

health or the environment. This document presents statements of findings made by EPA during the applicable period.

*C. What is the Agency's authority for taking this action?*

TSCA section 5(a)(3) requires EPA to review a submission under TSCA section 5(a) and make specific findings pertaining to whether the substance may present unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment. Among those potential findings is that the chemical substance or significant new use is not likely to present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment per TSCA Section 5(a)(3)(C).

TSCA section 5(g) requires EPA to publish in the **Federal Register** a statement of its findings after its review of a submission under TSCA section 5(a) when EPA makes a finding that a new chemical substance or significant new use is not likely to present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment. Such statements apply to PMNs, MCANs, and SNUNs submitted to EPA under TSCA section 5.

Anyone who plans to manufacture (which includes import) a new chemical substance for a non-exempt commercial purpose and any manufacturer or processor wishing to engage in a use of a chemical substance designated by EPA as a significant new use must submit a notice to EPA at least 90 days before commencing manufacture of the new chemical substance or before engaging in the significant new use.

The submitter of a notice to EPA for which EPA has made a finding of "not likely to present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment" may commence manufacture of the chemical substance or manufacture or processing for the significant new use notwithstanding any remaining portion of the applicable review period.

## II. Statements of Findings Under TSCA Section 5(a)(3)(C)

In this unit, EPA identifies the PMNs, MCANs and SNUNs for which EPA has made findings under TSCA section 5(a)(3)(C) that the new chemical substances or significant new uses are not likely to present an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment. For the findings made during this period, the following list provides the EPA case number assigned to the TSCA section 5(a) submission and the chemical identity (generic name if the specific name is claimed as confidential).

- P-24-0139, Maleic acid, dibutyl ester, reaction products with

isophoronediamine-5-isocyanato-1-(isocyanatomethyl)-1,3,3-trimethylcyclohexane-trimethylolpropane triacrylate polymer, di-Bu maleate and di-Et maleate (Generic Name).

- P-24-0145, 2-Butenedioic acid (2Z)-, 1,4-bis(2-ethylhexyl) ester, reaction products with 5-amino-1,3,3-trimethylcyclohexanemethanamine-hexamethylene diacrylate-isophorone diisocyanate polymer and di-Bu maleate (Generic Name).

To access EPA's decision document describing the basis of the "not likely to present an unreasonable risk" finding made by EPA under TSCA section 5(a)(3)(C), lookup the specific case number at <https://www.epa.gov/reviewing-new-chemicals-under-toxic-substances-control-act-tsca/determined-not-likely>.

*Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**[EPA-HQ-OPP-2025-1906; FRL-12954-01-OCSP]**

### Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed New Collection and Request for Comment; Process To Become an EPA Qualified Conservation Program (QCP) and Qualified External Party (QEP); Draft Pesticide Registration Notice

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA is announcing the availability of and seeking public comment on a draft Pesticide Registration Notice (PR Notice) entitled "Process to Become an EPA Qualified Conservation Program (QCP) and Qualified External Party (QEP)." PR Notices are issued by the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) to inform stakeholders about important policies, procedures, and registration related decisions, and serve to provide guidance to pesticide registrants and OPP personnel. This draft PR Notice seeks to inform interested parties of and to solicit public comment on the proposed process of becoming an EPA Qualified Conservation Program or EPA Qualified External Party. Additionally, in compliance with the Paperwork

Reduction Act (PRA), the Agency is announcing the availability of and soliciting public comment on an Information Collection Request (ICR) that EPA is planning to submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): "Process to Become an EPA Qualified Conservation Program (QCP) or EPA Qualified External Party (QEP)" (EPA ICR No. 7807.01 and OMB Control No. 2070-NEW). This ICR represents a new request. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval under the PRA, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the information collection that is summarized in this document. The ICR and accompanying material are available in the docket for public review and comment.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 2, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2025-1906, through the <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Natalie Bray, Pesticide Registration Division (7505T), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 566-2222; email address: [Conservation\\_Programs@epa.gov](mailto:Conservation_Programs@epa.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. General Information

##### A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to organizations who administer soil and water conservation programs and organizations/individuals with expertise in the reduction of erosion and runoff on agricultural land who advise or offer consulting services to growers/landowners. Additionally, growers and commercial applicators who apply pesticides and the general public may be interested in this action. Since a potentially broad range of entities may be interested in this action, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be interested. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this guidance to a particular entity or registration action, contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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

EPA is issuing this guidance pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) (7 U.S.C. 136a, *et seq.*).

