

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### National Institutes of Health

#### Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Nanotechnology.

*Date:* January 23–24, 2008.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* InterContinental Mark Hopkins San Francisco, Number One Noble Hill, 999 California Street, San Francisco, CA 94108.

*Contact Person:* Joseph D. Mosca, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5158, MSC 7808, Bethesda, MD 20892 (301) 435–2344, [moscajos@csr.nih.gov](mailto:moscajos@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Member Conflicts in Adult Psychopathology and Disorders of Aging.

*Date:* January 23, 2008.

*Time:* 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Jane A. Doussard-Roosevelt, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3184, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–4445, [doussarj@csr.nih.gov](mailto:doussarj@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Neuropsychiatric Mechanisms, Models and Pharmacology.

*Date:* January 24, 2008.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

*Contact Person:* Boris P. Sokolov, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of

Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5217A, MSC 7846, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1197, [bsokolov@csr.nih.gov](mailto:bsokolov@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, NIH–RAID Pilot Program.

*Date:* January 24, 2008.

*Time:* 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Telephone Conference Call).

*Contact Person:* Marc Rigas, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4194, MSC 7826, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 402–1074, [rigasm@csr.nih.gov](mailto:rigasm@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, High-End Shared Instrumentation: Imaging.

*Date:* January 25, 2008.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites, San Francisco Fisherman's Wharf, 550 North Point Street, San Francisco, CA 94133.

*Contact Person:* Khalid Masood, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5120, MSC 7854, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–2392, [masoodk@csr.nih.gov](mailto:masoodk@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Oncological Sciences Integrated Review Group, Cancer Immunopathology and Immunotherapy Study Section.

*Date:* January 31–February 1, 2008.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* The Double Tree Hotel, Washington, DC, 1515 Rhode Island Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20005.

*Contact Person:* Steven B. Scholnick, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 6152, MSC 7804, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1719, [scholnis@csr.nih.gov](mailto:scholnis@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Infectious Diseases and Microbiology Integrated Review Group, Bacterial Pathogenesis Study Section.

*Date:* January 31–February 1, 2008.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Serrano Hotel, 405 Taylor Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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*Name of Committee:* Biobehavioral and Behavioral Processes Integrated Review Group, Motor Function, Speech and Rehabilitation Study Section.

*Date:* February 1, 2008.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hilton Pasadena, 168 South Los Robles Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91101.

*Contact Person:* Weijia Ni, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3190, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–1507, [niw@csr.nih.gov](mailto:niw@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Resource Facility for Population Kinetics (RFPK).

*Date:* February 3–4, 2008.

*Time:* 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Embassy Suites Hotel, Chevy Chase Pavilion, 4300 Military Road, Washington, DC 20015.

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*Name of Committee:* Respiratory Sciences Integrated Review Group, Lung Injury, Repair, and Remodeling Study Section.

*Date:* February 4–5, 2008.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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*Name of Committee:* Digestive Sciences Integrated Review Group, Gastrointestinal Mucosal Pathobiology Study Section.

*Date:* February 4, 2008.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Admiral Fell Inn, 888 South Broadway, Baltimore, MD 21231.

*Contact Person:* Peter J. Perrin, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2180, MSC 7818, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–0682, [perrinp@csr.nih.gov](mailto:perrinp@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Genes, Genomes, and Genetics Integrated Review Group, Genomics, Computational Biology and Technology Study Section.

*Date:* February 4–5, 2008.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* George Washington University Inn, 824 New Hampshire Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

*Contact Person:* Camilla E. Day, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 5148, MSC 7890, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301–435–1037, [dayc@csr.nih.gov](mailto:dayc@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Biobehavioral and Behavioral Processes Integrated Review Group, Language and Communication Study Section.

*Date:* February 4–5, 2008.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Serrano Hotel, 405 Taylor Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

*Contact Person:* Weijia Ni, PhD, Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3184, MSC 7848, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-435-1507, [niw@csr.nih.gov](mailto:niw@csr.nih.gov).

