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*Request for Comments:* Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: August 15, 2007.

**David C. Brown,**

*IRS Reports Clearance Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### **Open Meeting of the Area 4 Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (Including the States of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin)**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Area 4 Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference). The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comment, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at 10 a.m., Central Time.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Ann Delzer at 1-888-912-1227, or (414) 231-2360.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that a meeting of the Area 4 Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Tuesday, September 18, 2007, at 10 a.m., Central Time via a telephone conference call. Please contact Mary Ann Delzer at 1-888-912-1227 or (414) 231-2360 for dial-in information. You can also submit written comments to the Panel by faxing the comments to (414) 231-2363, or by mail to Taxpayer Advocacy Panel, Stop 1006MIL, 211 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53203-2221, or you can contact us at [www.improveirs.org](http://www.improveirs.org).

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

Dated: August 20, 2007.

**John Fay,**

*Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### **Open Meeting of the Area 7 Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (Including the States of Alaska, California, Hawaii, and Nevada)**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Area 7 Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference). The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (TAP) is soliciting public comments, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service. The TAP will use citizen input to make recommendations to the Internal Revenue Service.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Wednesday, September 19, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janice Spinks at 1-888-912-1227, or 206-220-6096.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Area 7 Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy

Panel will be held Wednesday, September 19, 2007, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Pacific Time via a telephone conference call. The public is invited to make oral comments. Individual comments will be limited to 5 minutes. Due to limited conference lines, notification of intent to participate in the telephone conference call meeting must be made with Janice Spinks. Miss Spinks can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6096. If you would like to have the TAP consider a written statement, please call Janice Spinks at 1-888-912-1227 or 206-220-6096, or write to Janice Spinks, TAP Office, 915 2nd Avenue, MS W-406, Seattle, WA 98174, or you can contact us at [www.improveirs.org](http://www.improveirs.org).

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

Dated: August 20, 2007.

**John Fay,**

*Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### **Open Meeting of the Area 2 Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel (Including the States of Delaware, North Carolina, South Carolina, New Jersey, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia and the District of Columbia)**

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** An open meeting of the Area 2 Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be conducted (via teleconference). The Taxpayer Advocacy Panel is soliciting public comments, ideas, and suggestions on improving customer service at the Internal Revenue Service.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Wednesday, September 19, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. ET.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Inez E. De Jesus at 1-888-912-1227, or 954-423-7977.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1988) that an open meeting of the Area 2 Committee of the Taxpayer Advocacy Panel will be held Wednesday, September 19, 2007 at 2:30 p.m. ET via a telephone conference call. Due to limited conference lines, notification of

intent to participate in the telephone conference call meeting must be made with Inez E. De Jesus. Ms. De Jesus can be reached at 1-888-912-1227 or 954-423-7977, or post comments to the Web site: <http://www.improveirs.org>. If you would like to have the TAP consider a written statement, please call 1-888-912-1227 or 954-423-7977, or write to Inez E. De Jesus, TAP Office, 1000 South Pine Island Rd., Suite 340, Plantation, FL 33324

The agenda will include the following: Various IRS issues.

Dated: August 20, 2007.

**John Fay,**

*Acting Director, Taxpayer Advocacy Panel.*

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## U.S.—CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

### Notice of Open Public Hearing

**AGENCY:** U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of open public hearing—September 6–7, 2007, University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill, NC.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

*Name:* Carolyn Bartholomew, Chairman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, evaluate, and report to Congress annually on “the national security implications and impact of the bilateral trade and economic relationship between the United States and the People’s Republic of China.” Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Chapel Hill, NC, at the University of North Carolina on September 6–7, 2007 on “*North Carolina: China’s Impact on the North Carolina Economy: Winners and Losers.*”

### Background

This event is the seventh in a series of public hearings the Commission will hold during its 2007 report cycle to collect input from leading experts in academia, business, industry, government and from the public on the impact of the economic and national security implications of the U.S. bilateral trade and economic relationship with China. The September 6–7 hearing is being conducted to examine the impacts of Chinese exports on North Carolina’s traditional clothing, textile, and furniture industries; the

effectiveness of North Carolina’s proactive measures to mitigate and adapt to Chinese competition; and to consider feedback and opinions from the people of North Carolina.

The hearing, entitled “*North Carolina: China’s Impact on the North Carolina Economy: Winners and Losers.*” will be co-chaired by Commissioners Jeffrey Fiedler and Dennis Shea.

*Open Microphone Session for Public Comment:* The hearing on Friday, September 7, 2007, will conclude with a discussion on the community impact of economic dislocations with an “open” microphone session for interested members of the public to voice their views. Registration for the open microphone session begins at 8 a.m. on Friday, September 7th with sign up available in the hearing room. Comments will be limited to 5 minutes for each participant.

Information on this hearing, including a detailed hearing agenda and information about panelists, will be made available on the Commission’s Web site prior to the hearing date. Detailed information about the Commission, the texts of its annual reports and hearing records, and the products of research it has commissioned can be found on the Commission’s Web site at [www.uscc.gov](http://www.uscc.gov).

Any interested party may file a written statement by September 6, 2007, by mailing to the contact below.

*Date and Time:* Thursday, September 6, 2007, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, September 7, 2007, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. A detailed agenda for the hearing will be posted to the Commission’s Web site at [www.uscc.gov](http://www.uscc.gov) in the near future.

**ADDRESSES:** The hearings will be held in The Kenan Conference Center, Room 204 at the University of North Carolina—Chapel Hill campus on Skipper Bowles Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27599–1550. Public seating is limited to approximately 150 people on a first come, first served basis. Advance reservations are not required.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathy Michels, Associate Director for the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission, 444 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 602, Washington, DC 20001; phone: 202–624–1409, or via e-mail at [kmichels@uscc.gov](mailto:kmichels@uscc.gov).

**Authority:** Congress created the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission in 2000 in the National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 106–398), as amended by Division P of the Consolidated Appropriations Resolution, 2003 (Pub. L. 108–7), as amended by Public Law 109–108 (November 22, 2005).

Dated: August 20, 2007.

**Kathleen J. Michels,**

*Associate Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Determinations Concerning Illnesses Discussed in National Academy of Sciences Report on Gulf War and Health

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As required by law, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hereby gives notice that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, under the authority granted by the Persian Gulf War Veterans Act of 1998, Public Law 105–277, title XVI, 112 Stat. 2681–742 through 2681–749 (codified at 38 U.S.C. 1118), has determined not to establish a presumption of service connection at this time, based on exposure to insecticides or solvents during service in the Persian Gulf during the Persian Gulf War, for any of the diseases, illnesses, or health effects discussed in the February 18, 2003, report of the National Academy of Sciences, titled “Gulf War and Health, Volume 2. Insecticides and Solvents.” This determination does not in any way preclude VA from granting service connection for any disease, including those specifically discussed in this notice, nor does it change any existing rights or procedures.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Barrans, Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, telephone (202) 273–6332.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Statutory Requirements

The Persian Gulf War Veterans Act of 1998, Public Law 105–277, title XVI, 112 Stat. 2681–742 through 2681–749 (codified at 38 U.S.C. 1118), and the Veterans Programs Enhancement Act of 1998, Public Law 105–368, 112 Stat. 3315, directed the Secretary to seek to enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) to review and evaluate the available scientific evidence regarding associations between illnesses and exposure to toxic agents, environmental or wartime hazards, or preventive medicines or vaccines to which service members may have been exposed during