

**APA Presidential Task Force on Psychological Ethics and National Security (PENS)
Call for Questions and Comments**

At its February 2005, meeting, the Board of Directors voted to establish and fund an APA Presidential Task Force to explore the ethical role of psychologists in national security-related investigations (PENS Task Force). The Task Force met in June and shortly thereafter issued a report (see link below). The PENS Task Force report contains twelve statements that govern the involvement of psychologists in national security-related activities. In addition, the PENS Task Force made ten recommendations that were reviewed by the Board of Directors and the Council of Representatives in August 2005.

One recommendation of the PENS Task Force, endorsed by Council at its August meeting, concerns writing a casebook/commentary with illustrative examples, to demonstrate how the Report's twelve statements are to be interpreted and applied in practice.

The purpose of this communication is to encourage all interested individuals and groups to submit questions or comments regarding the Task Force Report to APA, so that the PENS Task Force, working with the APA Ethics Committee, can be fully informed about questions and areas of uncertainty in order to write a casebook/commentary that provides as much direction and is as helpful as possible.

The question/comment period will be through December 31, 2005. Please submit your questions/comments on the PENS Task Force report by email, to PENS@apa.org, or by post to: APA Ethics Office; Attn: PENS; 750 First Street, NE; Washington, DC, 20002-4242.

Also, if you are aware of individuals or groups outside of APA who would be interested in providing a question/comment for the casebook/commentary writing process, please submit a name and address to PENS@apa.org

**The PENS Report can be found at:
<http://www.apa.org/releases/PENSTaskForceReportFinal.pdf>**