Duncan,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Eighth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

Agency Information Collection

Activities: Report of Loss, Detention, or Accident by Bonded Carrier, Cartman, Lighterman, Foreign Trade Zone Operator, or Centralized Examination Station Operator

AGENCY: Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comments requested.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of the Department of Homeland Security has submitted the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995: Report of Loss, Detention, or Accident by Bonded Carrier, Cartman, Lighterman, Foreign Trade Zone Operator, or Centralized Examination Station Operator. This is a proposed extension of an information collection that was previously approved. CBP is proposing that this information collection be extended with no change to the burden hours. This document is published to obtain comments from the public and affected agencies. This proposed information collection was previously published in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 56446–56447) on September 21, 2004, allowing for a 60-day comment period. This notice allows

for an additional 30 days for public comments. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before March 17, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and/or suggestions regarding the items contained in this notice, especially the estimated public burden and associated response time, should be directed to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Department of Homeland Security Desk Officer, Washington, DC 20503. Additionally comments may be submitted to OMB via facsimile to (202) 395-6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) encourages the general public and affected Federal agencies to submit written comments and suggestions on proposed and/or continuing information collection requests pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13). Your comments should address one of the following four points:

(1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency/component, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(2) Evaluate the accuracy of the agencies/components estimate of the burden of The proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(3) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

(4) Minimize the burden of the collections of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Title: Report of Loss, Detention, or Accident by Bonded Carrier, Cartman, Lighterman, Foreign Trade Zone Operator, or Centralized Examination Station Operator.

OMB Number: 1651-0066.

Form Number: N/A.

Abstract: This collection is required to ensure that any loss or detention of bonded merchandise, or any accident happening to a vehicle or lighter while carrying bonded merchandise shall be immediately reported by the cartman, lighterman, qualified bonded carrier, foreign trade zone operator, bonded warehouse proprietor, container station operator or centralized examination station operator are properly reported to the port director.