

be prepared or if this action can be categorically excluded from those requirements.<sup>6</sup>

#### *Determination Under Executive Order 12866*

WAPA has an exemption from centralized regulatory review under Executive Order 12866; accordingly, no clearance of this notice by the Office of Management and Budget is required.

#### *Signing Authority*

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on June 2, 2023, by Tracey A. LeBeau, Administrator, Western Area Power Administration, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document, with the original signature and date, is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on June 16, 2023.

**Treena V. Garrett,**

*Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.*

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2023-0316; FRL-10264-01-OCSPP]**

### **Announcing the 2024 Chemical Data Reporting Submission Period**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the start of the 2024 submission period for the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Chemical Data Reporting (CDR) rule. The CDR rule requires manufacturers (including importers) of chemical substances on the TSCA Inventory above an applicable regulatory

threshold to report to EPA, every four years, information concerning the manufacturing, processing, and use of such chemical substances, unless exempt from this requirement under the CDR rule. For the 2024 submission period, manufacturers (including importers) are subject to the reporting requirements based on manufacturing (including importing) activities conducted during the calendar years 2020 through 2023.

**DATES:** The 2024 submission period is from June 1, 2024, to September 30, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2023-0316, is available at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Additional instructions on visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>. For the latest status information on EPA/DC services and docket access, visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Sharkey, Data Gathering and Analysis Division (7406M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: 202-564-8789; email address: [sharkey.susan@epa.gov](mailto:sharkey.susan@epa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Executive Summary**

###### *A. Does this action apply to me?*

You may be potentially affected by this action if you manufacture (including import) chemical substances listed on the TSCA Chemical Substance Inventory. The following list of North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers to determine whether this document applies to them. Potentially affected entities include but are not limited to:

- Chemical manufacturers (including importers) (NAICS codes 325 and 324110, *e.g.*, chemical manufacturing and processing and petroleum refineries).
- Chemical users and processors who may manufacture a byproduct chemical substance (NAICS codes 22, 322, 331, and 3344, *e.g.*, utilities, paper manufacturing, primary metal manufacturing, and semiconductor and other electronic component manufacturing).

Other types of entities not included could also be affected. To determine

whether your entity is affected by this action, you should carefully examine the applicability criteria found in 40 CFR 711. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

###### *B. What is the Agency's authority for taking this action?*

The CDR rule is required by section 8(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), 15 U.S.C. 2607(a).

###### *C. What action is the Agency taking?*

EPA is reminding the public of the upcoming 2024 CDR submission period, for which reporting is due between June 1, 2024, and September 30, 2024. The CDR rule requires manufacturers (including importers) of chemical substances on the TSCA Inventory above an applicable regulatory threshold to report to EPA, every four years, information concerning the manufacturing, processing, and use of such chemical substances, unless exempt from this requirement under the CDR rule.

For the 2024 submission period, manufacturers (including importers) are subject to the reporting requirements based on manufacturing (including importing) activities conducted during the calendar years 2020 through 2023. The determination of the need to report is based on production volume during any calendar year since the last principal reporting year. As an example, for the 2024 CDR, the last principal reporting year would be 2019.

## **II. Background**

### *A. What is CDR?*

Under the CDR rule (40 CFR part 711), EPA collects basic exposure-related information including information on the types, quantities and uses of chemical substances produced domestically and imported into the United States. The CDR database constitutes the most comprehensive source of basic screening-level, exposure-related information on chemicals available to EPA, and is used by the Agency to protect the public from potential chemical risks.

The information is collected every four years from manufacturers (including importers) of certain chemicals in commerce generally when production volumes for the chemical are 25,000 lbs or greater for a specific reporting year. Collecting the information every four years assures that EPA and (for non-confidential data) the public have access to up-to-date information on chemicals.

<sup>6</sup>In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347; the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); and DOE NEPA Implementing Procedures and Guidelines (10 CFR part 1021).

### *B. What chemicals are covered under CDR?*

Reporting is required for all chemical substances listed on the TSCA Inventory as of June 1, 2024, other than polymers, microorganisms, naturally occurring chemical substances, water, and certain forms of natural gas (40 CFR 711.5 and 711.6) when manufacture (including import) of those chemical substances otherwise triggers the reporting requirements. Chemical substances (other than naturally occurring chemical substances) that are the subject of any of the following TSCA actions are not eligible for partial or full exemptions: proposed or promulgated rules under TSCA sections 4, 5(a)(2), 5(b)(4), or 6, an enforceable consent agreement (ECA) developed under the procedures of 40 CFR part 790, an order issued under TSCA sections 4, 5(e), or 5(f), or relief that has been granted under a civil action under TSCA sections 5 or 7 (40 CFR 711.6).

### *C. What are the reporting thresholds for reporting entities?*

You are subject to CDR reporting if you manufactured (including imported) a chemical substance above the applicable production volume at any single site you owned or controlled during any calendar year since the last CDR principal reporting year (*i.e.*, during any of the calendar years 2020 through 2023). Note that if you trigger the need to report in any one year, you are required to report for all four years.

