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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OPPT–2024–0114; FRL–11809–02–OCSPP]

1,1-Dichloroethane and 1,2-Dichloroethane; Peer Review of Draft Documents by the Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SACC); Request for Comments on Experts Being Considered as *ad hoc* Peer Reviewers

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or the “Agency”) is announcing the change in the peer review mechanism from the letter peer review to a Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SACC) peer review; the addition of the draft human health hazard assessment for 1,2-dichloroethane for peer review; the availability of and solicitation of comment on the list of candidates under consideration for selection as *ad hoc* peer reviewers that will assist the SACC with their peer review of the Agency’s draft risk evaluation of 1,1-dichloroethane and human health hazard assessment of 1,2-dichloroethane. The list of candidates provides the names and biographical sketches of all interested and available candidates identified from the responses to the call for nominations and other sources. Public comments on these candidates will assist the Agency in selecting *ad hoc* peer reviewers to assist the SACC with the identified peer review.

DATES: Submit your comments on or before June 28, 2024.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA–HQ–OPPT–2024–0114, through the *Federal eRulemaking Portal* at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Additional instructions on commenting and visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Designated Federal Official (DFO) is Alie Muneer, Mission Support Division (7602M), Office of Program Support, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency; telephone number: (202) 564–6369; email address: muneer.alie@epa.gov; or call the SACC main office at (202) 564–8450 or send an email at email address: sacc@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. What action is the Agency taking?

The Agency is seeking public comments on scientific and technical experts that EPA is considering for service as *ad hoc* peer reviewers that will assist the SACC with the peer review of the Agency’s evaluation of the draft risk evaluation of 1,1-dichloroethane and the human health hazard assessment of 1,2-dichloroethane. The Agency requested nominations of *ad hoc* expert reviewers in the **Federal Register** of March 21, 2024 (88 FR 20201 (FRL–11809–01–OCSPP)).

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

EPA established the SACC in 2016 in accordance with TSCA, 15 U.S.C. 2625(o), to provide independent advice and expert consultation with respect to the scientific and technical aspects of issues relating to the implementation of TSCA. The SACC operates in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. 10, and supports activities under TSCA, 15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*, the Pollution Prevention Act (PPA), 42 U.S.C. 13101 *et seq.*, and other applicable statutes.

C. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general and may be of particular interest to those involved in the manufacture, processing, distribution, and disposal of the subject chemical substance, and/or those interested in the assessment of risks involving chemical substances and mixtures regulated under TSCA.

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

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 personal contact

information, if included in any written comments, may be posted on the internet at <https://www.regulations.gov>. If your comment contains any information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected, please contact the DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** to obtain special instructions before submitting that information.

E. How can I stay informed about SACC activities?

You may subscribe to the following listserv for alerts regarding this and other SACC-related activities: https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USAEPAOPT/subscriber/new?topic_id=USAEPAOPT_101.

II. Background

EPA is planning this SACC peer review of the Agency’s draft risk evaluation of 1,1-dichloroethane and human health hazard assessment of 1,2-dichloroethane. As part of the TSCA risk evaluation for 1,1-dichloroethane, EPA is assessing 1,1-dichloroethane conditions of use (COUs) (e.g., processing as a reactant, processing for repackaging, processing for recycling, commercial use for laboratory chemicals, etc.). EPA is providing for public comment and peer review of the TSCA human health hazard assessment for 1,2-dichloroethane because EPA has identified 1,2-dichloroethane as an analog for 1,1-dichloroethane to support a limited non-cancer and cancer human health hazard 1,1-dichloroethane data set. Both 1,1-dichloroethane and 1,2-dichloroethane data sets were used wherever appropriate to conduct the dose-response assessment and identify points-of-departure (PODs) for the risk evaluation of 1,1-dichloroethane. Therefore, simultaneous issuance for public comment and peer review of both the full 1,1-dichloroethane draft risk evaluation (hazard and exposure assessments) and the 1,2-dichloroethane draft human health hazard assessment will provide the public and peer reviewers with the full context of the human health hazard evaluations for both chemicals.

Recommendations from the SACC peer review of the draft documents will be considered in the development of the TSCA risk evaluations for both chemical substances and may inform other EPA efforts related to the assessment and regulation of 1,1-dichloroethane and 1,2-dichloroethane. The Agency will be seeking SACC review of its data analyses and methodologies relevant to human health hazard and exposure analyses that have not been previously peer reviewed.

For additional information about the existing chemicals that have either undergone or are currently undergoing risk evaluation under TSCA, as well as information about the related process under TSCA, please see <https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/ongoing-and-completed-chemical-risk-evaluations-under>.

III. Request for Comments on the Candidates List

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

EPA is currently seeking public comments on all interested and available candidates, without prescreening for ethics concerns. However, SACC members and *ad hoc* 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 for service on the SACC 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 on the SACC as a peer reviewer.

B. How will EPA select the *ad hoc* reviewers?

The selection of scientists to serve as *ad hoc* peer reviewers for the SACC is based on the function of the Committee and the expertise needed to address the Agency's charge to the Committee. No interested scientists shall be ineligible to serve by reason of their membership on any other 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 Committee's reviews, 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 on the SACC.

Numerous qualified candidates are often identified for SACC reviews. 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.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 2625(o); 5 U.S.C. 10.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[OMB 3060-1292; FR ID 224938]

Information Collection Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or the Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees. The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with

a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number.

DATES: Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before August 12, 2024. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email PRA@fcc.gov and to Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-1292.

Title: Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls, Fourth Report and Order, CG Docket No. 17-59, FCC 20-187.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit entities.

Number of Respondents: 6,493 respondents; 575,941 responses.

Estimated Time per Response: .25 to 40 hours.

Frequency of Response: On-occasion reporting requirement.

Obligation to Respond: Required to obtain or retain benefits. Statutory authority for these collections are contained in sections 4(i), 201, 202, 217, 227, 227b, 251(e), 303(r), and 403 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 201, 202, 217, 227, 227b, 251(e), 303(r), 403.

Total Annual Burden: 173,440 hours.

Total Annual Cost: No cost.

Needs and Uses: On December 29, 2020, the Commission adopted *Advanced Methods to Target and Eliminate Unlawful Robocalls Fourth Report and Order* ("Call Blocking Fourth Report and Order"). Unwanted and illegal robocalls have long been the Federal Communication Commission's ("Commission") top source of consumer complaints and one of the Commission's top consumer protection priorities. In 2019, Congress passed the Pallone-Thune Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence (TRACED) Act. In addition to directing the Commission to mandate adoption of caller ID authentication technology and encourage voice service providers to block calls by establishing safe harbors, the TRACED Act directs the Commission to ensure that both consumers and callers are provided