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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods; Notice of Public Meeting; Request for Public Input

**SUMMARY:** The Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Validation of Alternative Methods (ICCVAM) will hold a public forum to share information and facilitate direct communication of ideas and suggestions from stakeholders. Interested persons may attend in person or via teleconference and time will be set aside for public statements and questions on the topics discussed.

**DATES:** *Meeting:* June 25, 2014, 1:00 p.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

*Registration for Meeting:* May 7, 2014 through June 11, 2014.

*Deadline for Submission of Oral Public Statements:* June 11, 2014

#### ADDRESSES:

*Meeting Location:* William H. Natcher Conference Center, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD 20892.

*Meeting Web page:* The preliminary agenda, registration, and other meeting materials are at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/41490>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Warren S. Casey, Director, National Toxicology Program Interagency Center for the Evaluation of Alternative Toxicological Methods (NICEATM); email: [warren.casey@nih.gov](mailto:warren.casey@nih.gov); telephone: (919) 316-4729.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Background:* ICCVAM promotes the development and validation of chemical safety testing methods that protect

human health and the environment while replacing, reducing, or refining animal use.

In 2013, ICCVAM published a draft plan (<http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/iccvam-mission>) focused on addressing advances in toxicological science while reflecting the needs and priorities of its partner regulatory agencies and improving communications with the public, including holding public forums to facilitate direct communication with its stakeholders.

The first of these forums will be held on June 25, 2014, at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. The meeting will begin with presentations by NICEATM and ICCVAM members on current activities including (1) evaluation of nonanimal methods to identify potential skin sensitizers and eye irritants, (2) interactions with international validation organizations, and (3) revisions to ICCVAM processes. Following each presentation, there will be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions. The agenda also includes time for attendees to make public oral statements to inform ICCVAM on topics relevant to its mission and current activities.

*Preliminary Agenda and Other Meeting Information:* The preliminary agenda, ICCVAM roster, background materials, and public statements submitted prior to the meeting will be posted at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/41490> to allow participation by remote attendees. Public statements will be distributed to NICEATM and ICCVAM members.

*Meeting and Registration:* This meeting is open to the public with time scheduled for oral public statements and for questions following ICCVAM's and NICEATM's presentations; attendance is limited only by the space available. Participants are encouraged to register at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/41490> by June 11, 2014 to facilitate planning for appropriate meeting space. Interested individuals are encouraged to visit this Web page to stay abreast of the most current meeting information.

Visitor and security information is available at <http://www.nih.gov/about/visitor/index.htm>. Individuals with disabilities who need accommodation to participate in this event should contact Dr. Elizabeth Maull at phone: (919) 316-4668 or email: [maull@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:maull@niehs.nih.gov). TTY users should contact the Federal TTY Relay Service at 800-877-8339. Requests should be made at least five business days in advance of the event.

*Request for Oral Public Statements:* Time will be allotted during the meeting for oral public statements with

associated slides relevant to ICCVAM's mission and current activities. The number and length of presentations may be limited based on available time. Speakers are asked to submit a copy of their statement and/or associated slides by June 11, 2014 to allow time for posting to the meeting page and review by NICEATM and ICCVAM members. Submitters will be identified by their name and affiliation and/or sponsoring organization, if applicable. Persons submitting public statements and/or associated slides should include their name, affiliation (if any), mailing address, telephone, email, and sponsoring organization (if any) with the document. Registration for oral public statements will be available onsite, although onsite registration and time allotted for these statements may be limited based on the number of individuals who register for comments and available time.

For remote participation, 50 teleconference lines will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The teleconference access number will be provided to registrants by email prior to the meeting.

Responses to this notice are voluntary. No proprietary, classified, confidential, or sensitive information should be included in comments submitted in response to this notice or during the meeting. This request for input is for planning purposes only and is not a solicitation for applications or an obligation on the part of the U.S. Government to provide support for any ideas identified in response to the request. Please note that the U.S. Government will not pay for the preparation of any information submitted or for its use of that information.

*Background Information on ICCVAM and NICEATM:* ICCVAM is an interagency committee composed of representatives from 15 Federal regulatory and research agencies that require, use, generate, or disseminate toxicological and safety testing information. ICCVAM conducts technical evaluations of new, revised, and alternative safety testing methods and integrated testing strategies with regulatory applicability and promotes the scientific validation and regulatory acceptance of testing methods that both more accurately assess the safety and hazards of chemicals and products and replace, reduce, or refine (enhance animal well-being and lessen or avoid pain and distress) animal use.

