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National Science Advisory Board for Biosecurity (NSABB) to Meet - The next meeting of the NSABB will take place December 10 from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm at The Legacy Hotel and Meeting Center in Rockville, Maryland.

The following matters are on the board's agenda:

- The NSABB Working Group on Personnel Reliability, which is developing a set of recommendations on the timely question of ensuring the trustworthiness and competence of individuals working with Select Agents and Toxins, will report out on its progress toward developing a proposed framework for Personnel Reliability Programs;
- The NSABB Working Group on Outreach and Education will report on its progress toward developing a strategic plan for raising awareness and educating about the dual use issue;
- NSABB members will hear a status report on the Federal government's consideration of the NSABB's proposed framework for the oversight of dual use research of concern, including a briefing on the July 2008 Public Consultation Meeting at which diverse stakeholder opinions were aired; and
- The NSABB Working Group on International Engagement will describe highlights of the third international roundtable that the U.S. Government and the World Health Organization sponsored in November. The report will also include information on outcomes and follow-up activities already underway.

The meeting is open to the public, and all those interested are encouraged to attend. An agenda will be available prior to the meeting at: http://oba.od.nih.gov/biosecurity/biosecurity_meetings.html. The meeting will also be Webcast and viewable at: http://videocast.nih.gov/summary.asp?live=7302 .

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