

obtained thus far relating to the conditions of use for the ten chemical substances. To assist EPA in this scoping process, EPA is providing the public with an opportunity to identify information specifically related to the conditions of use (*i.e.*, the circumstances under which a chemical substance is intended, known, or reasonably foreseen to be manufactured, processed, distributed in commerce, used, or disposed of). EPA plans to use this information as it develops scoping documents for the TSCA risk evaluations for the ten chemical substances.

In view of the statutory deadline to complete these ten risk evaluations, it will be difficult, and may not be possible, for EPA to adjust the scope of the evaluations following release of the scoping document under TSCA section 6(b)(4)(D). In addition, EPA notes that the scoping document is a foundation for determining the scope of preemption arising after final risk evaluations (TSCA section 18(a)(1)(B)). Thus, EPA requests that members of the public provide any available information relating to the scope of the risk evaluations at the February meeting or to the docket by March 1, 2017. EPA will likely not be able to accommodate information as to scope received after that time.

### III. Meeting

#### A. Remote Access

The meeting will be accessible remotely for registered participants. Registered participants will receive information on how to connect remotely to the meeting prior to its start.

#### B. Public Participation at the Meeting

Anyone may register to attend the meeting as observers and may also register to provide oral comments on the day of the meeting. A registered speaker is encouraged to focus on issues directly relevant to the meeting's subject matter. Each speaker is allowed no more than 5 minutes to provide oral comments. To accommodate as many registered speakers as possible, speakers may present oral comments only, without visual aids or written material.

#### C. Submitting Written Materials

Anyone may submit written materials to the dockets described in Unit IV.C.

### IV. How can I request to participate in this meeting?

#### A. Registration

To attend the meeting in person or to receive remote access, you must register no later than February 10, 2017, using

one of the methods described under **ADDRESSES**. While on-site registration will be available, seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to early registrants, until room capacity is reached. The Agency anticipates that approximately 125 people will be able to attend the meeting in person. For registrants not able to attend in person, the meeting will also provide remote access capabilities; registered participants will be provided information on how to connect to the meeting prior to its start.

#### B. Required Registration Information

Members of the public may register to attend as observers or speak if planning to offer oral comments during the scheduled public comment period. To register for the meeting online, you must provide your full name, organization or affiliation, and contact information to the on-line signup or to the meeting registration contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Do not submit any information in your request that is considered Confidential Business Information (CBI). Requests to participate in the meeting, identified by docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0002, must be received on or before February 10, 2017.

#### C. Risk Evaluation Dockets for the Ten Chemical Substances

You may also elect to provide information to EPA's dockets for the ten chemical substances for which risk evaluations have begun. EPA has established separate dockets for each of the ten chemical substances for risk evaluation to facilitate receipt of information which may be useful to the Agency's risk evaluations. As noted above, EPA is asking the public for assistance in identifying information specifically related to the conditions of use (*i.e.*, intended, known or reasonably foreseen uses) that would assist the Agency in identifying potential exposure scenarios (pathways, routes and populations). EPA is requesting that any such information be submitted by March 1, 2017.

*1,4-Dioxane*. Docket ID No.: EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0723.

*1-Bromopropane*. Docket ID No.: EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0741.

*Asbestos*. Docket ID No.: EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0736.

*Carbon Tetrachloride*. Docket ID No.: EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0733.

*Cyclic Aliphatic Bromide Cluster (Hexabromocyclododecane or HBCD)*. Docket ID No.: EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0735.

*Methylene Chloride*. Docket ID No.: EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0742.

*N-Methylpyrrolidone (NMP)*. Docket ID No.: EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0743.

*Pigment Violet 29 (Anthra[2,1,9-def:6,5,10-d'e']diisoquinoline-1,3,8,10(2H,9H)-tetrone)*. Docket ID No.: EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0725.

*Trichloroethylene (TCE)*. Docket ID No.: EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0737.

*Tetrachloroethylene (also known as Perchloroethylene)*. Docket ID No.: EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0732.

Information can be submitted by one of the following methods:

*Online using the Federal eRulemaking Portal*: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the online instructions for submitting information or comments. Once submitted, this information cannot be edited or withdrawn. EPA may publish any information received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written statement or information. The written information should include discussion of all points you wish to make. Learn more about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments or providing useful information by visiting EPA's Web site at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

*Mail*: Document Control Office (7407M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

*Hand Delivery*: To make special arrangements for hand delivery or delivery of boxed information, please follow instructions at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.html>.

