

USER GUIDE TO THE DOCKET FOR THE ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING FOR THE ORGANIC CHEMICALS, PLASTICS AND SYNTHETIC FIBERS POINT SOURCE CATEGORY

Docket Number: EPA-HQ-OW-2020-0582

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This document provides information on how to reference and search the docket supporting the Clean Water Act Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards (ELGs) for the Organic Chemicals, Plastics and Synthetic Fibers (OCPSF) point source category. This users guide focuses on the Agency's advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) to solicit data and information regarding manufacturers and formulators of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs) and the presence and treatment of PFASs in discharges from this industrial category. See the Federal Register Notice presenting the EPA's ANPRM for the OCPSF point source category ([86 FR 14560](#)).

Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2020-0582 is the official docket for the ANPRM and potential future rulemaking relating to the ELGs applicable to the OCPSF point source category. This docket contains all notices, supporting and related materials, and public submissions since the EPA announced the ANPRM in March 2021.

The official docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in the Federal Register notices of these actions, any public comments received, and other related information. Although it is a part of the official docket, Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute is not included in the materials available to the public.

How can I access the docket?

The official public docket is the collection of electronic and hard copy materials. Users can access the electronic version of the public docket supporting the ANPRM for the OCPSF point source category online at www.regulations.gov. All electronic and hard copy materials are made publicly available at the Water Docket in the EPA Docket Center, (EPA/DC), located in the EPA Headquarters Library, WJC West Building, Room Number 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC.

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How are Documents Organized in the EPA-HQ-OW-2020-0582 Docket?

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What is the Docket EPA-HQ-OW-2020-0582 Subject Outline?

The EPA has prepared a *subject outline* of the documents included in EPA-HQ-OW-2020-0582 to help you locate documents that address related topics or subjects, see Attachment 1. With the exception of public submissions, each document in the docket has been assigned to an outline section.

Who can I contact for further information?

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Attachment 1

ANPRM FOR THE OCPSF CATEGORY – RECORD SECTION SUBJECT OUTLINE

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RECORD SECTION SUBJECT GUIDE

2021 ANPRM

1.0 INDUSTRY DESCRIPTION

- 1.1 **Industry Profile** (Correspondence and general information from trade associations, industry, and other stakeholders; process literature; company reports; product literature; industry statistics; description of other industries related to PFAS reduction or control.)
- 1.2 **Industry Regulatory Status** (Relevant state regulations, permits, and other applicable regulations to the industry to date.)
- 1.3 **Process Technologies** (General description of facility operations and equipment, treatment in place, possibly including vendor information.)
- 1.4 **Other Literature** (Process chemistry, toxicology information, pollution and environmental concerns, and newspaper and related press articles.)
- 1.5 **Public Meetings and Stakeholder Outreach Materials**

2.0 TECHNICAL DATA (Includes data and information collected.)

- 2.1 **Federal Government Data** (Materials from EPA and other federal agencies.)
- 2.2 **Local Government and Permitting Authority Data** (Materials from local/state governments and permitting authorities.)
- 2.3 **Industry-Submitted Data** (Materials submitted by OCPSF trade associations and companies or facilities that manufacture or formulate PFASs.)
- 2.4 **Other Literature** (Technical literature, papers, and presentations)
- 2.5 **Supplementary Data** (Other information and data collected but not filed into Sections 2.1 - 2.4)

3.0 TECHNICAL DATA INTERPRETATION (Includes evaluations of data collected.)

- 3.1 **PFAS Discharges** (Analyses and results associated with assessment of PFAS permit requirements, pollutant loadings, and concentrations in wastewater discharges.)
- 3.2 **PFAS Control Technologies** (Analyses and results associated with assessment of process controls and technologies that can reduce or eliminate PFAS releases.)
- 3.3 **PFAS Manufacture & Use** (Analyses and results associated with assessment of import, use, and manufacture of PFASs.)

4.0 ANPRM RULEMAKING PACKAGE MATERIALS (Includes draft *Federal Register* notice submitted to interagency or Office of Management and Budget review, documentation of changes made during reviews, and the final *Federal Register* notice.)