

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY CHARTER

CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROTECTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. Committee's Official Designation (Title):

Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee

2. Authority:

This charter renews the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee (CHPAC) in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. § 1001 et seq. The CHPAC is in the public interest and supports the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in performing its duties and responsibilities under the Agency's 1995 Policy on Evaluating Health Risks to Children and Executive Order 13045 of April 21, 1997 (62 Fed. Reg. 19885 (April 23, 1997)).

3. Objectives and Scope of Activities:

The CHPAC is a policy-oriented committee that will provide policy advice, information and recommendations to assist the EPA in the development of regulations, guidance and policies to address children's environmental health.

4. Description of Duties:

The duties of the CHPAC are solely to provide policy advice and recommendations to the EPA on:

- a. Policy issues associated with regulations, economics and outreach/communications to address prevention of adverse health effects to children, and improve the breadth and depth of analyses related to these efforts; and
- b. Critical policy and technical issues relating to children's health.

5. Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports:

The CHPAC will provide policy advice and recommendations and report to the EPA Administrator.

6. Support:

The EPA will be responsible for financial and administrative support. This support will be provided by the Office of Children’s Health Protection, Office of the Administrator. The EPA may pay travel and per diem expenses when determined necessary and appropriate.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years:

The estimated annual operating cost of the CHPAC is \$275,000, which includes 0.8 staff year of support.

8. Designated Federal Officer:

A full-time or permanent part-time employee of the EPA will be appointed as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO). The DFO or an alternate will be present at all meetings of the advisory committee and subcommittees. Each meeting will be conducted in accordance with an agenda approved in advance by the DFO. The DFO is authorized to adjourn any meeting when he or she determines it is in the public interest to do so and will chair meetings when directed to do so by the official to whom the committee reports.

9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:

The CHPAC expects to meet approximately two (2) to three (3) times a year. Meetings may occur approximately once every four (4) to six (6) months or as needed and approved by the DFO.

As required by FACA, the CHPAC will hold open meetings unless the EPA Administrator determines that a meeting or a portion of a meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c). Interested persons may attend meetings, appear before the committee as time permits, and file comments with the CHPAC.

10. Duration:

Continuing.

11. Termination:

This charter will be in effect for two-years from the date it is filed with Congress. After this two-year period, the charter may be renewed as authorized in accordance with Section 14 of FACA.

12. Membership and Designation:

CHPAC will be composed of approximately 24-30 members. Members will generally serve as Representatives of non-Federal interests. If needed, members may be appointed to serve as Regular Government Employees (RGE) or Special Government Employees (SGE). Representative members are selected to represent the points of view held by specific

organizations, associations or classes of individuals. In selecting members, the EPA will consider candidates from Federal, State, local and Tribal governments, the regulated community, public interest groups, health care organizations and academic institutions.

In accordance with Executive Order 14035 (June 25, 2021) and consistent with the law, the EPA values and welcomes opportunities to increase diversity, equity, inclusion and accessibility on its federal advisory committees. The EPA's federal advisory committees have a workforce that reflects the diversity of the American people.

13. Subcommittees:

The EPA, or the CHPAC with the EPA's approval, may form CHPAC subcommittees or workgroups for any purpose consistent with this charter. Such subcommittees or workgroups may not work independently of the chartered committee and must report their recommendations and advice to the chartered CHPAC for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered committee nor can they report directly to the EPA.

14. Recordkeeping:

The records of the committee, formally and informally established subcommittees, or other subgroups of the committee, will be handled in accordance with the NARA General Records Schedule 6.2 and the EPA Records Schedule 1024 or other approved agency records disposition schedule. Subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, these records will be available for public inspection and copying, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

15. Filing Date:

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Agency Approval Date

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