

NEW) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. Before doing so, EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. This is a request for approval of a new collection. This notice allows for 60 days for public comments.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before November 28, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA–HQ–OLEM–2023–0416, to EPA online using [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) (our preferred method), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Hannah Blaufuss, Resource Conservation and Sustainability Division, Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery, 5306P, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202–564–5614; email address: [Blaufuss.hannah@epa.gov](mailto:Blaufuss.hannah@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a request for approval of a new collection. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

This notice allows 60 days for public comments. Supporting documents, which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting, are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202–566–1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Pursuant to section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments and information to enable it to: (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including

whether the information will have practical utility; (ii) evaluate the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (iii) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (iv) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate forms of information technology. EPA will consider the comments received and amend the ICR as appropriate. The final ICR package will then be submitted to OMB for review and approval. At that time, EPA will issue another **Federal Register** notice to announce the submission of the ICR to OMB and the opportunity to submit additional comments to OMB.

**Abstract:** EPA's Office of Land and Emergency Management, Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery (ORCR) is charged with, among other responsibilities, ensuring efficient and equitable non-hazardous waste management. In this capacity, timely and consistent information on waste/materials generation, disposition and recovery is essential to ensure that programs, policies, and grant monies are properly targeted. Several statutes mandate EPA to implement grants and programs that will be supported by this Information Collection Request (ICR). Those statutes include the Save our Seas 2.0 Act (SOS 2.0) (Pub. L. 116–224), the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) (Pub. L. 117–58) and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) 42 U.S.C. 6983. EPA is mandated to meet certain reporting requirements as part of the grant programs established in SOS 2.0 and IIJA. The creation of two new grant programs in ORCR requires efficiency to effectively manage the new work. Under this ICR, a new knowledge management system will be developed to manage the post-award grant reporting that is mandatory for grant recipients' reporting requirements under SOS 2.0 and IIJA. This system will assist staff in organizing quarterly reports to measure impact and report to Congress. Information collected under this ICR also will illustrate progress toward the National Recycling Goal to increase the nation's recycling rate to 50% by 2030 and the U.S. 2030 Food Loss and Waste Reduction Goal to cut food loss and waste in half by the year 2030. This ICR encompasses EPA activities under the National Recycling Strategy to characterize materials management infrastructure, standardize measurement and increase data collection, and update

the Facts and Figures on Materials, Wastes and Recycling Report. This ICR also will support activities associated with future strategies EPA may release as part of the series on building a circular economy for all, including the National Strategy to Prevent Plastic Pollution. To track progress on the implementation of these strategies and goals, EPA requires current, accurate, and evolving data on national waste management pathways, including recycling participation and food loss and waste generation rates. Without data collection, tracking progress relies upon predictive modelling that may be insufficiently accurate and precise when definitiveness is key. Lastly, this ICR also will support working with EPA's Office of Research and Development, and potentially the National Center for Environmental Economics, to integrate Waste Input-Output modeling and the U.S. Environmentally-Extended Input-Output model as the basis for future Facts and Figures data estimates.

**Form numbers:** None.

**Respondents/affected entities:** To be determined.

**Respondent's obligation to respond:** voluntary for general surveys and mandatory for grant recipients' per reporting requirements under SOS 2.0 and IIJA.

**Estimated number of respondents:** To be determined.

**Frequency of response:** To be determined.

**Total estimated burden:** To be determined.

**Total estimated cost:** To be determined.

Dated: September 24, 2023.

**Carolyn Hoskinson,**

*Director, Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OPPT–2023–0265; FRL–11109–01–OCSPP]

**Tris(2-chloroethyl) Phosphate (TCEP); Draft Risk Evaluation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); Letter Peer Review; Request for Nominations of Expert Reviewers**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking public nominations of scientific and technical

experts to review the draft Risk Evaluation for Tris(2-chloroethyl) Phosphate (TCEP) conducted under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The draft risk evaluation will be released for public review and comment in December 2023 through a separate **Federal Register** document and subsequently submitted for letter peer review by the expert reviewers.

**DATES:** Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later October 30, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your nominations to the Peer Review Leader listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Do not electronically submit any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. If your nomination may contain any such information, please contact the Peer Review Leader to obtain special instructions before submitting that information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact the Peer Review Leader, Dr. Alaa Kamel, Mission Support Division (7602M), Office of Program Support, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency; telephone number: (202) 564–5336; email address: [kamel.alaa@epa.gov](mailto:kamel.alaa@epa.gov) or call the main office: (202) 564–8450.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. General Information**

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

The Agency is seeking public nominations of scientific and technical experts that the EPA can consider for service as peer reviewers for the review of the “2023 Draft Risk Evaluation for Tris(2-chloroethyl) Phosphate (TCEP).” EPA will be soliciting comments from the reviewers on the approach and methodologies utilized in the draft 2023 TCEP risk evaluation.

