

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY CHARTER

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## SCIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CHEMICALS

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### 1. **Advisory Committee's Official Designation:**

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 evaluations; models; tools; guidance documents; chemical category documents; and other chemical assessment products as deemed appropriate, that are prepared or utilized by OPPT; and
- Addressing other scientific and technical issues that OPPT identifies as critical to implementing the Act

### 5. **Agency or Federal Officer Receiving the Advisory Committee's Advice and Recommendations:**

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

**6. Support:**

EPA is responsible for financial and administrative support. Within EPA, this support will be provided by the Office of Mission Critical Operations (OMCO), within the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

**7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years:**

The estimated annual operating costs of the SACC is \$1.23M, which includes the following:

- Based on full-time equivalent (FTE) and other federal internal costs. The estimated annual cost (per person years of staff support required) is 5.4 work years, at an estimated annual cost of \$980,000. The estimate for other Federal internal costs is \$60,000.
- The estimated cost for 17 non-federal members is \$140,000. the pro-rated salary of 2 federal members is \$70,000.
- Reimbursable costs are estimated at \$50,000 and is used for members' travel expenses.

**8. Designated Federal Officer:**

The EPA Administrator must appoint a full-time or permanent part-time employee, to be the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for this advisory committee and its subcommittees. The DFO must:

- Ensure their advisory committee activities comply with FACA, FACA Final Rule, EPA administrative procedures, and any other applicable laws and regulations;
- Approve or call all meetings of the advisory committee or subcommittee;
- Approve the agenda Approve the agenda, except that this requirement does not apply to a Presidential advisory committee.
- Attend all advisory committee and subcommittee meetings for their duration;
- Fulfill the requirements under § 10(b) of the Act (codified at 5 U.S.C. 1009(b));
- Adjourn any meeting when the DFO determines it to be in the public interest;
- Chair any meeting when so directed by the agency head;
- Maintain information on advisory committee activities and provide such information to the public, as applicable; and
- Ensure advisory committee members and subcommittee members, as applicable, receive the appropriate training (e.g., FACA overview, ethics training) for efficient operation and compliance with the Act and FACA Final Rule.

**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, or file comments with the SACC, and its committees and panels.

**10. Duration:**

The duration is continuing, subject to the Termination section below.

**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 1013 of FACA.

**12. Membership and Designation:**

The SACC will be composed of approximately 20-25 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 EPA 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. To best fulfill the statutory requirements, OCSPP has determined that members will be persons who have demonstrated high levels of competence, knowledge, and expertise in scientific/technical fields relevant to chemical risk evaluation. 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, **(the agency removed "Synthetic Biology?")** pharmacology, biotechnology, nanotechnology, biochemistry, biostatistics, PBPK modeling, computational toxicology, epidemiology, environmental fate, and environmental engineering.

The SACC may include a Co-Leader or, when appropriate, rotating Co-Leaders, as determined by the DFO, to assist the SACC Chair with subject-matter leadership for specific meeting topics or charge questions. The designation of Co-Leaders shall not alter, supersede, or otherwise affect the responsibilities or authorities of the SACC Chair as defined under FACA and the EPA Federal Advisory Committee Handbook. Co-leaders shall be selected from the current SACC members and shall serve in an advisory capacity under the direction of the SACC Chair and Designated Federal Officer.

**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. 5 U.S.C. § 1009(b).

**15. Filing Date:**

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Agency Approval Date

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GSA Consultation Completion Date

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