*Name of Committee:* Musculoskeletal, Oral and Skin Sciences Integrated Review Group, Skeletal Biology Structure and Regeneration Study Section.

*Date:* February 4–5, 2008.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Marriott Marina Del Rey, 4100 Admiralty Way, Marina Del Rey, CA 90292.

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*Name of Committee:* Surgical Sciences, Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering Integrated Review Group, Bioengineering, Technology and Surgical Sciences Study Section.

*Date:* February 4–5, 2008.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hilton Washington Rockville, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

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*Name of Committee:* Cell Biology Integrated Review Group, Biology and Diseases of the Posterior Eye Study Section.

*Date:* February 4–5, 2008.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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*Name of Committee:* Biobehavioral and Behavioral Processes Integrated Review Group, Biobehavioral Mechanisms of Emotion, Stress and Health Study Section.

*Date:* February 4, 2008.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Serrano Hotel, 405 Taylor Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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*Name of Committee:* Biobehavioral and Behavioral Processes Integrated Review Group, Biobehavioral Regulation, Learning and Ethology Study Section.

*Date:* February 4–5, 2008.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* One Washington Circle Hotel, One Washington Circle, Washington, DC 20037.

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*Name of Committee:* Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel, Clinical Neuroscience and Disease.

*Date:* February 4–5, 2008.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Holiday Inn San Francisco-Fisherman's Wharf, 1300 Columbus Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94133.

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*Name of Committee:* Brain Disorders and Clinical Neuroscience Integrated Review Group, Clinical Neuroscience and Disease Study Section.

*Date:* February 4–5, 2008.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Embassy Suites Downtown Washington, DC, 1250 22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

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*Name of Committee:* Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Neuroscience Integrated Review Group, Cellular and Molecular Biology of Gila Study Section.

*Date:* February 4–5, 2008.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hotel Palomar, 2121 P Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

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*Name of Committee:* Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Neuroscience Integrated Review Group, Neural Oxidative Metabolism and Death Study Section.

*Date:* February 4–5, 2008.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Savoy Suites of Georgetown, 2505 Wisconsin Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20007.

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*Name of Committee:* Risk, Prevention and Health Behavior Integrated Review Group, Behavioral Medicine, Interventions and Outcomes Study Section.

*Date:* February 4–5, 2008.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Sir Francis Drake Hotel, 450 Powell Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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*Name of Committee:* Biological Chemistry and Macromolecular Biophysics Integrated Review Group, Synthetic and Biological Chemistry B Study Section.

*Date:* February 4–5, 2008.

*Time:* 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hilton Washington/Rockville, 1750 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD 20852.

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*Name of Committee:* Digestive Sciences Integrated Review Group, Gastrointestinal Cell and Molecular Biology Study Section.

*Date:* February 5, 2008.

*Time:* 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Hyatt Regency Bethesda, One Bethesda Metro Center, 7400 Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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*Name of Committee:* Respiratory Sciences Integrated Review Group, Respiratory Integrative Biology and Translational Research Study Section.

*Date:* February 5–6, 2008.

*Time:* 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate grant applications.

*Place:* Beacon Hotel and Corporate Quarters, 115 Rhode Island Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

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*Name of Committee:* Integrative, Functional and Cognitive Neuroscience Integrated Review Group, Auditory System Study Section.

Date: February 5–6, 2008.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: The Churchill Hotel, 1914 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20009.

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Name of Committee: Integrative, Functional and Cognitive Neuroscience Integrated Review Group, Neurotoxicology and Alcohol Study Section.

Date: February 5–6, 2008.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Hilton Washington Embassy Row, 2015 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20036.

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Name of Committee: Health of the Population Integrative Review Group, Nursing Science: Adults and Older Adults Study Section.

Date: February 5–6, 2008.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Holiday Inn, Tysons Corner, 1960 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA 22102.

