

document of March 13, 2020 (85 FR 14677) (FRL-10006-03). EPA is providing this additional extension of the comment period in response to requests for additional time for comment and self-identification.

In the January document, EPA published preliminary lists identifying manufacturers (including importers) that may be subject to fee obligations under 40 CFR 700.45, associated with each EPA-initiated risk evaluation of 20 High-Priority Substances under TSCA section 6. That document also announced that EPA was providing an opportunity for public comment during which manufacturers (including importers) are required to self-identify as a manufacturer (including importer) of a High-Priority Substance, irrespective of whether they are listed on the preliminary list. During the comment period, manufacturers and importers may make certain certifications to EPA under 40 CFR 700.45(b) to avoid or reduce fee obligations. The public also has the opportunity to correct errors or provide comments on the preliminary lists.

EPA is providing more than the minimum 30-day comment period established in the Fees Rule codified at 40 CFR 700.45(b)(4) to maximize public participation during the first comment period for an initial list of manufacturers (including importers) subject to fee obligations for EPA-initiated risk evaluations under TSCA section 6, and to provide more time for self-identification. EPA expects to publish final lists of manufacturers (including importers) subject to fees no later than concurrently with the publication of the final scope document for risk evaluations of the 20 High-Priority Substances. Manufacturers (including importers) identified on the final lists will be subject to applicable fees under 40 CFR 700.45.

To submit comments, or access the docket, please follow the detailed instructions provided under **ADDRESSES** in the **Federal Register** document of January 27, 2020 (85 FR 4661) (FRL-10003-14). If you have questions, consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 2625.

Dated: May 26, 2020.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-ORD-2018-0655; FRL-10010-28-ORD]

### Availability of the Systematic Review Protocol for the Methylmercury Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Assessment

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a 45-day public comment period associated with release of the Systematic Review Protocol for the Methylmercury (MeHg) IRIS Assessment. This document communicates the rationale for conducting the assessment of methylmercury, describes screening criteria to identify relevant literature, outlines the approach for evaluating study quality, and describes the dose-response methods.

**DATES:** The 45-day public comment period begins May 28, 2020 and ends July 13, 2020. Comments must be received on or before July 13, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** The Systematic Review Protocol for Methylmercury will be available via the internet on the IRIS website at <https://www.epa.gov/iris> and in the public docket at <https://www.regulations.gov>, Docket ID: EPA-HQ-ORD-2018-0655.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For information on the docket, contact the ORD Docket at the EPA Headquarters Docket Center; telephone: 202-566-1752; facsimile: 202-566-9744; or email: [Docket\\_ORD@epa.gov](mailto:Docket_ORD@epa.gov).

For technical information on the protocol, contact Dr. James Avery, Center for Public Health & Environmental Assessment; telephone: 202-564-1494; or email: [avery.james@epa.gov](mailto:avery.james@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. Background Information on the IRIS Program and Systematic Review Protocols

EPA's IRIS Program is a human health assessment program that evaluates quantitative and qualitative information on effects that may result from exposure to chemicals found in the environment. Through the IRIS Program, EPA provides high quality science-based human health assessments to support the Agency's regulatory activities and decisions to protect public health.

As part of developing a draft IRIS assessment, EPA presents a methods

document, referred to as the protocol, for conducting a chemical-specific systematic review of the available scientific literature. EPA is seeking public comment on components of the protocol including the described strategies for literature searches, criteria for study inclusion or exclusion, considerations for evaluating study methods, information management for extracting data, approaches for synthesis within and across lines of evidence, and methods for derivation of toxicity values. Additionally, key scientific issues that warrant consideration in this assessment are identified in Section 2.5. The protocol serves to inform the subsequent development of the draft assessment and is made available to the public. EPA may update the protocol based on the evaluation of the literature, and any updates will be posted to the docket and on the IRIS website.

