

Application of GLPs to *In Vitro* Test Methods

- ICCVAM/ECVAM Proposal for Development of International Guidance
- ECVAM Guidelines for Good Cell Culture Practices
- Public Comments
- Minimum Performance Standards for Test Methods
- MPS for *In Vitro* Corrosivity Methods
- Public Comments

In Vitro Endocrine Binding and Transcriptional Activation Assays: Minimum Procedural Standards and Reference Chemicals

- Public Comments

12:05 p.m.—Lunch (on your own)

1 p.m.—Overview of ILSI/HESI Work Group's Activities on Identification of Biomarkers of Toxicity and Summary of First Meeting

Validation of Genetically Modified Mouse Models

- Public Comments

2:45 p.m.—Adjourn

Public Comment Welcome

• Public input at this meeting is invited and time is set aside for the presentation of public comments on any agenda topic. Each organization is allowed one time slot per agenda topic. At least 7 minutes will be allotted to each speaker, and if time permits, may be extended to 10 minutes. In order to facilitate planning for this meeting, persons wishing to make an oral presentation are asked to notify the NTP Executive Secretary (contact information above) by August 4, 2003, and to provide their name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, e-mail, and sponsoring organization (if any). Registration for oral comments will also be available on-site, although time allowed for presentation by on-site registrants may be less than that for pre-registered speakers and will be determined by the number of persons who register at the meeting.

Persons registering to make oral comments are asked, if possible, to provide a copy of their statement to the NTP Executive Secretary (contact information above) by August 4, 2003, to enable review by the SACATM and NIEHS/NTP staff prior to the meeting. Written statements can supplement and may expand the oral presentation. If registering on-site and reading from written text, please bring 40 copies of the statement for distribution to the SACATM and NIEHS/NTP staff and to supplement the record. Written comments received in response to this notice will be posted on the NTP Web site (<http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov>).

Persons may also submit written comments in lieu of making oral comments. Written comments should be sent to the NTP Executive Secretary and should be received by August 4, 2003, to enable review by the SACATM and NIEHS/NIH prior to the meeting. Persons submitting written comments should include their name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, e-mail, and sponsoring organization (if any) with the document.

Background

The SACATM was chartered January 9, 2002, to fulfill section 3(d) of Public Law 106-545, the ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 285l-3(d)) and is composed of scientists from the public and private sectors (**Federal Register**: March 13, 2002: Vol. 67, No. 49, page 11358). The SACATM provides advice to the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), the Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (ICCVAM), and the National Toxicology Program (NTP) Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM) regarding statutorily mandated duties of the ICCVAM and activities of the NICEATM. The committee's charter is posted on the Web at <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov> and is available in hard copy upon request from the NTP Executive Secretary (contact information above).

Dated: July 9, 2003.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

National Toxicology Program (NTP); National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS); National Institutes of Health (NIH); NTP Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM) Request for Existing Dermal and Ocular Irritancy Chemical Test Data From Animal and Human Studies Using Standardized Testing Methods

Summary

The Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) and NICEATM are collaborating with the

European Centre for the Validation of Alternative Methods (ECVAM) to conduct a validation study on *in vitro* test methods for assessing dermal irritation. Future collaborative validation studies may evaluate alternative methods for assessing ocular irritancy or other hazard endpoints. On behalf of ICCVAM, the NICEATM requests the submission of existing data on commercially available chemicals tested for skin irritancy in rabbits using current standardized testing methods (e.g., EPA 1998a; EPA 1998b; OECD 2001). These data will be used to help identify appropriate reference chemicals (i.e., those with high-quality *in vivo* testing data) for use in the validation study. NICEATM welcomes the submission of existing data from both human and animal studies and is also interested in any human post-marketing or occupational exposure/surveillance data that might be available for these chemicals. NICEATM also requests the submission of existing, high quality ocular irritation data that might be used to identify appropriate reference chemicals for future validation studies of *in vitro* ocular irritancy test methods. Data are sought from studies conducted to comply with Federal or other national/ international testing requirements that may not be publicly available because, (1) it was submitted to regulatory authorities, but cannot be released to the public by regulatory authorities, or (2) there is no requirement to submit the data to regulatory authorities.

Request for Submission of Chemical and Protocol Information/Test Data

Data and other information submitted in response to this notice should be sent by mail, fax or e-mail to NICEATM [Dr. William S. Stokes, Director, NICEATM, NIEHS, PO Box 12233, MD EC-17, Research Triangle Park, NC, 27709, (phone) 919-541-2384, (fax) 919-541-0947, (e-mail) iccvam@niehs.nih.gov] by noon on September 2, 2003 in order to ensure their consideration for the upcoming *in vitro* dermal irritation validation study. However, data and information received after this date will be periodically compiled and added to the database maintained by NICEATM. All chemical and protocol information/test data submitted in response to this notice will be publicly available upon request to NICEATM.

When submitting chemical and protocol information/test data, please reference this **Federal Register** notice and provide appropriate contact information (name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, e-mail, and sponsoring organization, as applicable).