

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY CHARTER

Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals

1. Committee's Official Designation (Title):

Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SACC)

2. Authority:

The Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SACC) was established on December 30, 2016, pursuant to the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, Pub. L. No. 114-182, 140 Stat. 448 (2016), and in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. 10.

3. Objectives and Scope of Activities:

The SACC will provide independent advice and expert consultation, at the request of the EPA Administrator, with respect to the scientific and technical aspects of issues relating to the implementation of the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act (the Act), which amends the Toxic Substances Control Act.

4. Description of Duties:

The duties of the SACC are solely advisory in nature. The SACC will provide expert scientific advice, information, and recommendations to EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) on chemicals regulated under the Act, including:

- Review of risk assessments; models; tools; guidance documents; chemical category documents; and other chemical assessment products as deemed appropriate, that are prepared by OPPT; and
- Addressing other scientific and technical issues that OPPT identifies as critical to implementing the Act.

5. Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports:

The SACC will submit advice and recommendations and report to the EPA Administrator through the EPA Assistant Administrator for the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

6. Support:

EPA will be responsible for financial and administrative support. EPA may pay travel and per diem expenses when determined necessary and appropriate. Within EPA, this support will be provided by the Office of Program Support (OPS), within the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years:

The estimated annual operating cost of the SACC is \$1,600,000, which includes 5.4 staff years of support.

8. Designated Federal Officer:

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

9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:

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

As required by FACA, the SACC 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 SACC as time permits, and file public comments.

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 in accordance with Section 14 of FACA.

12. Membership and Designation:

The SACC will be composed of approximately 15 members who will serve as Regular Government Employees (RGEs) or Special Government Employees (SGEs). In accordance with the Act, the SACC shall be composed of representatives of such science, government, labor, public health, public interest, animal protection, industry, and other groups as the Administrator determines to be advisable, including representatives that have specific scientific expertise in the relationship of chemical exposures to women, children, and other potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulations.

In accordance with Executive Order 14035 (June 25, 2021) and consistent with law, EPA values and welcomes opportunities to increase diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility on its federal advisory committees. EPA's federal advisory committees have a workforce that reflects the diversity of the American people. Members will be persons who have demonstrated high levels of competence, knowledge, and expertise in scientific/technical fields relevant to chemical risk assessment. To the extent feasible, the members will include representation of the following disciplines, including, but not limited to: toxicology, pathology, environmental toxicology and chemistry, exposure assessment, risk assessment and related sciences, e.g., pediatrics, synthetic biology, pharmacology, biotechnology, nanotechnology, biochemistry, biostatistics, PBPK modeling, computational toxicology, epidemiology, environmental fate, and environmental engineering and sustainability.

13. Subcommittees:

EPA, or the SACC with EPA's approval, may form subcommittees or workgroups for any purpose consistent with this charter. Such subcommittees or workgroups may not work independently of the chartered SACC and must report their recommendations and advice to the chartered committee 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 SACC, formally and informally established subcommittees or workgroups, or other subgroups of the committee, will be handled in accordance with NARA General Records Schedule 6.2, and 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 FACA.

15. Filing:

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