

to this notice to update dietary exposure estimates and safety assessments for the authorized food contact use of fluorinated polyethylene. This is consistent with our efforts to increase our understanding of the potential for PFAS exposure from food and to reduce dietary exposure to PFAS that may pose a health risk. Current data and information on these topics will help us advance our public health mission and further support the current Administration's comprehensive approach to addressing PFAS and advancing clean air, water, and food (Ref. 4).

II. Request for Information

We request information on the food contact uses of fluorinated polyethylene food contact articles, including information on the types of food or food ingredients with which the articles used are in contact, any substances migrating from fluorinated polyethylene food contact articles used in food contact applications, consumer exposure data, and unpublished safety information. Specifically, we request data and information concerning:

1. Current food contact uses, including the types of containers and the food types (e.g., acidic, alcoholic) they may contact, including use conditions (e.g., time, temperature of contact);
2. Manufacturing conditions for the fluorination process and any pre- and post-treatment processes, including time, temperature, pressure, atmospheric conditions, treatment gases (e.g., fluorine or other chemical gases), and use levels/ratios of treatment gases used during the manufacturing process;
3. Manufacturing process controls including moisture control measures and quality control variables monitored during the fluorination process;
4. Analyses related to pre- and post-treatment of fluorinated polyethylene containers, including surface chemical analyses, characterization of surface morphology, and identification of surface chemical functionalities;
5. Analyses characterizing the fluorinated surface thickness of the fluorinated layer on the article surface;
6. Analyses characterizing (qualitatively or quantitatively) the fluorinated polyethylene containers including any analyses for quality control (e.g., Fourier-Transform Infrared Spectroscopy or other analyses);
7. Analyses characterizing (qualitatively or quantitatively) migrating substances from the fluorinated polyethylene containers,

including fully and partially fluorinated low molecular weight polyethylene oligomers and other migrating substances;

8. Analyses characterizing (qualitatively or quantitatively) substances migrating from fluorinated polyethylene as a function of the degree of fluorination of the surface;

9. Analyses estimating consumer exposure from the use of fluorinated polyethylene containers in food contact, including substances migrating from fluorinated polyethylene;

10. The safety of fluorinated polyethylene, including unpublished safety studies on substances that migrate from fluorinated polyethylene including fully and partially fluorinated low molecular weight polyethylene oligomers; and

11. Analyses characterizing the polyethylene used to produce the containers prior to fluorination, including the molecular weight distribution, the weight-percent units derived from ethylene and other monomers, monomer ratios, and adjuvant substances (e.g., processing aids) used in the manufacture of polyethylene polymers.

III. References

The following references marked with an asterisk (*) are on display at the Dockets Management Staff (see **ADDRESSES**) and are available for viewing by interested persons between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday; they also are available electronically at <https://www.regulations.gov>. References without asterisks are not on public display at <https://www.regulations.gov> because they have copyright restriction. Some may be available at the website address, if listed. References without asterisks are available for viewing only at the Dockets Management Staff. FDA has verified the website address, as of the date this document publishes in the **Federal Register**, but websites are subject to change over time.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review Notice of Closed Meeting

Pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), Title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Center for Scientific Review Special Emphasis Panel; Neurodevelopment and Neuropsychological Disorders.

Date: August 8, 2022.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Place: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892 (Virtual Meeting).

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