

intended to reduce or combat antibiotic-resistant bacteria that may present a public health threat and improve capabilities to prevent, diagnose, mitigate, or treat such resistance. The PACCARB shall function solely for advisory purposes.

Such advice, information, and recommendations may be related to improving: the effectiveness of antibiotics; research and advanced research on, and the development of, improved and innovative methods for combating or reducing antibiotic resistance, including new treatments, rapid point-of-care diagnostics, alternatives to antibiotics, including alternatives to animal antibiotics, and antimicrobial stewardship activities; surveillance of antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections, including publicly available and up-to-date information on resistance to antibiotics; education for health care providers and the public with respect to up-to-date information on antibiotic resistance and ways to reduce or combat such resistance to antibiotics related to humans and animals; methods to prevent or reduce the transmission of antibiotic-resistant bacterial infections; including stewardship programs; and coordination with respect to international efforts in order to inform and advance the United States capabilities to combat antibiotic resistance.

The focus of the September 2, 2026, meeting will be on current trends and gaps in microbiome science. The meeting will focus on innovative and emerging topics in antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and the microbiome. Written public comments can be emailed to CARB@hhs.gov by midnight August 31, 2026, and should be limited to no more than one page. All public comments received prior to September 2, 2026, will be provided to the subcommittee members.

Sarah McClelland,

Designated Federal Officer, Presidential Advisory Council on Combating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**[Docket No. HHS–OASH–2026–0232]
Temporary Placement of 7-**

Hydroxymitagynine Above a Specified Threshold in Schedule I; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice; request for information; extension of comment period for the Request for Information and for its information collection provisions.

SUMMARY: The Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health (OASH or we) is extending the comment period to solicit input and comments on a Request for Information (RFI) on a proposed threshold for 7-hydroxymitagynine (7-OH) scheduling under the Controlled Substances Act that appeared in the **Federal Register** of July 6, 2026. Public comments submitted to this docket will be provided by the Secretary for Health and Human Services for consideration by the Attorney General. We are taking this action in response to a request for an extension to allow interested persons additional time to provide comments and input.

DATES: Submit either electronic or written comments, data, or information by September 10, 2026.

ADDRESSES: *Request for Information (RFI) Docket:* You may examine the full RFI docket at [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) under HHS–OASH–2026–0232. To submit a response, click the “Comment” button inside Docket: HHS–OASH–2026–0232 and follow all instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In the **Federal Register** of July 6, 2026, we published an RFI entitled “Temporary Placement of 7-Hydroxymitagynine Above a Specified Threshold in Schedule I; Request for Information” with a comment period that closed on July 31, 2026. This RFI sought input on the proposed 7-OH threshold that was listed by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) that was issued in the **Federal Register** entitled “Schedules of Controlled Substance: Temporary Placement of 7-Hydroxymitagynine Above a Specified Threshold in Schedule I.”

OASH has received a request for an extension of the comment period on this RFI to allow any interested persons additional time to provide comments. OASH has considered the request and is

granting the extension of the comment period to allow any interested persons additional opportunity to provide comments. OASH believes that this extension allows adequate time for any interested persons to fully consider and submit comments.

Note that OASH is not soliciting comments on any permanent scheduling decision, the general safety or utility of kratom-derived products, or other policy questions outside the scope of the threshold determination for temporary scheduling. Public comments submitted to this docket will be provided by the Secretary for Health and Human Services for consideration by the Attorney General.

Brian Christine

Assistant Secretary for Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Notice of Adoption of Categorical Exclusions Under Section 109 of the National Environmental Policy Act

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Homeland Security.

ACTION: Notice of Adoption of Categorical Exclusions pursuant to Section 109 of the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4336c.

SUMMARY: The Department of Homeland Security (DHS or Department) is notifying the public and documenting the adoption of thirty-five categorical exclusions (CEs) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This notice identifies the types of actions to which DHS will apply the CEs, the considerations that DHS will use in determining the applicability of the CEs, and the consultation between the agencies on the use of the CEs, including application of extraordinary circumstances.

DATES: The adoption is effective August 26, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

National Environmental Policy Act and Categorical Exclusions

The National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. 4321–4347, as amended