

assumptions at these meetings. In addition, they will be asked to review and to help finalize the meeting minutes.

3. Selection of Ad Hoc Reviewers

The selection of scientists to serve as *ad hoc* reviewers for the SACC is based on the function of the Committee and the expertise needed to address the Agency's charge to the Committee. No interested scientists shall be ineligible to serve by reason of their membership on any other advisory committee to a Federal department or agency or their employment by a Federal department or agency, except EPA. Other factors considered during the selection process include availability of the prospective candidate to fully participate in the Committee's reviews, absence of any conflicts of interest or appearance of loss of impartiality, independence with respect to the matters under review, and lack of bias. Although financial conflicts of interest, the appearance of loss of impartiality, lack of independence, and bias may result in non-selection, the absence of such concerns does not assure that a candidate will be selected to serve on the SACC. Numerous qualified candidates are identified for each review. Therefore, selection decisions involve carefully weighing a number of factors including the candidates' areas of expertise and professional qualifications and achieving an overall balance of different scientific perspectives across reviewers.

At this time, EPA is seeking nominations to create a pool of *ad hoc* experts who can be available to the SACC to assist in reviews conducted by the Committee. EPA anticipates selecting experts from this pool, as needed, to assist the SACC in their review of both designated topics. The Agency will consider all nominations of prospective candidates for service as *ad hoc* reviewers for the SACC that are received on or before that date. However, final selection of *ad hoc* reviewers is a discretionary function of the Agency.

EPA plans to make a list of candidates under consideration as prospective *ad hoc* reviewers for these reviews available for public comment. The lists will be posted on the SACC website at <http://www.epa.gov/tsca-peer-review> or may be obtained from the OPPT Dockets at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

II. Background

A. Purpose of the SACC

The SACC was established by EPA in 2016 under the authority of the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st

Century Act, Public Law 114–182, 140 Stat. 448 (2016), and operates in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972. The SACC supports activities under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), 15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*, the Pollution Prevention Act (PPA), 42 U.S.C. 13101 *et seq.*, and other applicable statutes. The SACC provides independent scientific advice and recommendations to the EPA on the scientific and technical aspects of risk assessments, methodologies, and pollution prevention measures and approaches for chemicals regulated under TSCA.

The SACC is comprised of experts in toxicology; environmental risk assessment; exposure assessment; and related sciences (*e.g.*, synthetic biology, pharmacology, biotechnology, nanotechnology, biochemistry, biostatistics, physiologically based pharmacokinetic modelling (PBPK), computational toxicology, epidemiology, environmental fate, and environmental engineering and sustainability). The SACC currently consists of 17 members. When needed, the committee will be assisted by *ad hoc* reviewers with specific expertise in the topics under consideration.

B. Background for Each Area of Review

1. Systematic Review

The draft TSCA Systematic Review Protocol includes a revised generic approach for TSCA-related approaches taking into account previous peer review comments from SACC reviews of risk evaluations on the first 10 chemical assessments and more recent recommendations from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) review of the Application of Systematic Review in TSCA Risk Evaluations. In addition to the revised generic approach, this peer review package will include appendices containing chemical specific information that is relevant for searching, screening, data evaluation and evidence integration for the next chemical risk evaluations being conducted by OPPT.

2. Exposure to Fenceline Communities

The draft EPA TSCA Screening Level Approach for Assessing Ambient Air and Water Exposures to Fenceline Communities will be developed as a path forward decision to address potential air and water exposures to fenceline communities which may be excluded from other Agency statutes. EPA will use this screening level approach to reassess seven of the first ten TSCA chemical risk evaluations for

the air pathway and five of the first ten TSCA chemical risk evaluations for the water pathway to determine if there is a potential for unreasonable risk to these communities. The methodology will be assessed for air exposure on the following chemicals: 1-bromopropane, methylene chloride, N-methylpyrrolidone, carbon tetrachloride, trichloroethylene, perchloroethylene, and 1, 4-dioxane and water exposure for the following chemicals: Methylene chloride, N-methylpyrrolidone, carbon tetrachloride, trichloroethylene, and perchloroethylene. If the agency finds unreasonable risk that cannot be addressed through current risk management approaches, the agency will conduct additional comprehensive exposure assessments and supplement the risk evaluation for that chemical with the updated information.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 2625 *et seq.*; 5 U.S.C. appendix 2 *et seq.*

Dated: October 20, 2021.

Michal Freedhoff,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OGC–2021–0753; FRL–9178–01–OGC]

Proposed Consent Decree, Safe Drinking Water Act Claims

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed consent decree; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator's October 16, 2017, Directive Promoting Transparency and Public Participation in Consent Decrees and Settlement Agreements, EPA is giving notice of a proposed consent decree to address a complaint filed by the Natural Resources Defense Council in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York alleging that EPA failed to perform a mandatory duty under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). On January 19, 2021, the Plaintiffs filed a complaint pursuant to the SDWA alleging failure of the Administrator to issue revisions to EPA's consumer confidence report regulations by October 23, 2020. Under the proposed Consent Decree, the EPA would agree to a deadline for issuing the revisions.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed consent decree must be received by November 26, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OGC-2021-0753, online at <https://www.regulations.gov> (EPA's preferred method). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket ID number for this action. Comments received may be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on sending comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the "Additional Information about Commenting on the Proposed Consent Decree" heading under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document. Out of an abundance of caution for members of the public and our staff, the EPA Docket Center and Reading Room are closed to the public, with limited exceptions, to reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19. Our Docket Center staff will continue to provide remote customer service via email, phone, and webform. We encourage the public to submit comments via <https://www.regulations.gov>, as there may be a delay in processing mail and faxes. Hand-deliveries and couriers may be received by scheduled appointment only. For further information on EPA Docket Center services and the current status, please visit us online at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

EPA continues to carefully and continuously monitor information from the CDC, local area health departments, and our federal partners so that we can respond rapidly as conditions change regarding COVID-19.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie Darman, Water Law Office, Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 564-5452; email address: Darman.Leslie@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Obtaining a Copy of the Proposed Consent Decree

The official public docket for this action (identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OGC-2021-0753) contains a copy of the proposed consent decree.

The electronic version of the public docket for this action contains a copy of the proposed consent decree and is available through <https://www.regulations.gov>. You may use <https://www.regulations.gov> to submit

or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, key in the appropriate docket identification number then select "search."

II. Additional Information About the Proposed Consent Decree

On January 19, 2021, the Natural Resources Defense Council filed a complaint pursuant to SDWA alleging failure of the Administrator to issue revisions to the consumer confidence report regulations by October 23, 2020. (*Natural Resources Defense Council v. Michael Regan, Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, et al.*, No. 21-cv-461 (S.D.N.Y.)) Pursuant to Section 1414(c)(4) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), EPA promulgated consumer confidence report regulations in 1998 to require "each community water system to mail to each customer of the system at least once annually a report on the level of contaminants in the drinking water purveyed by that system (referred to in this paragraph as a "consumer confidence report")." 42 U.S.C. 300g-3(c)(4)(A). In 2018, the America's Water Infrastructure Act ("the Act") amended Section 1414(c)(4) to require EPA to issue revisions to its consumer confidence report regulations "[n]ot later than 24 months after October 23, 2018," or October 23, 2020, 42 U.S.C. 300g-3(c)(4)(F)(i), to increase "the readability, clarity, and understandability of the information presented in consumer confidence reports" and to increase "the accuracy of information presented, and risk communication, in consumer confidence reports." 42 U.S.C. 300g-3(c)(4)(F)(i)(I)(aa)-(bb). The Act also provides that the CCR regulations (1) require community water systems serving more than 10,000 persons to provide a consumer confidence report to each customer "at least biannually" and (2) allow electronic delivery of the consumer confidence reports. 42 U.S.C. 300g-3(c)(4)(F)(i)(II) and 300g-3(c)(4)(F)(ii). The Act requires EPA to issue the revisions to the CCR regulations "in consultation with" "public water systems, environmental groups, public interest groups, risk communication experts, and the States, and other interested parties." 42 U.S.C. 300g-3(c)(4)(F) and 300g-3(c)(4)(A). EPA has not issued revisions to the consumer confidence report regulations as described in 42 U.S.C. 300g-3(c)(4)(F), 42 U.S.C. 300g-3(c)(4)(F)(i). Under the proposed Consent Decree, the

EPA would agree to a deadline for issuing the revisions.

