

Information from public comments would inform AMS's approach to this topic, including any proposed revisions of the USDA organic regulations.

**DATES:** The comment period for the notice originally published on September 2, 2022, at 87 FR 54173, is extended. Comments must be submitted on or before December 31, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** To submit comments on the ANPR, use any of the following procedures:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. You can access this ANPR and instructions for submitting public comments by searching for document number, AMS-NOP-21-0008.

- **Mail:** Jared Clark, Standards Division, National Organic Program, USDA-AMS-NOP, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Room 2642-S., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250-0268.

All submissions received must include the docket number AMS-NOP-21-0008, NOP-21-01, and/or Regulatory Information Number (RIN) 0581-AE02 for this notice. AMS seeks information and feedback on specific topics listed in this notice. Commenters are also invited to provide information and perspectives on inert ingredients for topics not requested by AMS in this notice. Specific and relevant information and data to support your comments is encouraged, including, scientific, environmental, manufacturing, industry, or impact information. Comments received will be posted to <https://www.regulations.gov>.

To access the document, related documents, and comments received, go to <https://www.regulations.gov> (search for Docket ID AMS-NOP-21-0008).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jared Clark, Standards Division, National Organic Program, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Room 2642-S., Ag Stop 0268, Washington, DC 20250-0268; Telephone: (202) 720-3252; Email: [jared.clark@usda.gov](mailto:jared.clark@usda.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A notice published in the **Federal Register** on September 2, 2022 (87 FR 54173), requested comments and information from the public about how to update the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) organic regulations on inert ingredients in pesticides used in organic production. This advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) established a 60-day comment period, ending November 1, 2022. During this comment period, AMS received requests from two industry organizations asking for additional time to submit comments, citing the complexity of the questions

and topic. Further, one organization notes that this comment period overlaps with two other National Organic Program (NOP) comment periods: Organic Livestock and Poultry Standards (87 FR 48562), closing October 11, 2022, and the National Organic Standards Board Meeting (87 FR 37495), closing September 29, 2022.

AMS is extending the comment period by 60 days to encourage constructive input on the topics raised by the ANPR. The September 2, 2022, ANPR includes numerous specific alternatives and questions for commenter consideration. Included for reference in this docket (AMS-NOP-21-0008) are several documents to aid consideration and evaluation of these questions, including: NOSB recommendations; copies of EPA List 3, List 4A, and List 4B; National List petition procedures; and a 2015 spreadsheet identifying inert ingredients used in organic production (based on a 2011 survey by the Organic Materials Review Institute).

Comments received would inform AMS's approach on this topic regarding the allowance of inert ingredients in organic production. We ask that commenters please fully explain all views and alternative solutions or suggestions and supply examples, data, or other information to support those views. Substantive, well-reasoned, and constructive comments will assist AMS in identifying challenges and evaluating alternatives as we move forward with rulemaking.

**Erin Morris,**

*Associate Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### 26 CFR Part 20

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#### Guidance Under Section 2053 Regarding Deduction for Interest Expense and Amounts Paid Under a Personal Guarantee, Certain Substantiation Requirements, and Applicability of Present Value Concepts; Hearing Cancellation

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Cancellation of a notice of public hearing on proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This document cancels a public hearing on proposed regulations providing guidance on the proper use of present-value principles in determining the amount deductible by an estate for funeral expenses, administration expenses, and certain claims against the estate.

**DATES:** The public hearing originally scheduled for October 12, 2022, at 10 a.m. EST is cancelled.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Vivian Hayes of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Legal Processing Division, Associate Chief Counsel (Procedure and Administration) at (202) 317-6901 (not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A notice of proposed rulemaking and a notice of public hearing that appeared in the **Federal Register** on June 28, 2022 (87 FR 38331) announced that a public hearing being held by teleconference was scheduled for October 12, 2022, at 10 a.m. EST. The subject of the public hearing is under section 2053 of the Internal Revenue Code.

