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The Standards Council of Canada (SCC) Laboratory Accreditation Program for Substances of Abuse (LAPSA) has been given deemed status by the Department of Transportation. The SCC has accredited the following Canadian laboratories for the conduct of forensic urine drug testing required by Department of Transportation regulations:

Dynacare Kasper Medical Laboratories, 14940-123 Ave., Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T5V 1B4, 800-661-9876 / 403-451-3702

MAXXAM Analytics Inc., 5540 McAdam Rd., Mississauga, ON, Canada L4Z 1P1, 905-890-2555 (formerly: NOVAMANN (Ontario) Inc.)

**Richard Kopanda,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

#### Notice of Availability and Public Comment Period on Draft Protocols for Scientific Studies To Be Performed at Ward Valley, California

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

**ACTION:** Notice of 30 day public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Interior (DOI) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) announce the availability of draft Sampling Protocols for scientific studies to be performed at the Ward Valley site. The draft Sampling Protocols have been prepared pursuant to a contract with BLM by two scientists who served on a National Academy of Sciences (NAS) panel on Ward Valley. The NAS panel made recommendations in 1995 that provide the basis for testing and analysis of tritium and related substances. The testing is intended to investigate the extent to which tritium released into the atmosphere in the 1950's and 1960's has migrated below the surface of the soil at the Ward Valley site.

**DATES:** Public comments on the draft Sampling Protocols must be received by December 8, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the draft Sampling Protocols may be obtained upon request. Submit requests to: Ward Valley Project Coordinator, 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825-0451. The draft Sampling Protocols are available on the Internet at: [www.ca.blm.gov](http://www.ca.blm.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jack Mills, Contract Officer Representative, U.S.D.I., Bureau of Land Management, California State Office, 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, California 95825, tel: (916) 978-4636.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOI and BLM are preparing a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) on a proposed land transfer to the State of California for the purpose of developing a low-level radioactive waste facility at Ward Valley. The site of the proposed federal transfer is located in San Bernardino County, California, approximately 20 miles west of the City of Needles. Following receipt and consideration of comments, it is intended that Sampling Protocols will be finalized and testing carried out pursuant to the final Sampling Protocols. The proposed testing is subject to an environmental assessment (EA) prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. The EA is being released for public review and comment on this date. In addition to this opportunity to review the draft protocol and comment under this notice, the public will also have the opportunity to review and comment on the results of the tritium, and related materials testing and analysis in the draft SEIS.

**Duane A. Marti,**

*Acting Deputy State Director for Natural Resource.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

#### Notice of Availability and Public Comment Period on Environmental Assessment (EA) of Tritium and Related Materials Testing on Public Lands in Ward Valley, San Bernardino County, California

**AGENCY:** California State Office, Bureau of Land Management, DOI.

**ACTION:** Notice of 30 day public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Interior (DOI), Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has prepared an EA of proposed plans regarding tritium and related materials testing in Ward Valley.

The proposed plans were separately prepared by DOI/BLM and the State of California, Department of Health Services.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Public comments on the EA must be received by December 8, 1997.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this comment period is to ensure that the public has sufficient opportunity to review and comment on all pertinent information on the impacts associated with separate federal and state proposals for testing for tritium and related materials in Ward Valley. The testing for tritium and related materials will be carried out to effectuate the recommendations of a National Academy of Sciences panel. Data obtained from the federal sampling and analysis, and from the State's if available, will be included in a draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), analyzing the proposed transfer of federal land to the State of California for construction of a Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Facility.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the EA may be obtained upon request. Submit requests to: Ward Valley Project Coordinator, 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825-0451. The EA is available on the Internet at: [www.ca.blm.gov](http://www.ca.blm.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jack Mills, Contract Officer Representative, U.S.D.I., Bureau of Land Management, California State Office, 2135 Butano Drive, Sacramento, California 95825, tel: (916) 978-4636.

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*Acting Deputy State Director for Natural Resources.*

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## INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation 332-387]

#### North American Free Trade Agreement: Probable Economic Effect on U.S. Industries and Consumers of Accelerated Elimination of U.S. Tariffs on Certain Articles From Mexico, Round Two

**AGENCY:** United States International Trade Commission.

**ACTION:** Institution of investigation and scheduling of public hearing.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 30, 1997.

