

NICEATM prefers data to be submitted as copies of pages from applicable study notebooks and/or study reports, if available. Each submission for a chemical should preferably include the following information, as appropriate:

- Common and trade name
- Chemical Abstracts Service Registry Number (CASRN)

- Chemical and/or product class
- Commercial source
- Rabbit skin/eye test protocol used
- Human skin/eye test protocol used
- Individual animal/human responses at each observation time

• The extent to which the study complied with National or International Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) guidelines

• Date and testing organization

Those persons submitting data on chemicals tested for skin and/or ocular irritancy in rabbits are referred to the European Centre for Ecotoxicology and Toxicology of Chemicals (ECETOC) Report No. 66: Skin Irritation and Corrosion: Reference Chemicals Data Bank (March 1995) and ECETOC Technical Report No. 48: Eye Irritation: Reference Chemicals Data Bank (Second Edition, June 1998), respectively, for examples of the experimental animal study information and data that are requested in this notice. Both reports may be ordered from the ECETOC Web site at: <http://www.ecetoc.org>. Those persons submitting data on chemicals tested for skin irritation in humans are referred to Phillips, *et al.* (1972) for examples of the types of human study information and data that are requested in this notice.

The NICEATM will compile information and test data received by the deadline for consideration by ICCVAM and the ICCVAM Dermal Corrosivity and Irritancy Working Group (DCIWG). These groups will review the data and identify chemicals that might be appropriate for use in the upcoming validation study on *in vitro* test methods for dermal irritation.

#### Background Information on ICCVAM and NICEATM

ICCVAM was established in 1997 by NIEHS to coordinate the interagency evaluation of proposed new and alternative test methods, and to coordinate cross-agency issues relating to the validation, acceptance, and national/international harmonization of toxicological testing methods. Composed of representatives from fifteen Federal regulatory and research agencies that use or generate toxicological information, ICCVAM promotes the scientific validation and regulatory acceptance of toxicological

test methods that improve agencies' ability to make decisions on health risks, while refining, reducing, and replacing animal use wherever possible. ICCVAM was authorized as a permanent interagency committee of the NIEHS, under the NICEATM, on December 19, 2000, through passage of the ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106–545, available at <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov/PL106545.htm>). Pub. L. 106–545 directs the ICCVAM to coordinate the technical review of new, revised, and alternative test methods of interagency interest. NICEATM provides operational and scientific support for ICCVAM and ICCVAM-related activities. NICEATM and ICCVAM work collaboratively to evaluate new and improved test methods applicable to the needs of Federal agencies. Additional information about ICCVAM and NICEATM can be found at the following Web site: <http://iccvam.niehs.nih.gov>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Public Health Service

#### National Toxicology Program; Announcement of and Request for Public Comments on Substances Nominated to the National Toxicology Program (NTP) for Toxicological Studies and Study Recommendations Made by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination (ICCEC)

*Summary:* The National Toxicology Program (NTP) continuously solicits and accepts nominations for toxicological studies to be undertaken by the program. Nominations of substances of potential human health concern are received from Federal agencies, the public, and other interested parties. These nominations are subject to several levels of review before selections for testing are made and toxicological studies are designed and implemented. Evaluation by the NTP Interagency Committee for Chemical Evaluation and Coordination (ICCEC) is the initial external review step in the NTP's formal selection process for NTP study nominations. On June 10, 2003, the ICCEC met to review 14 new nominations and make study recommendations. This announcement (1) Provides brief background information regarding the substances nominated to the NTP for study, (2) presents the ICCEC's study recommendations from its June 10, 2003 meeting, (3) solicits public comment on the nominations and study recommendations, and (4) requests the submission of additional relevant information for consideration by the NTP in its continued evaluation of these nominations.

#### Review of Study Nominations

Evaluation by the ICCEC is the initial external step in the NTP's formal selection process for NTP study nominations. At its meeting on June 10, 2003, the ICCEC reviewed 14 new nominations for NTP studies. For 13 of these nominations, the ICCEC recommended one or more types of toxicological studies, and for one nomination, no studies were recommended at this time. The nominated substances with CAS numbers, nomination source, nomination rationale, and specific study recommendations are given in the accompanying tables.

The ICCEC is composed of representatives from the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry,