

and organization of 40 CFR part 171 and overall program operation. The changes are intended to ensure that all persons who use RUPs—i.e., private applicators, commercial applicators, and noncertified applicators using RUPs under the direct supervision of certified applicators—are competent to use RUPs in a manner that will not result in unreasonable adverse effects to themselves, others, or the environment.

This ICR estimates the burden and costs of the rule-related information collection activities, including burden and cost estimates related to initial rule familiarization activities.

*Form Numbers:* None.

*Respondents/affected entities:* Agricultural establishments, pest control officials, pesticide registrants, pesticide dealers, and administrators of environmental protection programs, governmental pest control programs, pesticide applicator certification programs (e.g., authorized agencies), and RUP dealers (only for EPA administrated programs).

*Respondent's obligation to respond:* Mandatory, FIFRA sections 3 and 11.

*Estimated number of respondents:* 1,860,974 (total).

*Frequency of response:* On occasion.

*Total estimated burden:* 2,280,849 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

*Total estimated cost:* \$108,061,898 (per year), includes \$0 annualized capital or operation and maintenance costs.

*Changes in the estimates:* Apart from updating the format of the ICR to meet current format standards and a few minor changes, there are no substantive changes from the ICR currently approved by OMB.

**Courtney Kerwin,**

*Director, Regulatory Support Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL OP-OFA-005]

### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information 202-564-5632 or <https://www.epa.gov/nepa>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) Filed February 14, 2022 10 a.m. EST Through February 18, 2022 10 a.m. EST Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

*Notice:* Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <https://cdxnodengn.epa.gov/cdx-enepa-public/action/eis/search>.

*EIS No. 20220018, Final, CHSRA, CA,* California High-Speed Rail: San Jose to Merced Project Section Final Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement, Review Period Ends: 03/28/2022, Contact: Scott Rothenberg 916-403-6936.

*EIS No. 20220019, Final, DOD, ID,* Construction and Demonstration of a Prototype Mobile Microreactor, Review Period Ends: 03/28/2022, Contact: Jeff Waksman 703-812-1980.

*EIS No. 20220020, Final, USFS, CA,* Social and Ecological Resilience Across the Landscape (SERAL), Review Period Ends: 03/28/2022, Contact: Kathryn Wilkinson 209-288-6321.

Dated: February 18, 2022.

**Cindy S. Barger,**

*Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2022-0218; FRL-9593-01-OCSPJ]

### Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Collaborative Research Program To Support New Chemical Reviews; Notice of Public Meeting and Request for Comments

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding a virtual public meeting to seek individual input on the proposed Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) New Chemicals Collaborative Research Program. This virtual meeting will be held over 2 half days. In addition, EPA is announcing the availability of and soliciting public comment on the draft document entitled "Modernizing the Process and Bringing Innovative Science to Evaluate New Chemicals Under TSCA." The Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSP) is proposing to develop and implement a multi-year collaborative research program focused on approaches for performing risk assessments on new chemical

substances under TSCA. This effort will be performed in partnership with the Agency's Office of Research and Development (ORD) and other federal entities to leverage their expertise and resources. The results of the effort are expected to bring innovative science to new chemical reviews, modernize the approaches used, and increase the transparency of the information underpinning the human health and ecological risk assessment process.

#### DATES:

*Virtual Public Meeting:* Will be held virtually on April 20 and 21, 2022, from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 5:00 p.m. (EDT) each day. See the additional details and instructions for registration that appear in Unit III.

*Written Comments:* Submit your written comments on or before April 26, 2022. As described in Unit III., you may also register to make oral comments during the virtual public meeting.

*Special accommodations:* Requests for special accommodations should be submitted on or before April 6th, 2022, to allow EPA time to process these requests.

#### ADDRESSES:

*Virtual Public Meeting:* You must register online to receive the webcast meeting link and audio teleconference information. Please follow the registration instructions that will be announced on the New Chemicals Collaborative Research Program website available at: <https://www.epa.gov/reviewing-new-chemicals-under-toxic-substances-control-act-tsca/new-chemicals-collaborative> by March 14, 2022. For additional instructions related to this meeting, see Unit III.

*Written Comments:* Submit written comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2022-0218, through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not electronically submit any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Copyrighted material will not be posted without explicit permission of the copyright holder. Members of the public should also be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Additional information on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Due to public health concerns related to COVID-19, the EPA Docket Center and Reading Room are open to the public by appointment only. For further information on the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC) services, docket contact information and the current status of the EPA/DC and Reading Room, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

**Special accommodations:** For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, and to request accommodation for a disability, please contact Sarah Swenson, listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sarah Swenson, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (7201M), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 566-0279; email address: [swenson.sarah@epa.gov](mailto:swenson.sarah@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Executive Summary

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

This notice is directed to the public in general. This notice may be of specific interest to persons who are or may be interested in risk assessments of new chemical substances under TSCA (e.g., submitters of TSCA 5 notices, industry, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and academia). Since other entities may also be interested in this notice, the EPA has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be interested in this subject.

