

Attachment G

“Big Issues”

1. How are you addressing the fact that there are large differences in data availability between candidates?
2. How are you addressing the fact that there are large differences in the *quality* of data that might be available between candidates?
3. If you are proposing a choice between alternative methods, how did you measure and compare the alternatives, and how did this lead to your decision?
4. When you consider alternative methods, how did your decision reflect a) the *process* underlying each method and b) the *outcome* or *result in* produced by the process?
5. When you propose methods, are you proposing that the same methods be applied to chemicals and microbes or that there will be different methods? What is the justification? How are the two methods to be integrated in the end?
6. What is your timetable for implementation? Which methods should the EPA implement for the next CCL? Which methods should the EPA consider for later CCLs? How will the EPA determine when the method (whatever that might be) is ready to implement?
7. What *specific* work should EPA conduct to move the further development of methods forward?
8. How do your proposals meet the general principles of the work group?
9. How does your proposed method reflect the desired attributes of the CCL, which is to identify contaminants that a) clearly pose a risk, b) are suggestive of risk that need further research, etc.?