The public comment period for these regulations expired on September 26, 2022. The notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing instructed those interested in testifying at the public hearing to submit a request to testify and an outline of the topics to be addressed. We received one request to testify at the public hearing. As of October 4, 2022, the requestors have withdrawn their request to testify at the public hearing. Therefore, the public hearing scheduled for October 12, 2022, at 10 a.m. EST is cancelled.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

#### 40 CFR Part 141

[EPA-HQ-OW-2022-0801; FRL-10287-01-OW]

#### Notice of Public Meeting: Environmental Justice Considerations for the Development of the Proposed Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hosting two identical

public meetings to discuss and solicit input on environmental justice considerations related to the development of the proposed Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI) national primary drinking water regulation (NPDWR) under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). In the context of developing this proposed regulation, environmental justice considerations include the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies with a particular focus on unique challenges faced by communities disproportionately burdened by environmental harms and risks. EPA is holding these meetings to share information and provide an opportunity for communities to offer input on environmental justice considerations for the development of the proposed LCRI. Information on how to register and request to speak during one of the meetings is detailed in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this announcement.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before November 15, 2022. The two identical public meetings will be held on October 25, 2022 (1 p.m. to 4 p.m., eastern time) and November 1, 2022 (5 p.m. to 8 p.m., eastern time). The public meetings will be held in an online-only format.

**ADDRESSES:** You may send comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2022-0801, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov/>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

**Instructions:** All submissions received must include the Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2022-0801 for this action. Comments received may be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov/>, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on sending comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the "Public Participation" heading of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this announcement.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Zaineb Alattar, Standards and Risk Management Division, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-9458; email address: [LCRI@epa.gov](mailto:LCRI@epa.gov). For more information about the proposed LCRI NPDWR, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/lead-and-copper-rule-improvements>.

[www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/lead-and-copper-rule-improvements](https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/lead-and-copper-rule-improvements).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Public Participation**

These online meetings will be open to the public and EPA encourages input and will provide opportunities for public engagement on environmental justice related to development of the proposed LCRI.

##### **A. Written Comments**

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2022-0801 at <https://www.regulations.gov/>; see instructions identified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this announcement. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from the docket. EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

##### **B. Participation in Public Meeting**

**Registration:** Individuals planning to participate in either of the online public meetings must register at <https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/lead-and-copper-rule-improvements> no later than October 24, 2022, for the October 25, 2022, meeting and October 31, 2022, for the November 1, 2022, meeting. Individuals are also invited to speak about environmental justice considerations for the proposed LCRI during the meetings. Those interested in speaking can sign-up to make brief verbal remarks as a part of their registration. EPA will do its best to include all those interested in attending and requesting verbal input but may have to limit attendance due to web conferencing size or limit verbal remarks due to meeting time limitations; therefore, EPA urges people to register early. Meeting information and web conferencing meeting details, including

telephone call-in information, will be emailed to registered participants in advance of each of the meetings. If you have any questions about registering for the public meeting or need help joining, please email [LCRIMeetingSupport@cadmusgroup.com](mailto:LCRIMeetingSupport@cadmusgroup.com). If you have additional questions or comments about the meeting, please email [LCRI@epa.gov](mailto:LCRI@epa.gov).

**Special Accommodations:** For information on electronic access or accommodations for individuals with disabilities or other requested assistance (*e.g.*, language translation), please contact Zaineb Alattar at (202) 564-9458 or by email at [LCRI@epa.gov](mailto:LCRI@epa.gov). Please allow at least five business days prior to each of the meetings to give EPA time to process your request.

##### **II. The Proposed LCRI National Primary Drinking Water Regulation**

Under SDWA, EPA sets public health goals and enforceable standards for drinking water quality. EPA initially addressed lead in drinking water through the original Lead and Copper Rule (LCR), an NPDWR promulgated in 1991 under SDWA. In January 2021, EPA issued the Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) and subsequently reviewed those revisions to further evaluate the LCRR's protection of families and communities, particularly those that have been disproportionately impacted by lead in drinking water. In the LCRR Review, EPA identified the following priority areas for improvement: proactive and equitable lead service line replacement, strengthening compliance tap sampling to better identify communities most at risk of lead in drinking water and to compel lead reduction actions, and reducing the complexity of the regulation through improvement of the action and trigger level construct. On December 16, 2021, EPA announced it would propose a rulemaking (the LCRI) to address these improvements. For more information about the LCRR Review and the agency's decision to develop a proposed LCRI NPDWR, see "Review of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulation: Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR)" (86 FR 71574) (December 17, 2021). EPA intends to propose for public comment a new rule to revise the LCRR to advance the goals described above while balancing stakeholder interests and incorporating required economic, environmental justice, and other analyses. The agency intends to propose

the LCRI in 2023 and take final action by October 16, 2024.