**Authority**: 15 U.S.C. 2605.

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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#### Request for Nominations for Peer Reviewers and for Public Comment on Peer Review Materials To Inform the Derivation of a Water Concentration Value for Lead in Drinking Water

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for nominations for peer reviewers and request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the release of materials for public comment that relate to the expert external peer review of documents intended to support the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Act assessment of lead in drinking water. EPA invites the public to nominate scientific experts to be considered as peer reviewers for the contract-managed peer review. Nominations of peer review candidates will be accepted by EPA's contractor, Eastern Research Group, Inc. (ERG). EPA also requests public comment on the draft report entitled "Proposed Modeling Approaches for a Health Based Benchmark for Lead in Drinking Water" and the draft charge questions for the expert peer review panel. These materials will be reviewed by an expert peer review panel and public comments will be made available to the peer reviewers for consideration in their review.

**DATES:** The nominations for expert peer review candidates must be received by ERG on or before February 21, 2017. Comments on the draft lead modeling report and draft peer review panel charge questions must be received by EPA on or before March 6, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Any interested person or organization may nominate scientific experts to be considered as peer reviewers. Nominations should be submitted to ERG no later than February 21, 2017 by one of the following methods:

- *Email:* [peerreview@erg.com](mailto:peerreview@erg.com) (subject line: Lead in Drinking Water Peer Review)

- *Mail:* Eastern Research Group, Inc. (ERG), 110 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA 02421, ATTN: Laurie Waite (must arrive by nomination deadline).

Nominations should include all nominee information outlined in section III of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

Submit your comments on the draft lead modeling report and draft charge, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2016-0686, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or withdrawn. EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically 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 content 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 <http://www2.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Questions concerning nominations of expert peer reviewers should be directed to Eastern Research Group, Inc. (ERG), 110 Hartwell Avenue, Lexington, MA 02421; by email at [peerreview@erg.com](mailto:peerreview@erg.com) (subject line: Lead in Drinking Water Peer Review); or by phone: (781) 674-7362 (ask for Laurie Waite).

For additional information concerning the draft lead modeling report and draft peer review charge questions, please contact Erik Helm at the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, Standards and Risk Management Division, (Mail Code 4607M), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460; by phone: 202-566-1049; or by email: [helm.erik@epa.gov](mailto:helm.erik@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Information on EPA's Lead in Drinking Water Modeling**

EPA's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water is in the process of considering National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for Lead and Copper: Regulatory Revisions (LCR) to improve public health protection by making changes to rule requirements under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). EPA has engaged with stakeholder groups and the public to inform revisions to the LCR. As part of this work, the EPA's National Drinking Water Advisory Committee (NDWAC) Lead and Copper Rule Working Group was established to inform NDWAC advice to the Administrator on recommendations to strengthen public health protections of the Lead and Copper Rule. In December 2015, the NDWAC provided specific recommendations to the EPA Administrator for LCR revisions related to lead service line replacement, public education, corrosion control treatment, copper, tap sampling, and the establishment of a "household action level." The NDWAC recommended that

water systems be required to notify the consumer and the local public health agency if this level was exceeded, with the expectation that individuals and local health officials will use this information to take prompt actions at the household level to mitigate lead risks.

While EPA has not yet determined the specific role of a household action level in the revised LCR, the Agency has developed potential scientific modeling approaches to define the relationship between lead levels in drinking water and blood lead levels, particularly for sensitive life stages such as formula fed infants and children up to age seven. EPA is using the terminology "health based benchmark" to refer to this concept. EPA is conducting an expert peer review of alternative approaches to inform future consideration of a health based benchmark for the LCR revisions. The purpose of this review is to obtain feedback on various lead modeling methods that can be used to characterize the relationship between lead in drinking water and children's blood lead levels.

EPA has developed three approaches that model how lead in drinking water influences blood lead levels (BLLs) of children. All the approaches use the Integrated Exposure Uptake and Biokinetic (IEUBK) Model for Lead in Children. Approaches 1 and 2 assess the relationship between water lead concentration and potential BLLs at different points in the IEUBK predicted distribution of BLLs. Approach 3 uses EPA's Stochastic Human Exposure and Dose Simulation model for multimedia, multipathway chemicals (SHEDS-Multimedia), coupled with IEUBK, to determine the drinking water lead concentrations that would result in BLLs at particular percentiles of a simulated national distribution of BLLs for children at various ages.

**II. How To Obtain the Draft Lead Modeling Report and the Draft Peer Review Charge Questions**

EPA's draft lead modeling report entitled "Proposed Modeling Approaches for a Health Based Benchmark for Lead in Drinking Water" and the draft charge for the peer review panel are available electronically and can be accessed using the Public Docket at <http://www.regulations.gov> (Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2016-0686). All written comments must be submitted during the public comment period.

**III. How To Submit Nominations for Peer Reviewers**

*Expertise sought:* EPA is seeking candidates who are nationally and/or

internationally recognized scientific experts to serve as external peer reviewers for the draft report regarding approaches to modeling children's BLL associated with lead in drinking water. The review is not intended to provide EPA with advice on the public health implications of alternative BLLs. As such, EPA is seeking nominees who possess a strong background and demonstrated expertise in one or more of the following areas: (1) Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic modeling, particularly with regard to lead, (2) environmental lead exposure analyses, particularly with regard probabilistic modeling.

