Reviewer Questions

Changes in Cholinesterase Levels, Human Studies

• Comment on whether the approach to search for and select human studies relevant to evaluating potential long-term effects of acute sarin exposure on cholinesterase as described in the methods was objectively applied and clearly presented.

• Comment on NTP’s assessment of the human studies, including how findings from individual studies were interpreted, how the rating of confidence in the body of evidence was developed, and how the level of evidence conclusion was reached.

• For each of the following time periods, comment on NTP’s synthesis of the scientific evidence for changes in cholinesterase levels across studies and identify any information that should be added or deleted.
  – The initial time period (>24 hours to 7 days) following acute sarin exposure.
  – The intermediate time period (8 days to 1 year) following acute sarin exposure.
  – The extended time period (> 1 year) following acute sarin exposure.