

Carcinogens (RG1) and the NTP Executive Committee Interagency Working Group for the Report on Carcinogens (RG2). The RoC Subcommittee reviewed the first 10 nominations to the 11th RoC at a public meeting on November 19–20, 2002, in Washington, DC. Summary minutes of that meeting are available electronically at <http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov/NewHomeRoc/mtgs.html> or in hardcopy upon request to the Executive Secretary (contact information below).

#### Solicitation of Public Comment

This meeting of the NTP RoC Subcommittee is open to the public, and time will be provided for oral public comment on each of the nominations under review. In order to facilitate planning, persons requesting time for an oral presentation on a nomination should notify the Executive Secretary, (Dr. Mary S. Wolfe, P.O. Box 12233, A3–07, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; telephone 919/541–3971; FAX 919/541–0295; e-mail [wolfe@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:wolfe@niehs.nih.gov)) no later than September 29, 2003. Each organization is allowed one time slot for an oral presentation per nomination. Persons registering to make comments are asked to provide, if possible, a written copy of their statement by September 29 so copies can be made and distributed to NTP RoC Subcommittee members for their timely review prior to the meeting. Written statements can supplement and expand the oral presentation, and each speaker is asked to provide his/her name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, e-mail and supporting organization (if any). At least 7 minutes will be allotted to each speaker, and if time permits, may be extended to 10 minutes. Individuals who register to make oral presentations by September 29 will be notified about the time available for their presentation at least one week prior to the meeting. Registration for making public comments will also be available on-site. Time allowed for presentation by on-site registrants may

be less than that for preregistered speakers and will be determined by the number of speakers who register at the meeting to give comments. If registering on-site to speak and reading oral comments from printed copy, the speaker is asked to bring 25 copies of the text. These copies will be distributed to the NTP RoC Subcommittee members and supplement the record. All comments received in response to this **Federal Register** notice will be posted on the NTP RoC web site.

Written comments, in lieu of making oral comments, are welcome. All comments must include name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, e-mail and sponsoring organization (if any) and should be received by September 29, 2003, for distribution to the NTP RoC Subcommittee. Written comments received after September 29 will not be considered by NTP RoC Subcommittee members in their reviews.

#### Solicitation of Additional Information

The NTP would welcome receiving information from completed human or experimental animal cancer studies or studies of mechanism of cancer formation, as well as current production data, human exposure information, and use patterns for any of the nominations listed in this announcement. Organizations or individuals that wish to provide information should contact Dr. C.W. Jameson at the address given above.

#### Background

The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Report on Carcinogens is a public information document prepared for the U.S. Congress by the National Toxicology Program (NTP) in response to Section 301(b)(4) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. The intent of the document is to provide a listing of those agents, substances, mixtures or exposure circumstances that are either “known” or “reasonably

anticipated” to cause cancer in humans and to which a significant number of people in the United States are exposed. The process for preparation of the RoC has three levels of scientific review. Central to the evaluations of the review groups is the use of criteria for inclusion in or removal of listings from the report. The current criteria for listing in or delisting from the Report is available on the Web at the following web site: <http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov/NewHomeRoc/ListingCriteria.html>, or can be obtained in hard copy by contacting Dr. C.W. Jameson at the address listed above. The review process for listing in or delisting from the RoC begins with initial scientific review by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)/NTP Report on Carcinogens Review Committee (RG1), which is comprised of NIEHS/NTP staff scientists. The second scientific review group (RG2) is comprised of representatives from the Federal health research and regulatory agencies that are members of the NTP Executive Committee. The third step is external scientific review at a public meeting by the NTP RoC Subcommittee. Following completion of these reviews and solicitation of public comments through announcements in the **Federal Register** and other media, the independent recommendations of the three scientific review groups and all public comments are presented to the NTP Executive Committee for review and comment. All recommendations and public comments are submitted to the Director, NTP, who reviews them and makes a final recommendation to the Secretary, DHHS, concerning the listing or delisting of substances or exposure circumstances in the RoC. The Secretary has final review and approval authority for the 11th RoC.

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#### SUMMARY DATA FOR NOMINATIONS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW AT THE MEETING OF THE NTP BOARD OF SCIENTIFIC COUNSELORS REPORT ON CARCINOGENS SUBCOMMITTEE

[October 14–15, 2003]

Nomination to be reviewed/ CAS number	Primary uses or exposures	To be reviewed for	Tentative review order
Diazoaminobenzene (DAAB)/136–35–6.	DAAB is used as an intermediate in the production of dyes, and as a complexing agent, polymer additive and to promote adhesion of natural rubber to steel.	Listing in the 11th RoC .....	6
Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) .....	HBV is a small DNA-enveloped virus that along with Hepatitis C Virus causes most parenterally transmitted viral hepatitis.	Listing in the 11th RoC .....	4
Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) .....	HCV is an RNA-enveloped virus that along with Hepatitis B Virus causes most parenterally transmitted viral hepatitis.	Listing in the 11th RoC .....	5