



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Value of Information (VOI) under the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) – July 2023

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has selected technical experts to serve as Special Government Employees (SGEs) on a review panel under the authority of the Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC), a federal advisory committee to the Office of Research and Development (ORD). Selected experts will participate in the review of the Office of Research and Development (ORD)'s draft report on a case study that uses value of information (VOI) analysis to weigh the public health and economic trade-offs associated with the timeliness, uncertainty, and costs of the draft EPA Transcriptomic Assessment Product (ETAP). The ETAP is a proposed ORD assessment product that utilizes a standardized short-term *in vivo* study design and data analysis procedures to develop a transcriptomic-based reference values for data poor chemicals.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, July 26, 2023, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. All times noted are Eastern Time and approximate. The meeting may adjourn early if all business is finished. Attendees should register by July 18, 2023, at https://EPA-VOI_July_meeting.eventbrite.com. Requests for making oral presentations at the meeting will be accepted up to one business day before the meeting. Comments may be submitted through Friday, July 21, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Instructions on how to connect to the videoconference via Zoom will be provided upon registration at: https://EPA-VOI_July_meeting.eventbrite.com. Please note that no Zoom information for the meeting will be provided without registration.

- www.regulations.gov: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* Send comments by electronic mail (email) to: ORD.Docket@epa.gov, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0765.
- *Fax:* Fax comments to: (202) 566-0224, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0765.
- *Mail:* Send comments by mail to: Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC) Executive Committee Docket, Mail Code: 2822T, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20004, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0765.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Deliver comments to: EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), Room 3334, William Jefferson Clinton West Building, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2015-0765. Note: This is not a mailing address. Deliveries are only accepted during the docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions: The EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at www.regulations.gov including any personal information provided unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through www.regulations.gov or email. The www.regulations.gov website is an “anonymous access” system, which means the EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to the EPA without going through www.regulations.gov, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the internet. If you submit an electronic comment, the EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If the EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, the EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should

avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about the EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Tom Tracy, via phone/voicemail at: 919-541-4334; or via email at: tracy.tom@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

General Information: The meeting is open to the public. Any member of the public interested in receiving a draft agenda, attending the meeting, or making a presentation at the meeting may contact Tom Tracy, the Designated Federal (DFO), via any of the contact methods listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above. Individuals making an oral presentation will be limited to a total of three minutes.

For security purposes, all attendees must provide their names to the DFO by registering online at https://EPA-VOI_July_meeting.eventbrite.com by July 21, 2023, and must go through a metal detector, sign in with the security desk, and show REAL ID Act-compliant government-issued photo identification to enter the building. Attendees are encouraged to arrive at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting to allow enough time for security screening. Proposed agenda items for the meeting include but are not limited to the following: Review of charge questions, overview of the report outlining the case study that uses VOI analysis to weigh the public health and economic trade-offs associated with the timeliness, uncertainty, and costs of the draft EPA Transcriptomic Assessment Product (ETAP), and subcommittee deliberations.

Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Tom Tracy (202) 564-6518 or tracy.tom@epa.gov. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Tom Tracy, preferably at least ten days prior to the meeting, to give the EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

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