#### B. Where can I access information about this meeting?

Information about this meeting is available in the docket for this meeting, identified by docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2022-0218, at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

#### C. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. **Submitting CBI.** Do not submit CBI information to EPA through [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) or email. If your comments contain any information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected, please contact the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** to obtain special instructions before submitting your comments.

2. **Tips for preparing your comments.** When preparing and submitting your comments, see Tips for Effective Comments at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

## II. Background

### A. What is the proposed TSCA New Chemicals Collaborative Research Program?

OCSPP is proposing to develop and implement a multi-year collaborative research program focused on approaches for performing risk assessments on new chemical substances under TSCA. This effort will be performed in partnership with ORD and other federal entities to leverage their expertise and resources. The results of the effort are expected to bring innovative science to new chemical reviews, modernize the approaches used, and increase the transparency of the human health and ecological risk assessment process.

This research program will refine existing approaches and develop and implement new approach methodologies (NAMs) to ensure the best available science is used in TSCA new chemical evaluations. Key areas proposed in the TSCA New Chemicals Collaborative Research Program include:

- Updating OCSPP's approach to using data from structurally-similar chemicals to determine potential risks from new chemicals, also known as read-across. This will increase the efficiency of new chemical reviews promoting the use of the best available data to protect human health and the environment.
- Digitizing and consolidating information on chemicals to include data and studies that currently only exist in hard copy or in various disparate TSCA databases. The information will be combined with publicly available sources to expand the amount of information available, enhancing chemical reviews and enabling efficient sharing of chemical information across EPA. Safeguards for confidential business information will be maintained as appropriate in this process.
- Updating and augmenting the models used for predicting a chemical's physical-chemical properties and environmental fate/transport, hazard, exposure, and toxicokinetics, to provide a suite of models to be used for new chemicals assessments. The goal of this effort is to update the models to reflect the best available science, increase transparency, and establish a process for updating these models as science evolves.
- Exploring ways to integrate and apply NAMs in new chemicals assessments, reducing the use of animal testing. As this effort evolves, the goal is to develop a suite of accepted, fit-for-purpose NAMs that could be used by

external stakeholders for data submissions under TSCA as well as informing and expanding new chemical categories.

- Developing a decision support tool that integrates the various information streams specifically used for new chemical risk assessments. The decision support tool will more efficiently integrate all the data streams (e.g., chemistry, fate, exposures, hazards) into a final risk assessment and transparently document the decisions and assumptions made. Simply put, this will facilitate the new chemicals program tracking decisions over time and evaluating consistency within and across chemistries.

Additional information on each of these key areas will be provided in draft collaborative research plan that will be available in the docket in by March 14, 2022.

### B. How is EPA seeking public comments?

EPA is seeking public comments through several planned activities including:

- Through this **Federal Register** Notice, EPA is announcing it intends to have a virtual public meeting on April 20 and 21, 2022, to seek individual input from the public on the proposed TSCA New Chemicals Collaborative Research Program. The agenda and instructions for registration for this meeting will be added to the EPA website and public docket March 14, 2022.
- At the same time, EPA will launch the website for this collaborative research program. EPA intends to make the collaborative research program document and charge questions available during the week of March 14, 2022 and will issue a listserv to alert the public when these documents become available. The date the documents are added to the docket will start the official 60 days public comment period.
- Following the virtual public meeting, EPA intends to update the draft collaborative research program document as appropriate, and will place the document in the relevant docket, ID number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2022-0218.
- Later in 2022, the Agency is planning to engage the EPA's Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC), a federal advisory committee, for peer review; EPA also intends to issue a **Federal Register** Notice announcing the BOSC meeting and open a docket for public comments.
- EPA intends to solicit public comment at various points in the development and implementation of the collaborative research program, and

- Conduct additional outreach to external stakeholders through a variety of mechanisms as appropriate, to receive input and enhance transparency.

### C. How can I access the documents?

EPA's background documents and the related supporting materials to the draft are available in the docket established for this meeting at <https://www.regulations.gov>; docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2022-0218. In addition, EPA will provide additional background documents as the materials become available. You may obtain electronic copies of these documents, and certain other related documents that might be available, in the docket at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

After the virtual public meeting, the EPA will prepare meeting minutes summarizing the individual comments received at the meeting. The meeting minutes will be posted on the EPA website and in the relevant docket.

### III. Public Participation Instructions

To participate in the virtual public meeting, please follow the instructions in this unit.

#### A. How can I provide comments?

To ensure proper receipt of comments it is imperative that you identify docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2022-0218 in the subject line on the first page of your request.

