

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. The Agency will consider all nominations of prospective candidates for service as peer reviewers that are received on or before the date listed in the **DATES** section of this document. However, the final selection of peer reviewers is a discretionary function of the Agency. At this time, EPA anticipates selecting 10–12 reviewers in the review of the designated topic.

EPA plans to make a list of candidates under consideration as prospective peer reviewers for this review available for public comment by late fall of 2023. The list will be available in the docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> (docket ID number EPA–HQ–OPPT–2023–0265).

### III. Letter Review

#### A. What is the purpose of this Letter Review?

The focus of this Letter Review is to review the approach and methodologies utilized in the “2023 Draft Risk Evaluation for Tris(2-chloroethyl) Phosphate (TCEP).” Feedback from this review will be considered in the development of the final TCEP risk evaluation.

EPA intends to announce in December 2023, in the **Federal Register**, the availability of and solicit public comment on the draft risk evaluation, at which time EPA will provide instructions for submitting public comments for the Agency's and Letter Peer Reviewers' consideration.

#### B. Why did EPA develop these documents?

TCEP is a High-Priority substance undergoing the TSCA risk evaluation process after passage of the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, which amended TSCA.

TCEP has been primarily used in paint and coating manufacturing, and in polymers used in aerospace equipment and products. In the past it has also been used in commercial and consumer products, including fabric and textile, products, foam seating, and construction materials. TCEP may also be imported in articles intended for consumer use.

In August 2020, EPA published a final scope document for 20 High-Priority substances, including TCEP, outlining the hazards, exposures, conditions of use, and the potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulations the Agency expects to consider in its risk evaluation.

EPA is submitting the “2023 Draft Risk Evaluation for Tris(2-chloroethyl) Phosphate (TCEP)” and associated supporting documents for Letter Peer Review. The Letter Peer Review will include review of the analysis of physical chemical properties, the fate of TCEP in the environment, releases of TCEP to the environment, environmental hazard and risk characterization for terrestrial and aquatic species, and human health hazard and risk characterization for workers, consumers, and the general population. Specifically, EPA is seeking comment on the following issues:

- The list of considerations EPA used to arrive at the human health hazard confidence levels and the specific confidence levels chosen for individual human health hazard outcome (neurotoxicity, reproductive/developmental effects, kidney effects, and cancer) in the TCEP risk evaluation.

- Whether the approach used to estimate anaerobic degradation in the absence of data is appropriate for assessing anaerobic degradation in sediment.

- Use of the model, Web-based Interspecies Correlation Estimation (Web-ICE), to predict acute toxicity hazard values for aquatic species not represented in the available studies. This is the first time EPA has used Web-ICE in a TSCA risk evaluation. These predictions were used with available empirical data to create a Species Sensitivity Distribution (SSD). The SSD was used to calculate a hazardous concentration for 5% of species (HC<sub>05</sub>). EPA is also using a data-driven way of accounting for uncertainty for environmental hazard and is soliciting comment on its characterization of this uncertainty, specifically its use of the lower bound of the 95% confidence interval of the hazardous HC<sub>05</sub>.

- Human health hazard benchmark dose modeling of animal toxicity data for TCEP.

- The list of considerations EPA used to arrive at the human health hazard confidence levels and the specific confidence levels chosen for individual human health hazard outcomes (neurotoxicity, reproductive/developmental effects, kidney effects, and cancer) to quantitatively evaluate risk from TCEP.

- Use of several approaches for estimating exposures to humans and environmental receptors: (1) The use of Verner 2008 Multi-compartment model, which was used to assess TCEP exposure to infants through human milk for the first time in a TSCA risk evaluation; (2) the use of Verner 2008 Multi-compartment model and

associated uncertainties in extrapolating from the inhalation to oral routes of exposure; (3) the use of AERMOD model to estimate air deposition of TCEP. EPA has used AERMOD in previous TSCA risk evaluations; however, its use in estimating air deposition is novel for TSCA risk evaluations.

- Approach for modeling drinking water contamination from wells near municipal solid waste landfills, which is a new approach for TSCA risk evaluations.

#### C. How can I access the documents submitted for review to the SACC?

EPA is planning to release the “2023 Draft Risk Evaluation for Tris(2-chloroethyl) Phosphate (TCEP)” and all background documents, related supporting materials, and draft charge questions in December 2023. At that time, EPA will publish a separate document in the **Federal Register** to announce the availability of and solicit public comment on the draft risk evaluation and provide instructions for submitting written comments. These materials will be available in the docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> (docket ID number EPA–HQ–OPPT–2023–0265) and through the TSCA Scientific Peer Review Committees website. In addition, as additional background materials become available, EPA will include those additional background documents (e.g., reviewers participating in this letter review) in the docket and through the website.

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Dated: September 26, 2023.

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## FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** 10 a.m., Thursday, October 12, 2023.

