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*****NEWS ADVISORY*****

**National Institute on Drug Abuse to Announce Results of
2012 Monitoring the Future Survey**

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) will hold a press conference on Wednesday, December 19, to announce the results of its 2012 Monitoring the Future survey. The survey, funded by NIDA -- part of the National Institutes of Health -- tracks annual drug abuse trends of 8th, 10th, and 12th-grade students, including attitudes and perceived risk of specific drugs of abuse. The 2012 MTF survey will include use of "bath salts" among students for the first time.

MTF is one of three major survey instruments the Department of Health and Human Services uses to monitor the nation's substance abuse patterns among teens. Information from these surveys helps in the strategic planning for prevention, treatment, and recovery support services for youth. For more information on the MTF survey, visit:
www.drugabuse.gov/drugpages/MTF.html.

WHAT: Release of the 2012 Monitoring the Future Survey results

WHEN: Wednesday, December 19, 2012
10:00 a.m. EST

WHERE: National Press Club
Holeman Lounge
529 14th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20045

Media interested in participating via teleconference should use the following call-in number: 800-754-1382.

WHO: **Featured Speakers**

Nora D. Volkow, M.D.
Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse

Howard K. Koh, M.D., M.P.H.
Assistant Secretary for Health
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

R. Gil Kerlikowske
Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy

Lloyd D. Johnston, Ph.D.
Principal Investigator, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan

Chris Leibowitz, young adult in recovery from drug addiction

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