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Name of Committee: Respiratory Sciences Integrated Review Group, Lung Cellular, Molecular, and Immunobiology Study Section.

Date: February 5–6, 2008.

Time: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: Pier 5 Hotel, 711 Eastern Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21202.

Contact Person: George M. Barnas, PhD, Scientific Review Administrator, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 2180, MSC 7818, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435–0696, [barnasg@csr.nih.gov](mailto:barnasg@csr.nih.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Bureau of Customs and Border Protection

#### Notice of Availability and Public Open House Announcement for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Construction, Operation, and Maintenance of Tactical Infrastructure, U.S. Border Patrol, San Diego Sector, CA

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) identifying and assessing the potential impacts associated with the proposed construction, operation, and maintenance of tactical infrastructure, to include a primary pedestrian fence, supporting patrol roads, and other infrastructure in two distinct sections along the U.S./Mexico international border within CBP's San Diego Border Patrol Sector. The two fence sections would be approximately 0.8 miles and 3.6 miles in length. Newly constructed access and patrol roads to support each fence section would be 0.8 miles and 5.2 miles respectively. This **Federal Register** notice announces the availability of and invites public comments on the draft EIS. This document also announces a public open house on the Draft EIS.

**DATES:** The Draft EIS will be available for public review and comment for a period of 45 days beginning January 4, 2008. Comments must be received by February 19, 2008.

The public open house will be held on January 17, 2008, at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, CA. The public open house will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please refer to the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for more information.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Draft EIS can be downloaded from the Internet by visiting <http://www.BorderFenceNEPA.com>, or <https://ecso.swf.usace.army.mil/Pages/Publicreview.cfm>, or requested by e-mailing: [information@BorderFenceNEPA.com](mailto:information@BorderFenceNEPA.com).

To request a hard copy of the Draft EIS, you may call toll-free (877) 752–0420. Alternatively, written requests for information may be submitted to: Charles McGregor, U.S. Army Corps of

Engineers, Engineering and Construction Support Office, 819 Taylor St., Room 3B10, Fort Worth, Texas 76102; fax: (757) 257–7643. Hard copies of the Draft EIS can be reviewed at the Chula Vista Public Library (365 F Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910, (619) 691–5069); San Diego Central Library (820 E St., San Diego, CA 92101, (619) 236–5800); and San Diego Otay Mesa-Nestor Branch Library (3003 Coronado Ave., San Diego, CA 92154, (619) 424–0474).

The public open house will be held on January 17, 2008, at the San Diego Convention Center, located at 111 W. Harbor Dr., San Diego, CA 92101.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles McGregor, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Engineering and Construction Support Office, 819 Taylor St., Room 3B10, Fort Worth, Texas 76102; and fax: (757) 257–7643.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On September 24, 2007, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 54277) a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS to identify and assess the potential impacts associated with the construction, operation, and maintenance of tactical infrastructure, to include a primary pedestrian fence, supporting patrol roads, and other infrastructure in two distinct sections along the U.S./Mexico international border within CBP's San Diego Border Patrol Sector (Proposed Action). The EIS complies with NEPA, the Council on Environmental Quality regulations in 40 CFR Parts 1500–1508, and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Management Directive 5100.1, *Environmental Planning Program*.

The mission of CBP is to prevent terrorists and terrorist weapons from entering the U.S., while also facilitating the flow of legitimate trade and travel. In supporting CBP's mission, the Border Patrol is charged with establishing and maintaining effective control of the U.S. border between ports of entry. The purpose of the Proposed Action is to provide Border Patrol agents with the tools necessary to strengthen their control of the U.S. border between ports of entry in the San Diego Sector. The Proposed Action also provides a safer work environment and enables Border Patrol agents to enhance response time.

The Proposed Action would consist of constructing a primary pedestrian fence, patrol roads, access roads, and other infrastructure in two sections. The first proposed section would be approximately 3.6 miles in length and would start at Puebla Tree and end at Boundary Monument 250. A newly