**PLACE:** You may observe the open portions of this meeting in person at 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102–5090, or virtually. If you would like to observe, at least 24 hours in advance, visit [FCA.gov](https://www.fca.gov), select “Newsroom,” then select “Events.” From there, access the linked “Instructions for board meeting visitors” and complete the described registration process.

**STATUS:** Parts of this meeting will be open to the public. The rest of the meeting will be closed to the public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The following matters will be considered:

**PORTIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

- Approval of Minutes for September 14, 2023
- Young, Beginning, and Small Farmers and Ranchers Final Rule

**PORTIONS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:**

- Office of Secondary Market Oversight Periodic Report <sup>1</sup>

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

If you need more information or assistance for accessibility reasons, or have questions, contact Ashley Waldron, Secretary to the Board. Telephone: 703-883-4009. TTY: 703-883-4056.

**Ashley Waldron,**

*Secretary to the Board.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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### Privacy Act of 1974; Matching Program

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of a new matching program.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended ("Privacy Act"), this document announces a new computer matching program the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC" or "Commission" or "Agency") and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) will conduct with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The purpose of this matching program is to verify the eligibility of applicants to and subscribers of Lifeline, and the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), both of which are administered by USAC under the direction of the FCC. More information about these programs is provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

**DATES:** Written comments are due on or before October 30, 2023. This computer matching program will commence on October 30, 2023, and will conclude 18 months after the effective date.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Elliot S. Tarloff, FCC, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554, or to *Privacy@fcc.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elliot S. Tarloff at 202-418-0886 or *Privacy@fcc.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Lifeline program provides support for discounted broadband and voice services to low-income consumers. Lifeline is administered by the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) under FCC direction. Consumers qualify for Lifeline through proof of income or participation in a qualifying program, such as Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), Federal Public Housing Assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Veterans and Survivors Pension Benefit, or various Tribal-specific federal assistance programs.

In the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Public Law 116-260, 134 Stat. 1182, 2129-36 (2020), Congress created the Emergency Broadband Benefit Program, and directed use of the National Verifier to determine eligibility based on various criteria, including the qualifications for Lifeline (Medicaid, SNAP, etc.). EBBP provided \$3.2 billion in monthly consumer discounts for broadband service and one-time provider reimbursement for a connected device (laptop, desktop computer or tablet). In the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, Public Law 117-58, 135 Stat. 429, 1238-44 (2021) (codified at 47 U.S.C. 1751-52), Congress modified and extended EBBP, provided an additional \$14.2 billion, and renamed it the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP). A household may qualify for the ACP benefit under various criteria, including an individual qualifying for the FCC's Lifeline program.

In a Report and Order adopted on March 31, 2016, (81 FR 33026, May 24, 2016) (*2016 Lifeline Modernization Order*), the Commission ordered USAC to create a National Lifeline Eligibility Verifier ("National Verifier"), including the National Lifeline Eligibility Database (LED), that would match data about Lifeline applicants and subscribers with other data sources to verify the eligibility of an applicant or subscriber. The Commission found that the National Verifier would reduce compliance costs for Lifeline service providers, improve service for Lifeline subscribers, and reduce waste, fraud, and abuse in the program.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 directs the FCC to leverage the National Verifier to verify applicants' eligibility for ACP. The purpose of this matching program is to verify the eligibility of Lifeline and ACP applicants and subscribers by

determining whether they receive Federal Public Housing Assistance benefits administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### Participating Agencies

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; Federal Communications Commission.

### Authority for Conducting the Matching Program

The authority to conduct the matching program for the FCC's ACP is 47 U.S.C. 1752(a)-(b). The authority to conduct the matching program for the FCC's Lifeline program is 47 U.S.C. 254(a)-(c), (j).

### Purpose(s)

The purpose of this new matching agreement is to verify the eligibility of applicants and subscribers to Lifeline, as well as to ACP and other Federal programs that use qualification for Lifeline as an eligibility criterion. This new agreement will permit eligibility verification for the Lifeline program and ACP by checking an applicant's/ subscriber's participation in Federal Public Housing Assistance. Under FCC rules, consumers receiving these benefits qualify for Lifeline discounts and also for ACP benefits.

### Categories of Individuals

The categories of individuals whose information is involved in the matching program include, but are not limited to, those individuals who have applied for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are currently receiving Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are individuals who enable another individual in their household to qualify for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; are minors whose status qualifies a parent or guardian for Lifeline and/or ACP benefits; or are individuals who have received Lifeline and/or ACP benefits.

### Categories of Records

The categories of records involved in the matching program include, but are not limited to, the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security Number, date of birth, state of residence, and first and last name. The National Verifier will transfer these data elements to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, which will respond either "yes" or "no" that the individual is enrolled in a qualifying assistance program: Federal Public Housing Assistance administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

<sup>1</sup> Session Closed-Exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(8) and (9).