

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 the commenting tips at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/comments.html>.

### III. Background

#### A. What is EPA's risk evaluation process for existing chemicals under TSCA?

The risk evaluation process is the second step in EPA's existing chemical process under TSCA, following prioritization and before risk management. As these two chemicals are part of the first ten chemical substances undergoing risk evaluation, the chemical substances that are the subject of this announcement were designated for risk evaluation and were not required to go through prioritization (81 FR 91927, December 19, 2016) (FRL-9956-47). The purpose of risk evaluation is to determine whether a chemical substance presents an unreasonable risk to health or the environment, under the conditions of use, including an unreasonable risk to a relevant potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulation. As part of this process, EPA must evaluate both hazard and exposure, not consider costs or other non-risk factors, use scientific information and approaches in a manner that is consistent with the requirements in TSCA for the best available science, and ensure decisions are based on the weight-of-scientific-evidence.

The specific risk evaluation process that EPA has established by rule to implement the statutory 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>. As explained in the preamble to EPA's final rule on procedures for risk evaluation (82 FR 33726, July 20, 2017) (FRL-9964-38), the specific regulatory process set out in 40 CFR part 702, subpart B will be followed for the first ten chemical substances undergoing risk evaluation to the maximum extent practicable.

#### B. What is cyclic aliphatic bromide cluster (HBCD)?

The hexabromocyclodecanes (HBCD cluster) in the cyclic aliphatic bromide cluster consists of the following chemicals: Hexabromocyclododecane; 1,2,5,6,9,10-Hexabromocyclododecane; and 1,2,5,6-Tetrabromocyclooctane. HBCD is a flame retardant and is

primarily used in construction materials, which may include structural insulated panels (SIPS). The building and construction industry uses expanded polystyrene foam (EPS) and extruded polystyrene foam (XPS) for thermal insulation boards and laminates for sheathing products. HBCD is also used in replacement parts for vehicles and in solder paste. Data reported for the 2016 Chemical Data Reporting period for HBCD indicate that between 1 and 10 million lb of each chemical component were manufactured in or imported into the U.S. in 2015; however, domestic manufacture of HBCD has since ceased.

Information about the problem formulation and scope phases of the risk evaluation for this chemical is available at <https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/risk-evaluation-cyclic-aliphatic-bromide-cluster-hbcd>.

#### C. What is 1,4-dioxane?

1,4-Dioxane is used primarily as a solvent in industrial and commercial processes, such as in the manufacture of other chemicals, as a processing aid, a laboratory chemical reagent, and in adhesives and sealants. Historically, 90% of 1,4-dioxane production was used as a stabilizer in chlorinated solvents such as 1,1,1-trichloroethane (TCA). The 2016 Chemical Data Reporting data shows that there were two manufacturers producing or importing over 1 million pounds in the U.S. in 2015.

Information about the problem formulation and scope phases of the risk evaluation for this chemical is available at <https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/risk-evaluation-14-dioxane>.

#### D. What is the purpose of the TSCA SACC?

The TSCA SACC was established by EPA in 2016 and operates in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C Appendix 2 *et seq.* The SACC supports activities under TSCA, the Pollution Prevention Act (PPA), 42 U.S.C. 13101 *et seq.*, and other applicable statutes. The TSCA SACC provides expert independent scientific advice and recommendations to the EPA on the scientific and technical aspects of risk assessments, methodologies, and pollution prevention measures and approaches for chemicals regulated under TSCA.

The TSCA SACC is comprised of experts in: Toxicology; human health and environmental risk assessment; exposure assessment; and related sciences (*e.g.*, synthetic biology,

pharmacology, biotechnology, nanotechnology, biochemistry, biostatistics, PBPK modeling, computational toxicology, epidemiology, environmental fate, and environmental engineering and sustainability). The TSCA SACC currently consists of 24 members. When needed, the committee will be assisted in their reviews by ad hoc participants with specific expertise in the topics under consideration.

#### E. TSCA SACC Documents and Meeting Minutes

EPA's background paper, related supporting materials, and draft charge/questions to TSCA SACC are available on the TSCA SACC website and in the dockets for Cyclic Aliphatic Bromide Cluster (HBCD) (EPA-HQ-OPPT-2019-0237) and 1,4 Dioxane (EPA-HQ-OPPT-2019-0238). In addition, the EPA will provide additional background documents (*e.g.*, TSCA SACC members participating in this meeting and the meeting agenda) as the materials become available. You may obtain electronic copies of these documents, and certain other related documents that might be available, at <http://www.regulations.gov> and the TSCA SACC website at <https://www.epa.gov/tsca-peer-review>.