The reporting threshold is generally 25,000 lb; however, the threshold is 2,500 lb (1,134 kg) for any person who manufactured a chemical substance that is the subject of a rule proposed or promulgated under TSCA sections 5(a)(2), 5(b)(4) or 6; an order issued under TSCA sections 4, 5(e) or 5(f); or relief that has been granted under a civil action under TSCA sections 5 or 7. The effects of these TSCA actions on CDR reporting are assessed based on the status of the chemical substance as of the beginning of the submission period (40 CFR 711.8(b) and 40 CFR 711.15).

Small manufacturers meeting the definition at 40 CFR 704.3 are exempt from CDR requirements unless they manufacture (including import) 2,500 lb or more of a chemical substance that is the subject of a rule proposed or promulgated under sections 4, 5(b)(4), or 6 of TSCA, or is the subject of an order in effect under sections 4 or 5(e) of TSCA, or is the subject of relief that has been granted under a civil action under sections 5 or 7 of TSCA (40 CFR 711.9 and TSCA section 8(a)(3)(A)(ii)).

## **III. Reminders**

### *A. How to report?*

All reporting companies must report CDR data electronically, using e-CDRweb, the CDR web-based reporting tool, and EPA's Central Data Exchange (CDX) system available at: <https://cdx.epa.gov/>. Prior to submitting data, submitters must register with CDX.

Visit the CDR website available at: <https://www.epa.gov/cdr> for program updates and announcements; Instructions for Reporting and other guidance materials; and contact information for technical assistance. EPA is updating guidance materials ahead of the 2024 CDR reporting cycle and plans to publish a consolidated guidance website to improve access to all of the CDR guidance. However, existing content ahead of any such updates is generally applicable to the 2024 CDR reporting cycle.

EPA intends to host a webinar to enable a preview of the updated CDR reporting tool in the Fall of 2023 and expects to conduct beta-testing of the reporting tool following the webinar. Entities that are interested in participating in beta testing can inform EPA by sending an email to [eCDRweb@epa.gov](mailto:eCDRweb@epa.gov) with the subject heading "2024 CDR beta testing" either now or following the webinar. EPA will announce the date and access information for the webinar through a number of venues. EPA will seek to incorporate improvements from this testing prior to the official submission period. The Agency has previously incorporated feedback from industry to improve the reporting tool and intends to provide this opportunity once again.

### *B. What is new for 2024 CDR reporting?*

For reporting during the 2024 and future submission periods, submitters are required to use for all chemical substances the OECD-based codes that were partially implemented for the 2020 CDR, as a result of the TSCA CDR Revisions Rule (85 FR 20122 April 9, 2020 (FRL-10005-56)). These codes are listed in column A of the tables in the regulatory text 40 CFR 711.15(b)(4)(i)(C)(2) and 40 CFR 711.15(b)(4)(ii)(A)(2)) and in the Instructions for Reporting, Appendix D. Otherwise, the 2024 reporting requirements are similar to the requirements from the 2020 CDR reporting cycle, though reporting requirements are applicable for activities conducted during the calendar years 2020 through 2023.

### *C. What can you do now to prepare for your submission?*

For the 2020 through 2022 reporting period, potentially affected entities should collect chemical identity and production volume. For 2023, such entities should also collect the more detailed manufacturing, processing and use information as required for principal year reporting. Please keep in mind that reporting is required for all four years if the threshold is reached in any one year (*e.g.*, if the threshold is reached in 2023 but not in earlier years, the production volume information is still required to be reported for each of the years 2020 through 2023; similarly, if the threshold is reached for 2020, 2021, or 2022, but not for 2023, then detailed reporting for 2023 would nevertheless be required, unless the 2023 production volume is zero).

EPA encourages potentially affected entities who have not already started to collect information to support CDR reporting to begin compliance determination and information collection activities. The Agency also encourages reporting entities to confirm their accounts with EPA's Central Data Exchange (CDX) and the CDR reporting tool (e-CDRweb) in advance of the submission period.

If your Authorized Official has changed, you may register a new Authorized Official to access past submissions in CDX. To help improve the transition to a new Authorized Official, EPA encourages the use of a transferrable email such as "AO@companyname.com". You may also register Agents and Supports (Agent and Support Description) prior to the opening of the CDR submission period. If there are multiple organizations or sites listed in EPA's Facility Registry Services (FRS), confirm that you are registering for the correct listing by reviewing your copy of record from a past submission or by asking the CDX help desk for assistance.

If you do not have access to your 2020 CDR or your copy of record, you may request a copy of record by submitting a request through the CDX TSCA communications module.

