

The tri-isononyl tri-mellitate tri-ester is made by reacting primary isononyl (C9) alcohol with trimellitic anhydride. The ester is produced by esterification of 3 moles of isononyl C9 alcohol and 1 mole of trimellitic anhydride in the presence of a catalyst.

By using excess alcohol (up to 30% molar excess of C9 alcohol) and removing the water, the equilibrium is shifted towards the formation of the tri-ester. The reactants are charged into a reactor and heated up. The reaction rate is accelerated by using, for example, tetra-n-butyl titanate introduced at high temperature (140°C–250°C), while removing the water formed.

Excess alcohol is distilled from the ester by vacuum prior to neutralization and recycled into subsequent batches. The final ester is purified by neutralizing with a base such as an aqueous solution of sodium carbonate. The remaining excess water is distilled off and the ester is then filtered using filter agents. The degree of purity of the ester is min 99.0 wt%.

(7) *Stoichiometric material consumption equation, based on process identified as predominant method of production:*

7.22 C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub> [propylene] + 0.46 C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>10</sub> [amylenes] + 3 CO [carbon monoxide] + 6 H<sub>2</sub> [hydrogen] + C<sub>9</sub>H<sub>4</sub>O<sub>5</sub> [trimellitic anhydride] → C<sub>36</sub>H<sub>60</sub>O<sub>6</sub> [tri-isononyl trimellitate] + 2 H<sub>2</sub>O [water]

(8) *Tax rate calculated by Petitioner, based on Petitioner's conversion factors for taxable chemicals used in production of substance:*

(i) *Tax rate:* \$5.06 per ton.

(ii) *Conversion factors:* 0.52 for propylene.

(9) *Public docket number:* IRS–2025–0057.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### National Research Advisory Council, Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. ch. 10, that the National Research Advisory Council (NRAC) will hold a meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, via Teams. The teleconference number is 1–872–701–0185, Phone Conference ID: 192

450 229# or the meeting link is: [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_YzI5OWVhMDgtNWMyZi00NjAzLTg3NWItZDRhNjk5YmE1MGIw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%22e95f1b23-abaf-45ee-821d-b7ab251ab3bf%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%22bbe000de-64c3-4465-99a0-83e8fddd9836%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YzI5OWVhMDgtNWMyZi00NjAzLTg3NWItZDRhNjk5YmE1MGIw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%22e95f1b23-abaf-45ee-821d-b7ab251ab3bf%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%22bbe000de-64c3-4465-99a0-83e8fddd9836%22%7d).

The meeting will convene at 11:00 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. This meeting is open to the public and will include time reserved for public comments at the end of the meeting. The public comment period will be 30 minutes. Individual stakeholders will be afforded 3 to 5 minutes to express their comments.

The purpose of NRAC is to advise the Secretary on research conducted by the Veterans Health Administration, including policies and programs targeting the high priority of Veterans' health care needs.

On June 4, 2025, the agenda will include the annual Federal Advisory Committee Act and ethics trainings; agenda setting and objectives planning for fiscal year 2026; 18 U.S.C. 208, conflict of interest; presentations from the NRAC subcommittees; and public comments.

Members of the public may submit written statements for review by the NRAC in advance of the meeting. Public comments may be received no later than close of business May 28, 2025, for inclusion in the official meeting record. Please send statements to Amanda Garcia, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Research and Development (14RD), Department of Veterans Affairs, 811 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, at 202–304–3540, or [Amanda.Garcia@va.gov](mailto:Amanda.Garcia@va.gov). Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Amanda Garcia at the above phone number or email address noted above.

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### Cooperative Studies Scientific Evaluation Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal

Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. ch. 10, that the Cooperative Studies Scientific Evaluation Committee (CSSEC) will hold a meeting on June 12, 2025, at the VA Office of Research & Development Conference Room (4042) at 811 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20571, 9:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. EST.

The Committee provides expert advice on VA cooperative studies, multi-site clinical research activities, and policies related to conducting and managing these efforts. The session will be open to the public for the first 30 minutes of the meeting (approximately) for the discussion of administrative matters and the general status of the program. The remaining portion of the meeting will be closed to the public for the Committee's review, discussion, and evaluation of research and development applications.

During the closed portion of the meeting, the Committee's discussions and recommendations will address the qualifications of the personnel conducting the studies; staff and consultant critiques of research proposals and similar documents; and the medical records of study subjects, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Additionally, premature disclosure of research information to the public could significantly obstruct implementation of approved research activities. As provided by Public Law 92–463 subsection 10(d), and amended by Public Law 94–409, closing the Committee meeting is in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B).

The Committee will not accept oral comments from the public for the open portion of the meeting. Members of the public who wish to attend the open teleconference should call 872–701–0185, conference ID 554 433 71#. Those who plan to attend, would like additional information, or would like to submit written comments should contact David Burnaska, Program Manager, Cooperative Studies Program (14RD), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, at [David.Burnaska@va.gov](mailto:David.Burnaska@va.gov).

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