**Selection criteria:** Selection criteria for individuals nominated to serve as external peer reviewers of the draft report include the following: (1) Demonstrated expertise through relevant peer reviewed publications; (2) professional accomplishments and recognition by professional societies; (3) demonstrated ability to work constructively and effectively in a committee setting; (4) absence of financial conflicts of interest; (5) no actual conflicts of interest or appearance of lack of impartiality; (6) willingness to commit adequate time for the thorough review of the draft report; and (7) availability to participate in-person in a one-day or two-day peer review meeting in the Washington, DC metro area, projected to occur in June 2017 (exact date will be published in the **Federal Register** at least 30 days prior to the external peer review meeting). Further logistical information regarding the external peer review meeting will be announced at a later date in the **Federal Register**.

**Required nominee information:** To receive full consideration, the following information should be submitted to ERG at [peerreview@epa.com](mailto:peerreview@epa.com) (the subject line should read: Lead in Drinking Water Peer Review): (1) Contact information for the person making the nomination; (2) contact information for the nominee; (3) the disciplinary and specific areas of expertise of the nominee; (4) the nominee's curriculum vitae; and (5) a biographical sketch of the nominee indicating current position, educational background, past and current research activities, recent service on other advisory committees, peer review panels, editorial boards or professional organizations, sources of recent grant and/or contract support and other comments on the relevance of the nominee's expertise to this peer review topic. Compensation for non-federal peer reviewers will be provided by ERG.

**Selection process:** EPA's contractor, ERG, will notify nominees of selection

or non-selection. ERG may also conduct an independent search for candidates to assemble a balanced group representing the expertise needed to fully evaluate EPA's draft report, entitled "Proposed Modeling Approaches for a Health Based Benchmark for Lead in Drinking Water." ERG will consider and screen all nominees against the criteria previously listed. Following the screening process, ERG will narrow the list of potential reviewers to approximately 10–16 candidates. Prior to selecting the final peer reviewers, a **Federal Register** document will be published (exact date to be determined) to solicit comments on the interim list of candidates. In that document, the public will be requested to provide relevant information or documentation on the nominees within 30 days of the announcement of the interim list of candidates. Once ERG has considered the public comments on the interim list of candidates, ERG will select the final list of peer reviewers, based on who, collectively, will best provide expertise spanning the disciplines previously listed and (to the extent feasible) best provide a balance of perspectives.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### FY2017 Supplemental Funding for Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grantees

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

**ACTION:** Notice of the availability of funds.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) plans to make available approximately \$13 million to provide supplemental funds to Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) capitalization grants previously awarded competitively under section 104(k)(3) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund pilots awarded under section 104(d)(1) of CERCLA that have not transitioned to section 104(k)(3) grants are not eligible to apply for these funds. EPA will consider awarding supplemental funding only to RLF grantees who have demonstrated an

ability to deliver programmatic results by making at least one loan or subgrant. The award of these funds is based on the criteria described at CERCLA 104(k)(4)(A)(ii).

The Agency is now accepting requests for supplemental funding from RLF grantees. Requests for funding must be submitted to the appropriate EPA Regional Brownfields Coordinator (listed below) by March 1, 2017. Funding requests for hazardous substances and/or petroleum funding will be accepted. Specific information on submitting a request for RLF supplemental funding is described below and additional information may be obtained by contacting the EPA Regional Brownfields Coordinator.

**DATES:** This action is effective January 19, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** A request for supplemental funding must be in the form of a letter addressed to the appropriate Regional Brownfields Coordinator (see listing below) with a copy to Pankaj Arora, [arora.pankaj@epa.gov](mailto:arora.pankaj@epa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pankaj Arora, U.S. EPA, (202) 566–1388 or the appropriate Brownfields Regional Coordinator.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act added section 104(k) to CERCLA to authorize federal financial assistance for brownfields revitalization, including grants for assessment, cleanup and job training. Section 104(k) includes a provision for EPA to, among other things, award grants to eligible entities to capitalize Revolving Loan Funds and to provide loans and subgrants for brownfields cleanup. Section 104(k)(4)(A)(ii) authorizes EPA to make additional grant funds available to RLF grantees for any year after the year for which the initial grant is made (noncompetitive RLF supplemental funding) taking into consideration:

(I) The number of sites and number of communities that are addressed by the revolving loan fund;

(II) the demand for funding by eligible entities that have not previously received a grant under this subsection;

(III) the demonstrated ability of the eligible entity to use the revolving loan fund to enhance remediation and provide funds on a continuing basis; and

(IV) such other similar factors as the [Agency] considers appropriate to carry out this subsection.