For more information, visit EPA's Chemical Data Reporting website available at: <https://www.epa.gov/cdr>. You may also obtain help by contacting EPA's TSCA Hotline at [tsca-hotline@epa.gov](mailto:tsca-hotline@epa.gov) or 202-554-1404 or by sending an email to [eCDRweb@epa.gov](mailto:eCDRweb@epa.gov). For help with accessing your CDX account, please contact the CDX help desk at <https://cdx.epa.gov/contact> or (888) 890-1995 (for international callers: (970) 494-5500).

*Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 2607(a).

*Dated:* June 16, 2023.

**Michal Freedhoff,**

*Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-11056-01-OA]

### Request for Nominations to the National Environmental Youth Advisory Council

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

**ACTION:** Notice of request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites applications from a diverse range of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to the National Environmental Youth Advisory Council. Approximately sixteen vacancies are expected to be filled by December 2023. For appointment consideration, nominations should be submitted by August 22, 2023. Sources in addition to this **Federal Register** notice may also be utilized in the solicitation of nominees.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carissa Cyran, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Public Engagement and Environmental Education, NEYAC@epa.gov, telephone 202-566-1353.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Background:* NEYAC is a federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463. NEYAC was created in 2023 by the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Public Engagement and Environmental Education at the direction of the Administrator of EPA. Implementing authority was delegated to the Administrator of EPA. The NEYAC provides independent advice and recommendations to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on how to increase EPA's efforts to address a range of environmental issues as they relate to youth communities, with an emphasis on communities with ages below 29 years of age. The NEYAC provides a critical perspective on how the impacts of climate change and other environmental harms affects youth communities. Members are appointed by the EPA Administrator for a two-year term. NEYAC expects to meet at least once annually and the average workload

for committee members is approximately 10 to 15 hours per month. Members serve on the committee in a voluntary capacity. Although we are unable to offer compensation or an honorarium, members may receive travel and per diem allowances, according to applicable federal travel regulations and the agency's budget. To learn more about NEYAC, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/education/national-environmental-youth-advisory-council-neyac>.

The EPA is seeking nominations from a variety of sectors including but not limited to representatives from business and industry, academia, non-governmental organizations, and local, county, and tribal governments. According to the mandates of FACA, committees are required to support diversity across a broad range of constituencies, sectors, and groups.

In accordance with Executive Order 14035 (June 25, 2021) and consistent with law, EPA values and welcomes opportunities to increase diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility on its federal advisory committees. EPA's federal advisory committees strive to have a workforce that reflects the diversity of the American people.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate applicants:

- The NEYAC will be composed of approximately (16) members who will generally serve as Representative members of non-federal interests appointed by the Administrator of EPA.
- Members will serve as Representatives and will be between the ages of 16 and 29 but may surpass 29 years of age if the length of their term overlaps with a corresponding birthday; however, they would not be able to be reappointed if their age exceeds 29 years of age. Members must be 16 years of age by the time of their appointment.
- In selecting members, EPA will consider candidates from business and industry, academic institutions, state, local and tribal governments, public interest groups, environmental organizations, service groups, and more. In determining a fair spread across categories, no more than 60% of the advisory committee can come from a single categorical entity.
- At least 50% of the overall membership of the NEYAC should either come from, reside primarily in, and/or do most of their work in disadvantaged communities as defined by the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST) as part of the Justice40 Initiative.
- Members must demonstrate notable commitment to environmental issues

with extensive involvement, knowledge, or engagement with relevant material and/or affected communities.

- Members must demonstrate an ability to work in a consensus building process with a wide range of representative from diverse constituencies.

- Members must be able to contribute approximately 10 to 15 hours per month to NEYAC's activities, including the attendance at meetings and participating in the development of advice letters/reports and other material.

- Members must demonstrate potential for active and constructive involvement in NEYAC's work.

*How to Submit Applications:* Any interested person or organization may apply to be considered for an appointment to serve on the National Environmental Youth Advisory Council.

- Applications must include:
  - (1) contact information as outlined below:
    - Applicants must provide their: full legal name, preferred name if applicable, pronouns, date of birth, current home address, and phone number.
    - If under 18, the Agency will contact applicants for additional information to obtain proof of age.
  - (2) resume or curriculum vitae (CV) OR a short biography describing professional and/or educational qualifications or experiences, including but not limited to a list of relevant activities/clubs/volunteering/community projects/etc. as well as any current or previous service on advisory committees OR a 2-page single spaced (font size 12, 1-inch margins) maximum essay on qualifications
  - (3) statement of interest explaining why you would like to serve on this committee:
    - The statement of interest should describe how the nominee's background, knowledge, and experience would add value to the committee's work, and how the individual's qualifications would contribute to the overall diversity of the NEYAC. To help the Agency in evaluating the effectiveness of its outreach efforts, please include in the statement of interest how you learned of this opportunity.
    - (4) a media project that can take the form of any ONE of the below options. The media project must share more about the applicant's viewpoint on the intersection between youth communities and environmental issues, including a focus on an urgent environmental or climate issue and its specific impact on youth communities.