This document provides instructions for submitting nominations for EPA to consider for reviewers. EPA will publish a separate document in the **Federal Register** in December 2023 to announce the availability of the draft risk evaluation and solicit public comments.

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

TSCA section 6(b) requires that EPA conduct risk evaluations on existing chemical substances and identifies the minimum components EPA must include in all chemical substance risk evaluations (15 U.S.C. 2605(b)). The risk evaluation must not consider costs or other non-risk factors (15 U.S.C. 2605(b)(4)(F)(iii)). The specific risk

evaluation process is set out in 40 CFR part 702 and summarized on EPA’s website at <https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/risk-evaluations-existing-chemicals-under-tsca>.

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

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to those involved in the manufacture, processing, distribution, and disposal of chemical substances and mixtures, and/or those interested in the assessment of risks involving chemical substances regulated under TSCA. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action.

##### **II. Nominations for Peer Reviewers**

###### *A. Why is EPA seeking nominations for peer reviewers?*

As part of a broader process for developing a pool of candidates for peer reviews, EPA is asking the public and stakeholder communities for nominations of scientific and technical experts that EPA can consider as prospective candidates to serve as peer reviewers. Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for consideration as prospective candidates for this review by following the instructions provided in this document. Individuals may also self-nominate.

Those who are selected from the pool of prospective candidates will be asked to review the draft risk evaluation for TCEP and to help finalize the Letter Review report.

###### *B. What expertise is sought for this peer review?*

Individuals nominated for this peer review, should have expertise in one or more of the following areas: environmental fate assessment; environmental hazard assessment; human health toxicology with experience in cancer mode of action, reproductive toxicology, neurotoxicology, and renal toxicology; dose-response modeling; physiologically based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) modeling; and human or environmental exposure assessment, especially for susceptible life stages and subpopulations to environmental contaminants, and experience with particle versus gaseous partitioning and air deposition of semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs). Nominees should be scientists who have sufficient professional qualifications, including training and experience, to be capable of

providing expert comments on the scientific issues for this review.

###### *C. How do I make a nomination?*

By the deadline indicated under **DATES**, submit your nomination to the Peer Review Leader listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Each nomination should include the following: Contact information for the person making the nomination; name, affiliation, and contact information for the nominee; and the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee.

###### *D. Will ad hoc reviewers be subjected to an ethics review?*

Peer reviewers are subject to the provisions of the Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch at 5 CFR part 2635, conflict of interest statutes in Title 18 of the United States Code and related regulations. In anticipation of this requirement, prospective candidates will be asked to submit confidential financial information which shall fully disclose, among other financial interests, the candidate’s employment, stocks and bonds, and where applicable, sources of research support. EPA will evaluate the candidates’ financial disclosure forms to assess whether there are financial conflicts of interest, appearance of a loss of impartiality, or any prior involvement with the development of the documents under consideration (including previous scientific peer review) before the candidate is considered further for service.

###### *E. How will EPA select peer reviewers?*

The selection of scientists to serve as peer reviewers is based on the expertise needed to address the Agency’s charge to the reviewers. No interested scientists shall be ineligible to serve by reason of their membership on any advisory committee to a federal department or agency or their employment by a federal department or agency, except EPA. Other factors considered during the selection process include availability of the prospective candidate to fully participate in the Letter Review, absence of any conflicts of interest or appearance of loss of impartiality, independence with respect to the matters under review, and lack of bias. Although financial conflicts of interest, the appearance of loss of impartiality, lack of independence, and bias may result in non-selection, the absence of such concerns does not assure that a candidate will be selected to serve as a peer reviewer.

Numerous qualified candidates are often identified for the review.

Therefore, selection decisions involve carefully weighing a number of factors including the candidates' areas of expertise and professional qualifications and achieving an overall balance of different scientific perspectives across reviewers. The Agency will consider all nominations of prospective candidates for service as peer reviewers that are received on or before the date listed in the **DATES** section of this document. However, the final selection of peer reviewers is a discretionary function of the Agency. At this time, EPA anticipates selecting 10–12 reviewers in the review of the designated topic.

EPA plans to make a list of candidates under consideration as prospective peer reviewers for this review available for public comment by late fall of 2023. The list will be available in the docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> (docket ID number EPA–HQ–OPPT–2023–0265).