**II. What guidance does this PR Notice provide?**

The Agency is announcing the availability of a draft PR Notice entitled "Process to Become an EPA Qualified Conservation Program (QCP) and Qualified External Party (QEP)." PR Notices are issued by OPP to inform pesticide registrants and other interested persons about important policies, procedures, and registration related decisions, and serve to provide guidance to pesticide registrants and OPP personnel. EPA is announcing the availability of and seeking public comment on this draft PR Notice.

This draft PR Notice seeks to inform interested parties of (1) the proposed process of becoming an EPA QCP or EPA QEP and to solicit public comment on the proposed process, and (2) communicate the estimated paperwork burden that this process would create for the public and to solicit public comment on these estimates pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act.

For this draft PR Notice, interested parties primarily include conservation programs, growers and other members of the agricultural community who support or consult growers when utilizing pesticides.

**III. What type of feedback is the EPA soliciting?**

EPA seeks comment on the following:

*A. How can EPA improve its proposed process to review and approve QCPs and QEPs?*

- The EPA would like feedback on the two applications described in the draft PR Notice. Specifically, are the instructions and questions in the applications clear? If not, please feel free to provide suggestions of how to clarify the instructions or questions.

- Do any questions appear redundant or otherwise unnecessary for EPA to judge the quality of the program or organization/individual?

- The Agency is considering expanding this process to also qualify conservation programs and external parties that support non-agricultural (e.g., turf, nursery/ornamentals, forestry, rights of way) uses. Additionally, the EPA intends to develop a mitigation menu for non-agricultural uses. However, this menu has not yet been developed. Are there conservation programs that cover non-agricultural use

sites that could want to be qualified? Would there be value to qualify external parties for non-agricultural use sites? If yes to either of these questions, would the applications in their current form be relevant for these programs or parties seeking qualification?

- Is there other or additional information that EPA should request to judge the program?

*B. What information on the burden estimates associated with completion of the application can stakeholders provide?*

- What amount of time would it take you or staff members in your organization to complete the application (please assign number of hours for each staff level involved—manager type, technical type and clerical type)?

- EPA has estimated the burden to complete these applications to be 56 hours total time, see Information Collection Request Supporting Statement for more details of this estimate. If your estimate is significantly different from this estimate, please explain why yours is different and if you anticipate your estimate is more likely to represent the typical entity who may apply or not.

*C. What types of information can stakeholders provide for EPA to anticipate the level of interest to better plan for resource requirements?*

- How many programs/organizations/individuals provide these services in your area? Please provide separate estimates for each group.

- Given the burden that it would take to complete the applications, how likely is it that you or your program organization will apply to become an QCP or QEP?

- Do you think other organizations/individuals like yours would find it worth the effort to also apply?

*D. How can the Agency implement programs be subject to a re-review process on a 5-year cycle? Additionally, if any elements of the program changes at any point the Agency proposes that the program or organization/individual is responsible for notifying EPA.*

- Please provide comments on the proposed re-review process. Should it occur? Is the process as described clear?

- Is 5-years an appropriate length of time for approvals to remain valid? If not, what time frame would be more appropriate for a re-review process and why?

*E. How can the Agency's proposed process revoke qualifying status if a QCP or QEP if it is found to be operating in a manner that does not align with Agency expectations or in line with the information previously submitted in its application?*

- Please comment on the proposed process to revoke status as QCP and QEP? Are there additional elements the Agency should consider?

- The Agency would like to receive detailed input as to the extent states should be involved in any element of the proposed process.

- What elements of the process should the states be included and why? If they should be included, please estimate how much time would be involved in reviewing or helping to prepare applications for the associated paperwork burden to account for state involvement.

**IV. Do PR Notices contain binding requirements?**

The requirements in the relevant statutes and Agency regulations may be binding, however, this PR Notice is not binding on either EPA or potential QCP or QEP applicants. The EPA may depart from the process where circumstances warrant and without prior notice. Likewise, relevant stakeholders may assert that the process is not appropriate generally or not applicable to their work or situation.

**V. Are these forms approved under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA)?**

According to the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information that requires approval under the PRA, unless it has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and displays a currently valid OMB control number. The information collection activities described in this draft PR Notice are being addressed in the new ICR entitled "Process to Become an EPA Qualified Conservation Program (QCP) and Qualified External Party (QEP)," identified as EPA ICR No. 7807.01, that is included in the docket for public review and comment. EPA welcomes comment and will review public comments received on all materials including (1) the ICR (including public estimates of burden), (2) the draft PR Notice, and (3) the two applications. EPA will consider all public comments received and update all materials as appropriate for a second public review and comment period. After the second comment period, the Agency will provide a summary

response and may make final updates to all relevant materials, if deemed necessary. Finally, EPA will submit all relevant materials for OMB for review and approval under the PRA and issue a final PR Notice.

(Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*)

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SACC); Request for Nominations of Ad Hoc Peer Reviewers

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or the Agency) is seeking nominations of scientific and technical experts that EPA can consider for service as *ad hoc* peer reviewers assisting the Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SACC). EPA is considering peer review for ten Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)-designated High-Priority chemicals. EPA will convene two SACC peer review meetings anticipated to occur in early and mid-2026. EPA is conducting these chemical review evaluations to help inform whether the chemical substances present unreasonable risks to human health and/or the environment under the conditions of use, as required by TSCA. Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals to be considered prospective candidates for these reviews by following the instructions provided in this document. Individuals may also self-nominate.

**DATES:** Submit your nominations on or before February 4, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your nomination via email to [SACC@epa.gov](mailto:SACC@epa.gov) following the instructions in Unit III. Do not electronically submit any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. If your nomination may contain any such information, please contact the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) in **FOR FURTHER**

**INFORMATION CONTACT** to obtain special instructions before submitting that information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The DFO and Executive Secretary for the SACC is Tamue Gibson, Regulatory & Information Services Division (7602M), Office of Mission Critical Operations, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency; telephone number: (202) 564-5336 or call the SACC main office at (202) 564-8450; email address: [gibson.tamue@epa.gov](mailto:gibson.tamue@epa.gov).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### I. General Information

#### A. 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 and mixtures. 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.

#### B. What should I consider as I prepare my nominations for EPA?

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit CBI or other sensitive information to EPA through email. If your nomination contains any information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected, please contact the DFO in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** to obtain special instructions before submitting that information.

2. *Request for Nominations to Serve as ad hoc Expert Reviewers to Assist the SACC.* As part of a broader process for developing a pool of candidates for SACC peer reviews, EPA is asking the public and stakeholders for nominations of scientific and technical experts that EPA can consider as prospective candidates to serve as *ad hoc* reviewers assisting the SACC with peer reviews. 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 selected from the pool of prospective candidates will be invited to attend the public meeting and to participate in the discussion of key issues and assumptions at the meeting. In addition, they will be asked to review chemical evaluation documents and to help finalize the meeting minutes and final report.

#### 1. Peer Review Topics Anticipated for 2026

Individuals nominated for the two SACC peer reviews anticipated for early and mid-2026 should have expertise in one or more of the chemicals and/or areas of expertise identified below.

#### Early-2026 Chemicals Undergoing Risk Evaluation that EPA is Considering for SACC Review:

- 1,3,4,6,7,8-Hexahydro-4,6,6,7,8,8-hexamethylcyclopenta [g]-2-benzopyran (HHCB)

- Phthalic anhydride (PAD)
- o-Dichlorobenzene (o-DCB)
- p-Dichlorobenzene (p-DCB)

Individuals nominated for peer review for the early-2026 chemical review should also have expertise in one or more of the following areas:

Aquatic exposure modeling; aquatic exposures from ships/ports; cancer mechanism of action (MOA); cancer weight-of-evidence (WoE); chemical engineering; chemical transport and fate; computational toxicology; consumer exposure; dermal exposure modeling (including probabilistic modeling) and estimation for workers; dermal sensitization; dose-response modeling; epidemiology; inhalation toxicology; metabolism; physiologically based pharmacokinetics (PBPK); probabilistic modeling for environmental exposures; read-across; respiratory sensitization; risk assessment; sediment dynamics; toxicokinetics; transcriptomics; and worker exposure.

#### Mid-2026 Chemicals Undergoing Risk Evaluation that EPA is Considering for SACC Review:

- 1,2-Dichloropropane (1,2-DCP)
- 1,1,2-Trichloroethane (1,1,2-TCA)
- trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene (trans-DCE)
- Ethylene dibromide (EDB)
- 4,4'-(1-Methylethylidene)bis[2, 6-dibromophenol] (TBBPA)
- Phosphoric acid, triphenyl ester (TPP)

Individuals nominated for peer review for the mid-2026 chemical review should have expertise in one or more of the following areas:

Aquatic exposure modeling; aquatic toxicology; amphibian toxicology; avian toxicology; cancer mechanism of action (MOA); cancer weight-of-evidence (WoE); chemical engineering (processing as a reactant and processing as a plastic processes); chemical transport and fate; computational toxicology; consumer exposure; dermal exposure modeling (including probabilistic modeling) and estimation for workers; dermal sensitization; dose-response modeling; epidemiology;