**SUMMARY:** Following receipt on October 20, 1997, of a request from the Office of the United States Trade Representative

(USTR), the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-387, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332 (g)), to advise the President, with respect to each dutiable article listed in Annex I of the USTR's notice published in the **Federal Register** of October 21, 1997 (62 FR 54671), of its judgment as to the probable economic effect of the immediate elimination of the U.S. tariff under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) on domestic industries producing like or directly competitive articles and on consumers. Annex I is available from the USTR Internet home page at <http://www.ustr.gov> and from the Commission Internet home page at <http://www.usitc.gov>.

The USTR asked that the Commission provide its advice not later than 120 days following the Commission's receipt of the request, or by February 17, 1998, and has indicated that it may classify all or part of the Commission's report as Confidential.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

General information may be obtained from the project leader, Carl Seastrum (202-205-3493), Minerals, Metals, Machinery, and Miscellaneous Manufactures Division, Office of Industries, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC 20436. For information on the legal aspects of this investigation contact William Gearhart of the Office of the General Counsel (202-205-3091). The media should contact Margaret O'Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202-205-1819). Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the TDD terminal on (202) 205-1810. For information on a product basis, contact the appropriate member of the Commission's Office of Industries as follows:

- Agriculture and Forest Products Division, Stacey Linn (202-205-3317).
- Energy, Chemicals, and Textiles Division, Elizabeth Howlett (202-205-3365).
- Minerals, Metals, Machinery, and Miscellaneous Manufactures Division, Josephine Spalding (202-205-3498).
- Services, Electronics, and Transportation Division, Heidi Colby (202-205-3391).

**Background:** As stated by the USTR in a letter dated October 20, 1997, the Governments of the United States, Mexico, and Canada have agreed to enter into consultations to consider the acceleration of the elimination of the import duty on certain articles. The USTR further stated that the President is authorized by section 201(b) of the

North American Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, subject to the consultation and lay-over requirements of section 103(a) of the Act, to proclaim any accelerated schedule for duty elimination that may be agreed to by the United States, Mexico, and Canada under Article 302(3) of the NAFTA. Section 103(a) requires that the President obtain advice regarding the proposed action from the United States International Trade Commission. The accelerated elimination of tariffs in this second round of negotiations between the United States and Mexico will be pursued on a reciprocal basis in response to petitions submitted to the Governments of Canada, Mexico, and the United States. The USTR included with its request a list of products to be considered for immediate reciprocal elimination of tariffs.

**Public Hearing:** A public hearing in connection with the investigation will be held at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on January 7, 1998, and continuing on January 8 if an additional day is needed. All persons will have the right to appear, by counsel or in person, to present information and to be heard. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436, not later than 5:15 p.m., December 11, 1997. Any prehearing briefs (original and 14 copies) should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., December 12, 1997; the deadline for filing post-hearing briefs or statements is 5:15 p.m., January 14, 1998.

In the event that, as of the close of business on December 16, 1997, no witnesses are scheduled to appear at the hearing, the hearing will be canceled. Any person interested in attending the hearing as an observer or non-participant may call the Secretary to the Commission (202-205-1816) after December 16, to determine whether the hearing will be held.

**Written Submissions:** In lieu of or in addition to participating in the hearing, interested parties are invited to submit written statements concerning the matters to be addressed by the Commission in its report on this investigation. Commercial or financial information that a submitter desires the Commission to treat as confidential must be submitted on separate sheets of paper, each clearly marked "Confidential Business Information" at the top. All submissions requesting confidential treatment must conform with the requirements of section 201.6

of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.6). All written submissions, except for confidential business information, will be made available in the Office of the Secretary to the Commission for inspection by the public. To be assured of consideration by the Commission, written statements relating to the Commission's report should be submitted at the earliest practical date and should be received no later than the close of business on January 14, 1998. All submissions should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW, Washington, DC 20436.

Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202-205-2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

Issued: October 31, 1997.

By order of the Commission.

**Donna R. Koehnke,**  
Secretary.

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## DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### Federal Bureau of Investigation

#### DNA Advisory Board Meeting

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that the DNA Advisory Board (DAB) will meet on December 6, 1997, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at The University of Chicago Conference Center, 450 North Cityfront Plaza Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60611. All attendees will be admitted only after displaying personal identification which bears a photograph of the attendee.

The DAB's scope of authority is: To develop, and if appropriate, periodically revise, recommended standards for quality assurance to the Director of the FBI, including standards for testing the proficiency of forensic laboratories, and forensic analysts, in conducting analysis of DNA; To recommend standards to the Director of the FBI which specify criteria for quality assurance and proficiency tests to be applied to the various types of DNA analysis used by forensic laboratories, including statistical and population genetics issues affecting the evaluation of the frequency of occurrence of DNA profiles calculated from pertinent population database(s); To recommend standards