### II. How To Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2018-0655 for methylmercury, by one of the following methods:

- <https://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- **Email:** [Docket\\_ORD@epa.gov](mailto:Docket_ORD@epa.gov).
- **Fax:** 202-566-9744. Due to COVID-19, there may be a delay in processing comments submitted by fax.
- **Mail:** U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center (ORD Docket), Mail Code: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460. The phone number is 202-566-1752. Due to COVID-19, there may be a delay in processing comments submitted by mail.

**Note:** The EPA Docket Center and Reading Room is currently closed to public visitors to reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19. Docket Center staff will continue to provide remote customer service via email, phone, and webform. The public can submit comments via [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov) or email. No hand deliveries are currently being accepted.

**Instructions:** Direct your comments to EPA-HQ-ORD-2018-0655 for methylmercury. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the closing date will be marked "late," and may only be considered if time permits. It is EPA's policy to include all comments it receives in the public docket without change and to make the comments available online at <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any

personal information provided, unless a comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information for which disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information through <https://www.regulations.gov> or email that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected. The <https://www.regulations.gov> website is an “anonymous access” system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to EPA without going through <https://www.regulations.gov>, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA’s public docket, visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

*Docket:* Documents in the docket are listed in the <https://www.regulations.gov> index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other materials, such as copyrighted material, are publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in <https://www.regulations.gov> or as a hard copy at the ORD Docket in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0611; FRL-10009-94-ORD]

### Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Sustainable and Healthy Communities Subcommittee Meeting—June 2020

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Research and Development (ORD), gives notice of a meeting of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Sustainable and Healthy Communities (SHC) Subcommittee to review the initial progress on implementation of the FY 19–22 SHC Strategic Research Action Plan (StRAP).

**DATES:** 1. The initial meeting will be held over three days via videoconference:

- a. Tuesday, June 16, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (EDT);
- b. Wednesday, June 17, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (EDT); and
- c. Thursday, June 18, 2020, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (EDT).

Attendees must register by June 15, 2020.

2. A BOSC deliberation will be held on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (EDT). Attendees must register by June 29, 2020.

3. A final summary teleconference will be held on Thursday, July 9, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (EDT). Attendees must register by July 8, 2020.

Meeting times are subject to change. These series of meetings are open to the public. Comments must be received by June 12, 2020 to be considered by the subcommittee. Requests for the draft agenda or making a presentation at the meeting will be accepted until June 12, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Instructions on how to connect to the videoconference will be provided upon registration at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/us-epa-bosc-sustainable-and-healthy-communities-subcommittee-meeting-tickets-88719740131>.

Submit your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0611 by one of the following methods:

- [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov): Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Note:* comments submitted to the [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) website are anonymous unless identifying information is included in the body of the comment.

- *Email:* Send comments by electronic mail (email) to: [ORD.Docket@epa.gov](mailto:ORD.Docket@epa.gov), Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0611.

- *Note:* comments submitted via email are not anonymous. The sender’s email will be included in the body of the comment and placed in the public docket which is made available on the internet.

*Instructions:* All comments received, including any personal information provided, will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). Information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute will not be included in the public docket, and should not be submitted through [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) or email. For additional information about the EPA’s public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/>.

*Public Docket:* Publicly available docket materials may be accessed *Online* at [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

The Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Tom Tracy, via phone/voicemail at: (202) 564-6518; or via email at: [tracy.tom@epa.gov](mailto:tracy.tom@epa.gov).

Any member of the public interested in receiving a draft agenda, attending the meeting, or making a presentation at the meeting should contact Tom Tracy no later than June 12, 2020.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) is a federal advisory committee that provides advice and recommendations to EPA’s Office of Research and Development on technical and management issues of its research programs. The meeting agenda and materials will be posted to <https://www.epa.gov/bosc>.

Proposed agenda items for the meeting include, but are not limited to, the following: Benefits from remediation, restoration, and revitalization; and community-driven solutions.

*Information on Services Available:* For information on translation services, access, or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Tom Tracy at (202) 564-6518 or [tracy.tom@epa.gov](mailto:tracy.tom@epa.gov). To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Tom Tracy at least ten days prior to the meeting to give the EPA adequate time to process your request.