TSCA SACC will prepare meeting minutes summarizing its recommendations to the EPA. The meeting minutes will be posted on the TSCA SACC website and in the relevant dockets.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*; 15 U.S.C. 2625 *et seq.*; 5 U.S.C Appendix 2 *et seq.*

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**Andrew R. Wheeler,**  
Administrator.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9995-56-OP]

### National Environmental Justice Advisory Council; Notification of Public Teleconference and Public Comment

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

**ACTION:** Notification of public teleconference meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby provides notice that the

National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) will meet on the dates and times described below. All meetings are open to the public. Members of the public are encouraged to provide comments relevant to the specific issues being considered by the NEJAC. For additional information about registering to attend the meeting or to provide public comment, please see "REGISTRATION" under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Due to a limited number of telephone lines, attendance will be on a first-come, first served basis. Pre-registration is required. **DATES:** The NEJAC will convene a public teleconference meeting on Wednesday, August 14, 2019, starting at 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time. The meeting discussion will focus on several topics including, but not limited to, the discussion and deliberation of final letters that address environmental justice concerns raised during the NEJAC public meeting in Bethesda, MD, April 29–May 2, 2019, and a presentation from the Office of Research and Development on research funding. One public comment period relevant to the specific issues being considered by the NEJAC (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**) is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14, 2019, starting at 5:30 p.m., Eastern Time. Members of the public who wish to participate during the public comment period are highly encouraged to pre-register by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time on Friday, August 09, 2019.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions or correspondence concerning the public meeting should be directed to Karen L. Martin, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, by mail at 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW (MC2202A), Washington, DC 20460; by telephone at 202-564-0203; or email at [nejac@epa.gov](mailto:nejac@epa.gov). Additional information about the NEJAC is available at <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-advisory-council>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Charter of the NEJAC states that the advisory committee "will provide independent advice and recommendations to the Administrator about broad, crosscutting issues related to environmental justice. The NEJAC's efforts will include evaluation of a broad range of strategic, scientific, technological, regulatory, community engagement and economic issues related to environmental justice."

**Registration**

Registration for the August 14, 2019, public teleconference will be processed

at <https://nejac-august-2019-public-teleconference.eventbrite.com>. Pre-registration is required. Registration closes at 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time on Friday, August 09, 2019. The deadline to sign up to speak during the public comment period, or to submit written public comments, is 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time on Friday, August 09, 2019. When registering, please provide your name, organization, city and state, email address, and telephone number for follow up. Please also indicate whether you would like to provide public comment during the meeting, and whether you are submitting written comments before the Friday, August 09, 2019, deadline.

**A. Public Comment**

Individuals or groups making remarks during the public comment period will be limited to three (3) minutes. To accommodate the number of people who want to address the NEJAC, only one representative of a particular community, organization, or group will be allowed to speak. Written comments can also be submitted for the record. The suggested format for individuals providing public comments is as follows: Name of speaker; name of organization/community; city and state; and email address; brief description of the concern, and what you want the NEJAC to advise EPA to do. Written comments received by registration deadline, will be included in the materials distributed to the NEJAC prior to the teleconference. Written comments received after that time will be provided to the NEJAC as time allows. All written comments should be sent to Karen L. Martin, EPA, via email at [nejac@epa.gov](mailto:nejac@epa.gov).

**B. Information About Services for Individuals With Disabilities or Requiring English Language Translation Assistance**

For information about access or services for individuals requiring assistance, please contact Karen L. Martin, at (202) 564-0203 or via email at [nejac@epa.gov](mailto:nejac@epa.gov). To request special accommodations for a disability or other assistance, please submit your request at least fourteen (14) working days prior to the meeting, to give EPA sufficient time to process your request. All requests should be sent to the address, email, or phone/fax number listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

Dated: June 12, 2019.

**Matthew Tejada,**

*Director, Office of Environmental Justice.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0692; FRL-9988-64-OMS]

**Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Lead Training, Certification, Accreditation and Authorization Activities (Renewal)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted the following information collection request (ICR), Lead Training, Certification, Accreditation and Authorization Activities (EPA ICR Number 2507.03, OMB Control Number 2070-0195) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through August 31, 2019. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on July 31, 2018. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below, including its estimated burden and cost to the public. 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.

**DATES:** Additional comments may be submitted on or before July 31, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0692, to (1) 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, and (2) OMB via email to [oira\\_submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:oira_submission@omb.eop.gov).

Address comments to OMB Desk Officer for EPA. 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. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For technical information, contact John Yowell, National Program Chemicals