and Conservation, William R. Snodgrass—Tennessee Tower, 11th Floor, 312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37243; and the Drinking Water Section, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dale Froneberger, EPA Region 4, Drinking Water Section, by mail at the Atlanta street address given above, by telephone at (404) 562–9446, or by email at froneberger.dale@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The State of Tennessee has submitted a request that EPA approve a revision to the State’s Safe Drinking Water Act Public Water System Supervision Program to include the authority to implement and enforce the Revised Total Coliform Rule. For the request to be approved, EPA must find the state regulations codified at Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs. 0400–45–01 to be no less stringent than the federal rule codified at 40 CFR part 141. EPA reviewed Tennessee’s application using the federal statutory provisions (Section 1413 of the Safe Drinking Water Act), federal regulations (at 40 CFR parts 141 and 142), state regulations, state policies and procedures for implementing the rule, regulatory crosswalk, and EPA regulatory guidance to determine whether the request for revision is approvable. EPA determined that the Tennessee regulations are no less stringent than the corresponding federal rule and the revision otherwise meets applicable Safe Drinking Water Act requirements. Therefore, EPA intends to approve this revision. If EPA does not receive a timely and appropriate request for a hearing and the Regional Administrator does not elect to hold a hearing on her own motion, this approval shall become final and effective on January 16, 2020.

Authority: Section 1413 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (1996), and 40 CFR part 142.

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Mary S. Walker,
Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[CDC–2019–0111, NIOSH–332]

Request for Information on Toxicological and Physicochemical Data of Engineered Nanomaterials To Evaluate in Developing Categorical Occupational Exposure Limits (OELs)

AGENCY: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) intends to evaluate the scientific data on engineered nanomaterials (ENMs) to develop categorical occupational exposure limits (OELs) based on the available scientific evidence regarding the hazard or safety of these materials. NIOSH seeks to obtain materials, including published and unpublished reports and research findings, to evaluate the possible adverse health risks of occupational exposure to ENMs.

DATES: Electronic or written comments must be received by February 18, 2020.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by CDC–2019–0111 and Docket Number NIOSH–332, by either of the two following methods:

• Federal eRulemaking Portal: https://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
• Mail: NIOSH Docket Office, Robert A. Taft Laboratories, MS–C34, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45226.

Instructions: All information received in response to this notice must include the agency name and docket number [CDC–2019–0111; NIOSH–332]. All relevant comments received will be posted without change to http://www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided. All electronic comments should be formatted in Microsoft Word. Please make reference to CDC–2019–0111 and Docket Number NIOSH–332.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nathan M. Drew, MS, NIOSH, MS–C14, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45226, telephone (513) 533–8352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 2017, NIOSH contributed to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) technical report on frameworks for developing OELs for nano-objects [ISO 2016]. In 2019, NIOSH published a Technical Report on occupational exposure banding guidance [NIOSH 2019]. The information presented in these Technical Reports represents the most recent update of the scientific rationale and methodology for establishing hazard values for chemicals, which includes ENMs.

The development of an OEL for an individual chemical involves a critical review of the available scientific data in humans and animals to identify relevant studies and to characterize the various lines of evidence that can support the derivation of the OEL. NIOSH requests information for ENMs to include human, animal, and cellular toxicity data, including but not limited to: Acute, subchronic, or chronic data; the physicochemical characterization of those ENMs; and other information about the biological mechanisms and
toxicological effects of ENMs. NIOSH is also seeking information on studies that include evaluating the dose-response relationships between exposure to ENMs and the development of adverse lung effects including inflammation, fibrosis, or neoplasia. Supporting information for published studies should include a full citation. For unpublished studies please include authors, affiliations, year, and any context on how the data were collected.

NIOSH will publish a Technical Report which describes the data, methods, and findings for the development of categorical OELs for ENMs, which may include relevant information submitted in response to this request. The draft Technical Report will be made available for public comment in a subsequent notice.

References


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Director, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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