**Jennifer L. McLain,**

*Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Parts 0 and 64

[CG Docket No. 21–402; FCC 22–72; FR ID 108336]

### Targeting and Eliminating Unlawful Text Messages

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** In this document, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) proposes to require mobile wireless providers to block texts, at the network level, that purport to be from invalid, unallocated, or unused numbers, and numbers on a Do-Not-Originate (DNO) list. The document also seeks comment on the extent to which spoofing is a problem with regard to text messaging and whether there are measures the Commission can take to encourage providers to identify and block texts that appear to come from spoofed numbers. In addition, the document seeks comment on applying caller ID authentication standards to text messaging.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before November 10, 2022 and reply comments are due on or before November 25, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by CG Docket No. 21–402, by any of the following methods:

- Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/>.
- Effective March 19, 2020, and until further notice, the Commission no longer accepts any hand or messenger delivered filings. This is a temporary measure taken to help protect the health and safety of individuals, and to mitigate the transmission of COVID–19. See FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Policy, Public Notice, DA 20–304 (March 19, 2020), <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-closes-headquarters-open-window-and-changes-hand-delivery-policy>.
- In the event that the Commission announces the lifting of COVID–19 restrictions, a filing window will be

opened at the Commission's office located at 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis, MD 20701.

- *People with Disabilities.* To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202–418–0530 (voice).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mika Savir of the Consumer Policy Division, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, at [mika.savir@fcc.gov](mailto:mika.savir@fcc.gov) or (202) 418–0384.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 22–72, CG Docket No. 21–402, adopted on September 23, 2022, and released on September 27, 2022. The full text of this document is available online at <https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-proposes-blocking-illegal-text-messages>.

This matter shall be treated as a “permit-but-disclose” proceeding in accordance with the Commission's ex parte rules. 47 CFR 1.1200 *et seq.* Persons making oral ex parte presentations are reminded that memoranda summarizing the presentations must contain summaries of the substance of the presentations and not merely a listing of the subjects discussed. See 47 CFR 1.1206(b). Other rules pertaining to oral and written ex parte presentations in permit-but-disclose proceedings are set forth in § 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 1.1206(b).

#### Initial Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Analysis

This document does not propose new or modified information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104–13. In addition, therefore, it does not propose any new or modified information collection burden for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees, pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107–198, see 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4).

#### Synopsis

1. In this notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM), the Commission proposes to require mobile wireless providers to block text messages at the network level (*i.e.*, without consumer opt in or opt out) that purport to be from invalid, unallocated, or unused numbers, and numbers on the Do-Not-Originate (DNO) list. These texts are highly likely to be illegal. The Commission seeks comment on this

proposal, including whether these text messages represent a material fraction of unwanted text messages. The Commission seeks comment on whether providers are blocking these types of messages today and, if so, how that blocking may inform the proposal. The Commission seeks comment on additional types of text blocking providers are currently doing, (*e.g.*, blocking based on reasonable analytics). The Commission seeks comment on whether requiring mobile providers to block text messages at the network level is necessary or whether the Commission should simply continue to allow for such network level blocking. The Commission also seeks comment on whether numbers placed on the DNO list are used for illegal texts.

2. Spoofing is where the caller disguises its number and instead shows the number of a neighbor or reputable source in the caller ID field in order to trick the recipient into thinking the call is trustworthy. The Commission seeks comment on the extent to which spoofing is a problem with regard to text messaging. The Commission also seek comment on whether there are additional measures the Commission can take to encourage mobile wireless providers to block texts that appear to come from spoofed numbers.

3. The Commission seeks comment on the need for mandatory blocking. The Commission seeks comment on whether increases in illegal texts may be a result of blocking unwanted calls and if the Commission should bring text blocking more in line with call blocking by requiring blocking from invalid, unallocated, or unused numbers, and numbers that otherwise appear to be spoofed, and therefore reduce the incentive for scammers to migrate to texting.

4. The Commission seeks comment on the voluntary text blocking that providers are currently doing to protect their subscribers. The Commission also seeks comment on the effectiveness of device-level or application-based text blocking to reduce illegal texts and the prevalence of application-based (*i.e.*, over the top, or OTT) text messaging and whether there are more or fewer illegal text messages sent on OTT services as opposed to through mobile wireless providers. The Commission seeks comment on how OTT messages differ in transmission characteristics from SMS and MMS texts, including their relationship to wireless telephone numbers and how likely the proposed regulations will mitigate the problem of illegal texts.

5. The Commission seeks comment on whether the definition of text message