### III. Letter Review

#### A. What is the purpose of this Letter Review?

The focus of this Letter Review is to review the approach and methodologies utilized in the “2023 Draft Risk Evaluation for Tris(2-chloroethyl) Phosphate (TCEP).” Feedback from this review will be considered in the development of the final TCEP risk evaluation.

EPA intends to announce in December 2023, in the **Federal Register**, the availability of and solicit public comment on the draft risk evaluation, at which time EPA will provide instructions for submitting public comments for the Agency's and Letter Peer Reviewers' consideration.

#### B. Why did EPA develop these documents?

TCEP is a High-Priority substance undergoing the TSCA risk evaluation process after passage of the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, which amended TSCA.

TCEP has been primarily used in paint and coating manufacturing, and in polymers used in aerospace equipment and products. In the past it has also been used in commercial and consumer products, including fabric and textile, products, foam seating, and construction materials. TCEP may also be imported in articles intended for consumer use.

In August 2020, EPA published a final scope document for 20 High-Priority substances, including TCEP, outlining the hazards, exposures, conditions of use, and the potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulations the Agency expects to consider in its risk evaluation.

EPA is submitting the “2023 Draft Risk Evaluation for Tris(2-chloroethyl) Phosphate (TCEP)” and associated supporting documents for Letter Peer Review. The Letter Peer Review will include review of the analysis of physical chemical properties, the fate of TCEP in the environment, releases of TCEP to the environment, environmental hazard and risk characterization for terrestrial and aquatic species, and human health hazard and risk characterization for workers, consumers, and the general population. Specifically, EPA is seeking comment on the following issues:

- The list of considerations EPA used to arrive at the human health hazard confidence levels and the specific confidence levels chosen for individual human health hazard outcome (neurotoxicity, reproductive/developmental effects, kidney effects, and cancer) in the TCEP risk evaluation.
- Whether the approach used to estimate anaerobic degradation in the absence of data is appropriate for assessing anaerobic degradation in sediment.
- Use of the model, Web-based Interspecies Correlation Estimation (Web-ICE), to predict acute toxicity hazard values for aquatic species not represented in the available studies. This is the first time EPA has used Web-ICE in a TSCA risk evaluation. These predictions were used with available empirical data to create a Species Sensitivity Distribution (SSD). The SSD was used to calculate a hazardous concentration for 5% of species (HC<sub>05</sub>). EPA is also using a data-driven way of accounting for uncertainty for environmental hazard and is soliciting comment on its characterization of this uncertainty, specifically its use of the lower bound of the 95% confidence interval of the hazardous HC<sub>05</sub>.

- Human health hazard benchmark dose modeling of animal toxicity data for TCEP.
- The list of considerations EPA used to arrive at the human health hazard confidence levels and the specific confidence levels chosen for individual human health hazard outcomes (neurotoxicity, reproductive/developmental effects, kidney effects, and cancer) to quantitatively evaluate risk from TCEP.
- Use of several approaches for estimating exposures to humans and environmental receptors: (1) The use of Verner 2008 Multi-compartment model, which was used to assess TCEP exposure to infants through human milk for the first time in a TSCA risk evaluation; (2) the use of Verner 2008 Multi-compartment model and

associated uncertainties in extrapolating from the inhalation to oral routes of exposure; (3) the use of AERMOD model to estimate air deposition of TCEP. EPA has used AERMOD in previous TSCA risk evaluations; however, its use in estimating air deposition is novel for TSCA risk evaluations.

- Approach for modeling drinking water contamination from wells near municipal solid waste landfills, which is a new approach for TSCA risk evaluations.

#### C. How can I access the documents submitted for review to the SACC?

EPA is planning to release the “2023 Draft Risk Evaluation for Tris(2-chloroethyl) Phosphate (TCEP)” and all background documents, related supporting materials, and draft charge questions in December 2023. At that time, EPA will publish a separate document in the **Federal Register** to announce the availability of and solicit public comment on the draft risk evaluation and provide instructions for submitting written comments. These materials will be available in the docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> (docket ID number EPA–HQ–OPPT–2023–0265) and through the TSCA Scientific Peer Review Committees website. In addition, as additional background materials become available, EPA will include those additional background documents (e.g., reviewers participating in this letter review) in the docket and through the website.

*Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 2625(h).

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**Michal Freedhoff,**

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

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## FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** 10 a.m., Thursday, October 12, 2023.

**PLACE:** You may observe the open portions of this meeting in person at 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102–5090, or virtually. If you would like to observe, at least 24 hours in advance, visit [FCA.gov](https://www.fca.gov), select “Newsroom,” then select “Events.” From there, access the linked “Instructions for board meeting visitors” and complete the described registration process.

**STATUS:** Parts of this meeting will be open to the public. The rest of the meeting will be closed to the public.