The ICCVAM Authorization Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 285l-3) establishes ICCVAM as a permanent interagency committee of the NIEHS and provides

the authority for ICCVAM involvement in activities relevant to the development of alternative test methods. ICCVAM acts to ensure that new and revised test methods are validated to meet the needs of Federal agencies, increase the efficiency and effectiveness and Federal agency test method review, and optimize utilization of scientific expertise outside the Federal Government. Additional information about ICCVAM can be found at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/iccvam>.

NICEATM administers ICCVAM, provides scientific and operational support for ICCVAM-related activities, and conducts independent validation studies to assess the usefulness and limitations of new, revised, and alternative test methods and strategies. NICEATM and ICCVAM work collaboratively to evaluate new and improved test methods and strategies applicable to the needs of U.S. Federal agencies. NICEATM and ICCVAM welcome the public nomination of new, revised, and alternative test methods and strategies for validation studies and technical evaluations. Additional information about NICEATM can be found at <http://ntp.niehs.nih.gov/go/niceatm>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

[Docket No. DHS-2013-0067]

### Sector Outreach and Programs Division Online Meeting Registration Tool

**AGENCY:** National Protection and Programs Directorate, DHS.

**ACTION:** 30-day notice and request for comments; Renewal Information Collection Request: 1670-0019.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Homeland Security (DHS), National Protection and Programs Directorate (NPPD), Office Of Infrastructure Protection (IP), Sector Outreach and Programs Division (SOPD), will submit the following Information Collection Request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). NPPD is soliciting comments concerning Renewal Information Collection

Request, Sector Outreach and Programs Division Online Meeting Registration Tool. DHS previously published this ICR in the **Federal Register** on February 10, 2014, for a 60-day public comment period. DHS received no comments. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comments.

**DATES:** Comments are encouraged and will be accepted until June 2, 2014. This process is conducted in accordance with 5 CFR 1320.10.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB. Comments should be addressed to OMB Desk Officer, Department of Homeland Security, Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. Comments must be identified by DHS-2013-0067 and may be submitted by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.

- *Email:* [oir\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oir_submission@omb.eop.gov). Include the docket number in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* (202) 395-5806

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the words "Department of Homeland Security" and the docket number for this action. Comments received will be posted without alteration at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

OMB is particularly interested in comments that:

1. Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

2. Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

3. Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and

4. Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nohemi Zerbi DHS/NPPD/IP/SOPD/COG, [Nohemi.Zerbi@hq.dhs.gov](mailto:Nohemi.Zerbi@hq.dhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On behalf of DHS, IP manages the Department's

program to protect the Nation's 16 Critical Infrastructure and Key Resource (CIKR) Sectors by implementing the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP) 2013 Partnering for Critical Infrastructure Security and Resilience. Pursuant to Presidential Policy Directive (PPD)—21 (February 2013), each sector is assigned a Sector Specific Agency (SSA) to oversee Federal interaction with the array of sector security partners, both public and private. An SSA is responsible for leading a unified public-private sector effort to develop, coordinate, and implement a comprehensive physical, human, and cybersecurity strategy for its assigned sector. SOPD executes the SSA responsibilities for the six CIKR sectors assigned to IP: Chemical; Commercial Facilities; Critical Manufacturing; Dams; Emergency Services; and Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste (Nuclear).

The mission of SOPD is to enhance the resiliency of the Nation by leading the unified public-private sector effort to ensure its assigned CIKR are prepared, more secure, and safer from terrorist attacks, natural disasters, and other incidents. To achieve this mission, SOPD leverages the resources and knowledge of its CIKR sectors to develop and apply security initiatives that result in significant, measurable benefits to the Nation.

Each SOPD branch builds sustainable partnerships with its public and private sector stakeholders to enable more effective sector coordination, information sharing, and program development and implementation. These partnerships are sustained through the Sector Partnership Model, described in the NIPP 2013 pages 10-12.

Information sharing is a key component of the NIPP Partnership Model, and DRS sponsored conferences are one mechanism for information sharing. To facilitate conference planning and organization, SOPD established an event registration tool for use by all of its branches. The information collection is voluntary and is used by the SSAs within the SOPD. The six SSAs within SOPD use this information to register public and private sector stakeholders for meetings hosted by the SSA. SOPD will use the information collected to reserve space at a meeting for the registrant; contact the registrant with a reminder about the event; develop meeting materials for attendees; determine key topics of interest; and efficiently generate attendee and speaker nametags. Additionally, it will allow SOPD to have a better understanding of the organizations participating in the CIKR