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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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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.

■ Media projects containing audio and/or video must be shared via a link (e.g., Google Drive, SharePoint, etc.) and can *NOT* be included as an attachment. The link should lead to a downloadable copy.

■ A 2-page single-spaced 1-inch margin essay.

■ A 2-page single-spaced 1-inch margin letter to the editor.

■ A 2-page single-spaced 1-inch margin blog post.

■ A 2-minute video.

■ A 2-minute podcast.

■ 8" x 11" or smaller piece of artwork as a scanned copy.

■ 3-minute song.

Please be aware that EPA's policy is that, unless otherwise prescribed by statute, members generally are appointed for a two-year term. For appointment consideration, interested nominees should submit the application materials electronically via email to Carissa Cyran at NEYAC@epa.gov with the subject line NEYAC, COMMITTEE APPLICATION PACKAGE 2023 for (Name of Nominee) by August 22, 2023.

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Letter Peer Review; 2023 White Paper on the Quantitative Human Health Approach To Be Applied in the Risk Evaluation for Asbestos Part 2; Request for Nominations of Expert Reviewers

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or "Agency") is seeking public nominations of scientific and technical experts to review the "2023 White Paper on the Quantitative Human Health Approach to Be Applied in the Risk Evaluation for Asbestos Part 2." The white paper will be released for public review and comment in late July 2023 and subsequently submitted for letter peer review. EPA currently anticipates selecting approximately 10–15 expert reviewers and plans to make a list of candidates under consideration as prospective letter reviewers for this review available for public comment by early August 2023.

DATES: Submit your nominations to EPA on or before July 24, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Submit your nominations via email to the Designated Federal Official (DFO) listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Do not use email to submit any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact the DFO, Tamue Gibson, Office of Program Support (7602M), Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency; telephone number: (202) 564–7642 or call the Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SACC) main office number: (202) 564–8450; email address: gibson.tamue@epa.gov.

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 White Paper on the Quantitative Human Health Approach to Be Applied in the Risk Evaluation for Asbestos Part 2." EPA will be soliciting comments from the reviewers on the quantitative approach to assessing cancer and non-cancer human health hazards for Part 2 of the risk evaluation for asbestos.

This document provides instructions for submitting nominations of scientific and technical experts that EPA can consider as prospective candidates to serve as peer reviewers. EPA will publish a separate document in the **Federal Register** in late July 2023 to announce the availability of the white paper 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: <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.

D. What should I consider as I submit my nominations to EPA?

1. *Submitting CBI.* If your nomination 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. Do not submit CBI or other sensitive information to EPA via <https://www.regulations.gov> or email.

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 white paper for asbestos 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: Asbestos epidemiology; epidemiology and biostatistics; asbestos exposure measurement; and application of epidemiology in risk assessment. 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 DFO listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Each nomination should include the following information: Contact information for the