

website at <http://www.epa.gov/sab> for information on how to access the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public who wants further information concerning the public meeting may contact Dr. Thomas Armitage, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), U.S. EPA Science Advisory Board, via telephone/voice mail (202) 564-2155, or email at [armitage.thomas@epa.gov](mailto:armitage.thomas@epa.gov). General information concerning the SAB can be found on the EPA website at <http://www.epa.gov/sab>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* The SAB was established pursuant to the Environmental Research, Development, and Demonstration Authorization Act (ERDDAA), codified at 42 U.S.C. 4365, to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the Administrator on the scientific and technical basis for agency positions and regulations. The SAB is a Federal Advisory Committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C., App. 2. The SAB will comply with the provisions of FACA and all appropriate SAB Staff Office procedural policies. Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the Chartered SAB and SAB Chemical Assessment Advisory Committee will hold a public meeting to conduct two consultations with the EPA and conduct quality reviews of two draft SAB reports. The Chartered SAB and SAB Chemical Assessment Advisory Committee will conduct consultations with EPA on: (1) Activities to re-examine and consolidate EPA's Human Toxicity Assessment Guidelines, and (2) new approach methods and reducing the use of laboratory animals for chronic and carcinogenicity testing. The Chartered SAB will conduct quality reviews of: (1) The Science Advisory Board Report on its Technical Review of EPA's Computable General Equilibrium Model, and (2) the Science Advisory Board Review of the All Ages Lead Model External Review Draft 2.0.

*Availability of Meeting Materials:* Prior to the meeting, an agenda and other meeting materials will be placed on the SAB website at <http://epa.gov/sab>.

*Procedures for Providing Public Input:* Public comment for consideration by EPA's federal advisory committees and panels has a different purpose from public comment provided to EPA program offices. Therefore, the process for submitting comments to a federal advisory committee is different from the process used to submit comments to an EPA program office.

Federal advisory committees and panels, including scientific advisory committees, provide independent advice to the EPA. Members of the public can submit relevant comments pertaining to the committee's charge or meeting materials. Input from the public to the SAB will have the most impact if it provides specific scientific or technical information or analysis for the SAB to consider or if it relates to the clarity or accuracy of the technical information. Members of the public wishing to provide comment should contact the DFO directly.

*Oral Statements:* In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public teleconference will be limited to three minutes. Persons interested in providing oral statements should contact Dr. Thomas Armitage, DFO, in writing via email) at the contact information noted above by June 16, 2020, to be placed on the list of registered speakers.

*Written Statements:* Written statements will be accepted throughout the advisory process; however, for timely consideration by SAB members, statements should be received in the SAB Staff Office by June 16, 2020. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO at the contact information above via email with original signature. Submitters are requested to provide a signed and unsigned version of each document because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its websites. Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted to the SAB website. Copyrighted material will not be posted without explicit permission of the copyright holder.

*Accessibility:* For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Dr. Armitage at the phone number or email address noted above, preferably at least ten days prior to the meeting, to give the EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: May 21, 2020.

**V Khanna Johnston,**

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2019-0677; FRL-10010-37]

### Preliminary Lists Identifying Manufacturers Subject to Fee Obligations for EPA-Initiated Risk Evaluations Under Section 6 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); Notice of Availability and Request for Comment; Extension of the Comment Period

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

**ACTION:** Notice; extension of the comment period.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is extending the comment period for a notice issued in the **Federal Register** of January 27, 2020, announcing the availability of the preliminary lists of manufacturers (including importers) of 20 chemical substances that have been designated as a High-Priority Substance for risk evaluation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and for which fees will be charged. The original comment period and window for self-identification was previously extended by 60-days, and this document provides an additional extension, from May 27, 2020 to June 15, 2020.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 15, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Follow the detailed instructions provided under **ADDRESSES** in the **Federal Register** document of January 27, 2020 (85 FR 4661) (FRL-10003-14).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *For technical information contact:* Benjamin Dyson, Environmental Assistance Division (7408M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 774-8976; email address: [dyson.benjamin@epa.gov](mailto:dyson.benjamin@epa.gov).

*For general information contact:* The TSCA-Hotline, ABVI-Goodwill, 422 South Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14620; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; email address: [TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov](mailto:TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document provides an additional extension for the public comment period and window for self-identification that was originally established in the **Federal Register** document of January 27, 2020 (85 FR 4661) (FRL-10003-14), and previously extended from March 27, 2020 to May 27, 2020 in the **Federal Register**

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.

**Alexandra Dapolito Dunn,**

*Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.*

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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