1. *Written comments.* The Agency encourages written comments for the virtual public meeting. Comments should be submitted using the instructions in **ADDRESSES** and Unit I.B. and C, on or before the date set in the **DATES** section. Anyone submitting written comments after this date should contact the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. If you submit comments after the date set in the **DATES** section, those comments will be provided to the SACC members.

2. *Oral comments.* The Agency encourages each individual or group wishing to make brief oral comments during the virtual public meeting to please follow the registration instructions that will be announced on the EPA website available at: <https://www.epa.gov/reviewing-new-chemicals-under-toxic-substances-control-act-tsca/new-chemicals-collaborative> by March 14, 2022.

Oral comments during the virtual public meeting are limited to 5 minutes unless arrangements have been made prior to the date set in the **DATES** section. In addition, each speaker should email a copy of his/her comments to the individual listed under **FOR FURTHER**

**INFORMATION CONTACT** March 28, 2022 prior to the meeting.

#### B. How can I participate in the virtual public meeting?

This meeting is virtual and viewed via webcast. For information on how to first register and then view the webcast, please refer to the EPA website available at: <https://www.epa.gov/reviewing-new-chemicals-under-toxic-substances-control-act-tsca/new-chemicals-collaborative>. EPA intends to announce registration instructions on the EPA website by March 14, 2022.

*Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*

**Michal Freedhoff,**

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

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9542-01-OAR]

#### Preliminary Allocations of Cross-State Air Pollution Rule Allowances From New Unit Set-Asides for 2021 Control Periods

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

**ACTION:** Notice of data availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing notice of the availability of data on emission allowance allocations to certain units under the Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) trading programs. EPA has completed preliminary calculations for the allocations of allowances from the CSAPR new unit set-asides (NUSAs) for the 2021 control periods and has posted spreadsheets containing the calculations on EPA's website. EPA will consider timely objections to the preliminary calculations (including objections concerning the identification of units eligible for allocations) before determining the final amounts of the allocations.

**DATES:** Objections to the information referenced in this notice must be received on or before March 28, 2022.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your objections via email to [CSAPR\\_NUSA@epa.gov](mailto:CSAPR_NUSA@epa.gov). Include "2021 NUSA allocations" in the email subject line and include your name, title, affiliation, address, phone number, and email address in the body of the email.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions concerning this action should be addressed to Jason Kuhns at (202) 564-3236 or [kuhns.jason@epa.gov](mailto:kuhns.jason@epa.gov) or

Andrew Reighart at (202) 564-0418 or [reighart.andrew@epa.gov](mailto:reighart.andrew@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under each CSAPR trading program where EPA is responsible for determining emission allowance allocations, a portion of each state's emissions budget for the program for each control period is reserved in a NUSA (and in an additional Indian country NUSA in the case of states with Indian country within their borders) for allocation to certain units that would not otherwise receive allowance allocations. The procedures for identifying the eligible units for each control period and for allocating allowances from the NUSAs and Indian country NUSAs to these units are set forth in the CSAPR trading program regulations at 40 CFR 97.411(b) and 97.412 (NO<sub>x</sub> Annual), 97.511(b) and 97.512 (NO<sub>x</sub> Ozone Season Group 1), 97.611(b) and 97.612 (SO<sub>2</sub> Group 1), 97.711(b) and 97.712 (SO<sub>2</sub> Group 2), 97.811(b) and 97.812 (NO<sub>x</sub> Ozone Season Group 2), and 97.1011(b) and 97.1012 (NO<sub>x</sub> Ozone Season Group 3). Each NUSA allowance allocation process involves allocations to eligible units, termed "new" units, followed by the allocation to "existing" units of any allowances not allocated to new units.<sup>1</sup>

This notice concerns preliminary calculations for the NUSA allowance allocations for the 2021 control periods. Generally, the allocation procedures call for each eligible "new" unit to receive a 2021 NUSA allocation equal to its 2021 control period emissions as reported under 40 CFR part 75 unless the total of such allocations to all such eligible units would exceed the amount of allowances in the NUSA, in which case the allocations are reduced on a pro-rata basis. (EPA notes that, under 40 CFR 97.406(c)(3), 97.506(c)(3), 97.606(c)(3), 97.706(c)(3), 97.806(c)(3), and 97.1006(c)(3), a unit's emissions occurring before its monitor certification deadline are not considered to have occurred during a control period and consequently are not included in the emission amounts used to determine NUSA allocations.) Any allowances not allocated to eligible "new" units are allocated to the state's "existing" units in proportion to such existing units' previous allocations from the portion of the respective state's emissions budget for the control period that was not reserved in a NUSA (or Indian country NUSA).

<sup>1</sup> For control periods before 2021, the NUSA allocation process involved two rounds of allocations. The current one-round process for all CSAPR trading programs was adopted in the Revised CSAPR Update. Refer to 86 FR 23054, 23145-46 (April 30, 2021).