

or the evaluation criteria and to comment on the views expressed by others.

The meeting will be held on January 27–28, 2004, at the Lister Hill Center Auditorium (Building 38A), National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, Maryland, 20892. The meeting will begin at 9 am on January 27 and will conclude by noon on January 28 or sooner if the public comments and discussion end earlier. On-site registration will begin at 8:30 am on January 27. Attendance at the meeting is limited only by the space available. Additional details about the meeting, including background information, agenda, written comments, registration and security information are provided below and are also available from the NTP Web site (<http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov> select NTP/RoC Public Meeting under What's New?).

Background

The RoC is a public information document prepared by the NTP, pursuant to delegation from the Secretary of The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) as required by Section 301(b)(4) of the Public Health Service Act, as amended. The RoC provides a listing of those agents, substances or exposure circumstances which 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 1st edition of the report (then known as the Annual Report on Carcinogens) was published in 1980. Similar criteria and review processes were used to consider/evaluate nominated substances for listing in the 1st through 7th editions; the 7th edition was published in 1994. In 1995, a panel whose membership included persons from academia, industry, labor, public/environmental organizations, state and local health departments and government met in public session(s) to examine the criteria. The panel recommended revisions to the listing criteria and the nomination review process for the RoC. The Secretary, DHHS approved the revised criteria on September 12, 1996 [61 FR 50499, September 26, 1996]. The revised criteria and review process were used to evaluate nominations to the 8th, 9th, and 10th editions of the RoC and are currently being used to evaluate nominations being considered for listing in or delisting from the 11th edition. A description of the proposed review process that will be used to evaluate nominations to future editions of the RoC and the listing/delisting criteria are

provided below and can also be found on the NTP Web site (<http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov/NewHomeRoC/AboutRoC.html>).

Agenda

A panel that includes NTP staff and representatives of the NTP Board of Scientific Counselors RoC Subcommittee, the NTP Executive Committee Interagency Working Group for the RoC and the NIEHS/NTP RoC Review Committee will receive the public comments and participate in the discussion.

Tentative Agenda

NTP/RoC Public Meeting

Lister Hill Center Auditorium, National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland.

January 27, 2004

8:30 a.m. Registration.

9 a.m. Welcome and Introductions;

Overview of the history of the Report on Carcinogens, the proposed review process for nominations and the listing/delisting criteria; and Guidelines and procedures for oral comments and discussion.

10 a.m. Public comments (10 minutes per speaker, one speaker per organization).

5 p.m. Adjournment (The meeting may adjourn earlier if the public comments and discussion are finished.).

January 28, 2004

9 a.m. Continuation of public comments and discussion if not finished on January 27.

Noon Close of meeting (The meeting may close earlier if the public comments and discussion are finished.).

Public Comment Encouraged

The NTP welcomes continued and meaningful input from all stakeholders concerning the RoC review process and the evaluation criteria used to list/delist nominations. The NTP invites all interested parties to present oral comments to the panel at the meeting. For planning purposes, individuals/groups wishing to give oral comment are asked to register early and provide appropriate contact information (name; affiliation; mailing address; phone; fax; e-mail; and sponsoring organization, if any). One time slot for an oral presentation will be allotted per organization. Speakers that register early for this meeting will be assigned time on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration to speak at this meeting will also be accepted on-site. It is anticipated that at least 10 minutes will be available for each presenter to address the panel. When oral comments are read from printed text, the NTP asks that the speaker provide 15 copies of the text at registration for distribution to the panel and to supplement the record of the meeting. Written statements can supplement or may expand on an oral presentation or can be submitted in lieu of an oral presentation.

The NTP also invites the submission of written comment. Written comments should be sent to the address provided below and include contact information (name, affiliation, mailing address, phone, fax, e-mail, and sponsoring organization, if any). Comments received by January 15, 2004, will be distributed to the panel, posted on the NTP RoC Web site prior to the meeting, and made available at the public meeting.

Registration for Meeting

This meeting is open to the public and all interested parties are invited to attend. Persons needing special assistance in order to attend are asked to contact Ms. Anna Lee Sabella (contact information below) at least seven business days prior to the meeting. For planning purposes, persons are asked to register on-line or, if this is not possible, contact Ms. Anna Lee Sabella (Report on Carcinogens Group, NIEHS, P.O. Box 12233 MD EC-14, 79 T.W. Alexander Drive, Room 3123, Research Triangle Park, NC 27709; phone: (919) 541-4982; FAX: (919) 541-0144; e-mail: sabella@niehs.nih.gov).

Access to the electronic registration form is available from the NTP Web site (<http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov>, select NTP/RoC Public Meeting under “What's New?”). Please complete the form and also indicate whether you want to request time for an oral presentation. On-site registration will also be available and will begin the morning of January 27 at 8:30 am.

Access to the NIH Campus

Any individual seeking access to the NIH campus to attend this meeting will need to be prepared to show two forms of identification (one must be a government-issued photo ID, e.g., driver's license, passport, green card, etc.) and, if asked, to provide pertinent information about this meeting (e.g., a copy of the meeting announcement, title of the meeting). Additional information about access to the NIH campus and parking is available from the NTP Web site (<http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov>,