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this document, the Agency will accept written comments relating to the proposed consent decree. EPA or the Department of Justice may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed consent decree if the comments disclose facts or considerations that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the Act.

III. Additional Information About Commenting on the Proposed Consent Decree

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OGC-2021-0753, via <https://www.regulations.gov>. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from this docket. EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit to EPA's docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>. For additional information about submitting information identified as CBI, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document. Note that written comments containing CBI and submitted by mail may be delayed and deliveries or couriers will be received by scheduled appointment only.

If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an email address or other contact information in the body of your comment. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows EPA to contact you in case EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. Any identifying or contact information

provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket and made available in EPA's electronic public docket. 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.

Use of the <https://www.regulations.gov> website to submit comments to EPA electronically is EPA's preferred method for receiving comments. The electronic public docket system is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity, email address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." EPA is not required to consider these late comments.

Steven M. Neugeboren,
Associate General Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OARM-2018-0124; FRL-9197-01-OMS]

Information Collection Request Submitted to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Contractor Cumulative Claim and Reconciliation (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning to submit an information collection request (ICR), Contractor Cumulative Claim and Reconciliation (EPA ICR Number 0246.14, OMB Control Number 2030-0016) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). Before doing so, EPA is soliciting public comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through December 30, 2021. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on April 12, 2021 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. A fuller description of the ICR is given below,

including its estimated burden and cost to the public. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

DATES: Additional comments may be submitted on or before November 26, 2021.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA-HQ-OARM-2018-0124, online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method) or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI), or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

Submit written comments and recommendations to OMB for the proposed information collection within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas Valentino, Policy Training and Oversight Division, Office of Acquisition Solutions (3802R), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-4522; email address: valentino.thomas@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Supporting documents, which explain in detail the information that the EPA will be collecting, are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at www.regulations.gov or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202-566-1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Abstract: All contractors who have completed an EPA cost-reimbursement type contract will be required to submit EPA Form 1900-10. EPA Form 1900-10 summarizes all costs incurred in performance of the contract and sets forth the final indirect rates. This form

is reviewed by the contracting officer to determine the final costs reimbursable to the contractor. The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 52.216-7 states that the Government will pay only the costs determined to be allowable by the contracting officer in accordance with FAR Subpart 31.2. Furthermore, FAR 52.216-7 states that indirect cost rates shall be established for each fiscal year at the close of a contractor's fiscal year. EPA Form 1900-10 summarizes this information for the entire contract period and provides a basis for cost review by contracting, finance, and audit personnel. In addition, FAR 4.804-5 mandates that the office administering the contract shall ensure that the costs and indirect cost rates are settled.

Form Numbers: EPA Form 1900-10.

Respondents/affected entities: All contractors who have completed an EPA cost-reimbursement type contract.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory (FAR 52.216-7).

Estimated number of respondents: 5 (total).

Frequency of response: Once, at the end of the contract.

Total estimated burden: 31.5 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: \$4,730.40 (per year), includes \$0 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in Estimates: There is no change in the hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. The previous ICR included annual costs of \$60 for postage and envelopes, which is now done electronically. Therefore, there are now no operating and maintenance costs.

Courtney Kerwin,

Director, Regulatory Support Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[CERCLA 01-2021-0082; FRL-9159-01-R1]

Proposed CERCLA Cost Recovery and Work Administrative Settlement: Wampus Milford Associates Site, Milford, Connecticut

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed settlement; request for public comments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a proposed cost recovery and work administrative settlement concerning