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Re: Response to Request for Correction of Information under the Information Quality Act: 1) EPA Questions and Answers About TSCA; and 2) EPA Questions and Answers about Designation of PFOA and PFOS as Hazardous Substances under CERCLA (RFC 26001)

Dear Mr. Whitehouse,

This letter is the response to the Request for Correction (RFC), dated October 29, 2025, and assigned **RFC #26001** for tracking purposes, that was submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to [EPA's Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the EPA](#) (EPA IQG).

Summary of the RFC

In the RFC, PEER requested the retraction of two EPA publications containing alleged erroneous information about perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) on its website:

- 1. EPA Questions and Answers About TSCA. (Fact Sheet: 2010/2015 PFOA Stewardship Program)**

"Q8.[Is] ... perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), and other long-chain PFASs still being manufactured or imported into United States?"

The manufacture and import of PFOA has also been phased out in United States as part of the PFOA Stewardship program. Existing stocks of PFOA might still be used and there might be PFOA in some imported articles."³

- 2. Questions and Answers about Designation of PFOA and PFOS as Hazardous Substances under CERCLA**

"Have PFOA and PFOS been phased out? Are they still in use?"

Domestic production and import of PFOA has been phased out in the United States by the companies participating in the 2010/2015 PFOA Stewardship Program. Small quantities of PFOA may be produced, imported, and used by companies not participating in the PFOA Stewardship Program...”⁴

EPA’s Response to the RFC

In response to PEER’s request, EPA is updating its websites for the TSCA and CERCLA programs regarding the language related to the 2010/2015 PFOA Stewardship Program to reflect recent updates and is making the changes outlined in paragraphs one and two below.

- 1. TSCA: Q8. Are perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), and other long-chain PFASs still being manufactured or imported into United States?** PFOS was not reported as manufactured (including imported) into the U.S. as part of the 2012 Chemical Data Reporting (CDR) effort or the previous collection effort in 2006. CDR requires manufacturers (including importers) to report if they meet certain production volume thresholds, generally 25,000 lbs at a single site. The last time PFOS manufacture was reported to EPA as part of this collection effort was 2002. There are some limited ongoing uses of PFOS (see 40 CFR §721.9582).

We added this text at the end of the paragraph: “To access the data, go to *EPA’s Access CDR Data webpage*.¹”

We removed this text: “The manufacture and import of PFOA has also been phased out in United States as part of the PFOA Stewardship program. Existing stocks of PFOA might still be used and there might be PFOA in some imported articles.”

We replaced the sentences above to: “Domestic production and import of PFOA has been phased out in the United States by the companies participating in the 2010/2015 PFOA Stewardship Program². Quantities of PFOA may be produced, imported, and used by companies not participating in the PFOA Stewardship Program and some uses of PFOS are ongoing. In addition, the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) is a publicly available database of annual toxic chemical release and waste management data reported by certain facilities under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know-Act (EPCRA). For information on PFAS chemicals listed under TRI, visit EPA’s TRI Program Website³.”

- 2. CERCLA: Have PFOA and PFOS been phased out? Are they still in use?**

“Domestic production and import of PFOA has been phased out in the United States by the companies participating in the 2010/2015 PFOA Stewardship Program. Small quantities of PFOA

¹ <https://www.epa.gov/chemical-data-reporting/access-chemical-data-reporting-data>

² <https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-10/documents/pfoaguidance.pdf>

³ <https://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program>

may be produced, imported, and used by companies not participating in the PFOA Stewardship Program and some uses of PFOS are ongoing.”

We replaced “Small quantities” with “Quantities.”

In conclusion, as outlined in this letter, the EPA is taking measures to respond to your RFC by updating its websites for the TSCA and CERCLA programs.

Thank you for your interest in the EPA’s information quality efforts. Should you have questions or need additional information about the EPA’s IQG process, you may contact us via email to quality@epa.gov (our preferred method), or via regular mail to the EPA Data and Enterprise Programs Division, Mail Code 2821T, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460.

Sincerely,

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