

transcript-bsc.txt

Now so briefly want to go over the process for you, and let you know where we are. As I mentioned, it's a multi-step process, and several years ago in fact, the nominations that were going to be looked at for the 12th Report on Carcinogens went out for public comment. And the group that is currently being considered for the 12th report are listed here, there are eight substances. If you'll remember, for those of you who are on the board, last year we brought the first five drafts substance profiles to you last February, and we're bringing the remaining three today. Well after the candidate substances are actually identified, then we go to the scientific review of those candidate substances. And as you can see, this is a multi-part process, there are several steps that have to go through. There are three different groups that independently looked at the scientific information and made a recommendation to the NTP regarding the listing. The first was an ad hoc expert panel that met in a public meeting and evaluated the scientific evidence and made a recommendation on listing. The recommendation from that group went out for public comment and is posted on our website. After that, two internal groups met, one an interagency scientific review group, and the other, an NIEHS/NTP scientific review group independently met, and each also made an independent recommendation on the listing status of the candidate substance to the National Toxicology Program and provided to us their scientific justification for that recommendation. So once we finish, so now that we have done the three, the formaldehyde, cobalt-tungsten carbide: powders and hard metals, and glass wool fibers. Once we finish part two for that, now we come to part three of the process, which is a peer review of draft substance profiles and that is what you're going to do today. The NTP considered the recommendations from each of these groups, they looked at the public comments, they looked at the body of information on the candidate substances, and any new relevant information that had become available, and they prepared the draft substance profile. And those went out for public comment. And what we're asking you to do today is to do the peer review of those draft substance profiles. And the three, as I mentioned, are cobalt-tungsten carbide: powders and hard metals, glass wool fibers, and formaldehyde.