

prescribed to treat premenstrual dysphoric disorder (PMDD), potentially increasing the number of exposures for women of childbearing age. Further, FDA recently approved Sarafem™ for use in 7–17-year-olds thereby increasing exposures of children. CERHR anticipates holding the expert panel evaluation in late 2003.

Evaluation of Acrylamide

Acrylamide (CAS RN 79–06–1) is used in the production of polyacrylamide, which is used in water treatment, pulp and paper production, and mineral processing. It is used in the synthesis of dyes, adhesives, contact lenses, soil conditioners, and permanent press fabrics and in molecular biology procedures such as electrophoresis. Acrylamide is a neurotoxicant and in animal studies has been shown to be a carcinogen, germ cell mutagen, and reproductive toxicant. The CERHR selected acrylamide for expert panel evaluation because of recent public concern for human exposures through its presence in starchy foods treated at high temperatures, *e.g.*, french fries and potato chips. In addition, recent data are available on occupational exposure, bioavailability, and reproductive toxicity. It is anticipated that the expert panel evaluation on acrylamide will occur in 2004.

Request for Public Input

The CERHR invites input from the public and other interested parties on fluoxetine hydrochloride and acrylamide, including toxicology information from completed and ongoing studies, information on planned studies, and information about current production levels, human exposure, use patterns, and environmental occurrence. Information and comments should be forwarded to the CERHR at P.O. Box 12233, MD EC–32, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 (mail), (919) 541–3455 (phone), (919) 316–4511 (fax), or shelby@niehs.nih.gov (e-mail). Information and comments received by July 17, 2003 will be made available to the CERHR staff and the expert panel for consideration in the evaluation and posted on the CERHR Web site.

The CERHR also invites nominations of qualified scientists to serve on the expert panel for the fluoxetine hydrochloride evaluation and the acrylamide evaluation. Panelists are primarily drawn from the CERHR Expert Registry and/or the nomination of other scientists who meet the criteria for listing in that registry that include: formal academic training and experience in a relevant scientific field,

publications in peer-reviewed journals, membership in relevant professional societies, certification by an appropriate scientific board or other entities, and participation in similar committee activities. All panel members serve as individual experts in their specific areas of expertise and not as representatives of their employers or other organizations. Scientists on the expert panel will be selected to represent a wide range of expertise, including developmental toxicology, reproductive toxicology, epidemiology, general toxicology, pharmacokinetics, exposure assessment, and biostatistics. Nominations received by July 17, 2003 will be considered for the fluoxetine hydrochloride and acrylamide panels and for inclusion in the CERHR Expert Registry. Nominations should be forwarded to the CERHR at the address given above.

Background Information About the CERHR

The NTP established the NTP CERHR in June 1998 (**Federal Register**, December 14, 1998 (Volume 63, Number 239, page 68782)). The CERHR is a publicly accessible resource for information about adverse reproductive and/or developmental health effects associated with exposure to environmental and/or occupational exposures. Expert panels conduct scientific evaluations of agents selected by the CERHR in public forums.

Information about CERHR and its process for nominating agents for review or scientists for its expert registry can be obtained from its Home page (<http://cerhr.niehs.nih.gov>) or by contacting Dr. Shelby (contact information provided above). The CERHR selects chemicals for evaluation based upon several factors, including production volume, extent of human exposure, public concern, and published evidence of reproductive or developmental toxicity.

CERHR follows a formal, multi-step process for review and evaluation of selected chemicals. The formal evaluation process was published in the **Federal Register** notice July 16, 2001 (Volume 66, Number 136, pages 37047–37048) and is available on the CERHR Web site under “About CERHR” or in printed copy from the CERHR.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

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Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee (LMRWSAC) will meet to discuss various issues relating to navigational safety on the Lower Mississippi River and related waterways. The meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The next meeting of LMRWSAC will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This meeting may adjourn early if all business is finished. Requests to make oral presentations or submit written materials for distribution at the meeting should reach the Coast Guard on or before April 30, 2003. Requests to have a copy of your material distributed to each member of the committee in advance of the meeting should reach the Coast Guard on or before April 25, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Crescent City Room Suite 1830 at the World Trade Center Building, 2 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. This notice is available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

LTJG Matt Dooris, Committee Administrator, telephone (504) 589–4251, Fax (504) 589–4241.

Written materials and requests to make presentations should be mailed to Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Office New Orleans, Attn: LTJG Dooris, 1615 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70112.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

Agenda of Meeting

Lower Mississippi River Waterway Safety Advisory Committee (LMRWSAC). The agenda includes the following:

- (1) Introduction of committee members.
- (2) Remarks by CAPT R. W. Branch, Executive Director.
- (3) Approval of the November 12, 2002 minutes.
- (4) Old Business:
 - (a) Captain of the Port status report.
 - (b) VTS update report.
 - (c) PORTS update report.