



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2003-0004; FRL-11389-01-OCSPPT]

Access to Confidential Business Information by Eastern Research Group (ERG) and its Subcontractors

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized the following contractor and subcontractors to access information which has been submitted to EPA under all sections of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), some of which may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI): Eastern Research Group Inc. (ERG) of Lexington, MA/Chantilly, VA and its subcontractors as listed in Unit III.

DATES: Access will occur no sooner than **[INSERT DATE 7 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2003-0004, is available at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Additional instructions on accessing the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *For technical information contact:* Colby Lintner, Program Management and Operations Division (7407M), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-8182; email address: lintner.colby@epa.gov or Adam Schwoerer; telephone number: (202) 564-4767; email address: schwoerer.adam@epa.gov.

For general information contact: The TSCA-Hotline, ABVI-Goodwill, 422 South Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14620; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; email address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to all who manufacture, process, or distribute industrial chemicals. Because other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action.

II. What is the Agency's authority for taking this action?

This notice is provided pursuant to section 14 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), 15 U.S.C. 2601 et seq., and EPA implementing regulations in 40 CFR part 2.

III. What action is the Agency taking?

Under EPA contract number 68HERC23D0006, Eastern Research Group (ERG) and its subcontractors as identified in this unit will provide support for Chemical Screening, Review, and Evaluation of New, Existing, and Safer Choice Chemical Substances in accordance with the Performance Work Statement which are vital to Agency personnel to make informed decisions on environmental issues and other information that maybe claimed as TSCA CBI in accordance with the TSCA Security Manual.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that to perform successfully the duties specified under EPA contract number 68HERC23D0006, the contractor and its subcontractors will require access to information that may contain CBI submitted under all sections of TSCA. As such, personnel of the contractor and its subcontractors will be given access to information that may be claimed or determined to be CBI information submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under all sections of TSCA that EPA will provide the herein identified contractor and its subcontractors with access to the CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at EPA Headquarters, and/or at the following facilities of the contractor and/or

subcontractors:

- Eastern Research Group (ERG), located at 110 Hartwell Ave., Lexington, MA, 02421 and 14555 Avion Parkway, Suite 200, Chantilly, VA;
- Avanti Corporation, located at 5695 King Centre Dr., #301, Alexandria, VA 22315;
- Kathleen Wolf, located at 22319 43rd Dr. S.E., Bothell, WA 98021;
- Lopez Environmental, located at 413 Patton Ave., Piscataway, NJ 08854;
- Northwest Green Chemistry/Institute for Safer Chemical Alternatives, located at 121 Elmwood Road, Lunenburg, MA 01462-1464;
- Park Northwest Pollution Prevention Resource Center, located at 13751 Lake City Way, NE, Suite 305, Seattle, WA 98125;
- Research Triangle Institute, located at 3040 E Cornwallis Road, RTP, NC 27709;
- Ross Strategic, located at 1325 4th Ave., Suite 1600, Seattle, WA 98101;
- Rumley Solutions, Inc., DBA Hummingbird, located at 976 Brady Ave., NW, Suite 100, Atlanta, GA 30318;
- Syracuse Research Corporation, Inc. (SRC), located at 7502 Round Pond Rd., North Syracuse, NY 13212; and
- At the telework locations of the personnel of the contractor and subcontractors in accordance with EPA's *TSCA CBI Protection Manual* and the Rules of Behavior for Virtual Desktop Access to OPPT Materials, including TSCA CBI.

Access to TSCA data, including CBI, will continue until November 30, 2027. If the contract is extended, this access will also continue for the duration of the extended contract without further notice.

The personnel of the contractor and subcontractors will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on specific security procedures for TSCA CBI.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*

Dated: September 18, 2023.

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Toxics.*

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