

Administration (OSHA) Hazard Communication Standard (HCS) to submit a list of chemicals or Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDSs) (for those chemicals that exceed thresholds, specified in 40 CFR part 370) to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) or Tribal Emergency Response Commission (TERC), Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) or Tribal Emergency Planning Committee (TEPC), and the local fire department (LFD) with jurisdiction over their facility. This is a one-time requirement unless a facility becomes subject to the regulations or has updated information on the hazardous chemicals that were already submitted by the facility. EPCRA section 312 requires owners and operators of facilities subject to the OSHA HCS to submit an inventory form (for those chemicals that exceed the thresholds, specified in 40 CFR part 370) to the SERC (or TERC), LEPC (or TEPC), and LFD with jurisdiction over their facility. This inventory form, the Tier II Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory Form, is to be submitted on or before March 1 of each year and must include the inventory of hazardous chemicals present at the facility in the previous calendar year. Currently, all states require facilities to submit the Federal Tier II form or the state-equivalent, including electronic submission.

Form Numbers: Tier II Emergency and Hazardous Chemical Inventory Form, EPA Form No. 8700–30.

Respondents/affected entities: Entities potentially affected by this ICR are manufacturers and non-manufacturers required to have available a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) under the OSHA HCS.

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory (sections 311 and 312 of EPCRA).

Estimated number of respondents: 465,692 facilities (total). This figure includes 3,052 LEPCs and SERCs.

Frequency of response: Annual.

Total estimated burden: 6,963,271 hours (per year, including LEPCs and SERCs). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: \$524,449,374 per year, which includes \$2,007,713 annualized operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in Estimates: There is an increase in the annual respondent labor cost of \$205,291,540 compared to the previous ICR. This includes an increase of \$203,794,731 for facilities and \$1,496,809 for state and local governments. The increase in labor cost compared to the previous ICR is due to updates to the associated labor rates to 2025 values. Similarly, this ICR renewal

results in an increase in estimated O&M costs of \$292,618 (\$289,239 for facilities and \$3,379 for state and local governments) due to updating the previous estimates to 2025 dollars. EPA's estimated respondent burden—6,963,271 hours annually—is unchanged compared to the previous ICR renewal.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–HQ–OPPT–2018–0465; FRL–13477–01–OCSPP]

trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene Draft Risk Evaluation Under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); Notice of Availability and Request for Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) is announcing the availability of and seeking public comment on the draft risk evaluation under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for *trans*-1,2-dichloroethylene. The purpose of risk evaluations under TSCA is to determine whether a chemical substance presents an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment under the conditions of use (COUs), including unreasonable risk to potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulations identified as relevant to the risk evaluation by EPA, and without consideration of costs or non-risk factors. EPA is seeking comment on the draft risk evaluation for *trans*-1,2-dichloroethylene.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before October 26, 2026.

ADDRESSES: To submit comments on the *trans*-1,2-dichloroethylene draft risk evaluation, submit your comments, identified by docket ID number EPA–HQ–OPPT–2018–0465, online at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not electronically submit any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Members of the public should also be aware that personal information included in any written comments may be posted on the

internet at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Additional information on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For technical information on trans-1,2-dichloroethylene: Daniel Whitby, Existing Chemical Risk Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460–0001; telephone number: (202) 564–0598; email address: trans-1.2-Dichloroethylene.TSCA@epa.gov.

For general information: The TSCA Assistance Information Service Hotline, Goodwill Vision Enterprises, 422 South Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14620; telephone number: (800) 471–7127 or (202) 554–1404; email address: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Executive Summary

A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general and may be of particular interest to those involved in the manufacture (defined under TSCA section 3(9) to include import), processing, distribution, use, and disposal of *trans*-1,2-dichloroethylene, related industry trade organizations, non-governmental organizations with an interest in human and environmental health, State and local governments, Tribal Nations, and/or those interested in the assessment of risks involving chemical substances and mixtures regulated under TSCA. As such, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that this action might apply to. If you need help determining applicability, consult the relevant technical contact listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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

The Agency is conducting these risk evaluations under TSCA section 6, (15 U.S.C. 2605) which requires that EPA conduct risk evaluations on chemical substances and identifies the minimum components EPA must include in the risk evaluations. Each risk evaluation must be conducted consistent with the best available science, be based on the weight of the scientific evidence, and consider reasonably available information, and not consider costs or non-risk factors (15 U.S.C. 2625(h), (i), and (k)). See also the implementing procedural regulations at 40 CFR part 702.

C. What action is the Agency taking?

EPA is announcing the availability of and seeking public comment on the draft risk evaluation under TSCA for *trans*-1,2-dichloroethylene. EPA used the best available science to prepare the draft risk evaluation and preliminarily determined, based on the weight of scientific evidence, that *trans*-1,2-dichloroethylene does pose unreasonable risk to human health driven primarily by certain COUs analyzed in the draft risk evaluation.

D. What should I consider as I submit my comments to EPA?

1. Submitting CBI

Do not submit CBI through <https://www.regulations.gov> or email. If you wish to include CBI in your comment, please follow the applicable instructions at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets#rules> and clearly mark the information that you claim to be CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR parts 2 and 703, as applicable.

2. Tips for Preparing Comments

When preparing and submitting your comments, see the commenting tips at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

II. Background for *trans*-1,2-Dichloroethylene

A. What is *trans*-1,2-dichloroethylene?

Trans-1,2-dichloroethylene is primarily used in a solvent, reaction product, cleaning agent (degreaser), surface modifier, and processing aid. Workers and occupational non-users (ONUs) may be exposed to *trans*-1,2-dichloroethylene through the inhalation route and workers through the dermal route associated with manufacturing, processing, use, or disposal of *trans*-1,2-dichloroethylene. Consumers may be exposed to *trans*-1,2-dichloroethylene through the dermal and inhalation routes during intended product use as a cleaner, degreaser, or propellant. Environmental releases to air, water, and land occur from industrial and waste handling facilities. *Trans*-1,2-dichloroethylene is expected to be persistent in air and water but is not expected to sorb to soil.

B. The Risk Evaluation of *trans*-1,2-Dichloroethylene

In December 2019, EPA announced its designation of *trans*-1,2-dichloroethylene (Docket ID: EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0465) as a high-priority substance for risk evaluation under TSCA (84 FR 71924 (FRL-10003-15-

OCSPP)). In April 2020, EPA published and sought public comment on the draft scope of the *trans*-1,2-dichloroethylene risk evaluation (85 FR 19941 (FRL-10007-11-OCSPP)), and, after considering public comments, issued the final scope on September 4, 2020 (85 FR 55281 (FRL-10013-90-OCSPP)).

In this draft risk evaluation, EPA assessed human health risk to workers (including ONUs), consumers, and the general population, including fenceline communities and potentially exposed susceptible subpopulations (PESS), exposed to environmental releases of *trans*-1,2-dichloroethylene. Specifically, EPA evaluated acute, intermediate, and chronic non-cancer risks to workers and ONUs; acute and intermediate non-cancer risks to consumers; and acute, intermediate, and chronic non-cancer to the general population (including fenceline communities and PESS). This draft risk evaluation also assessed acute and chronic risks to the environment, specifically to aquatic and terrestrial species.

C. Request for Comment

EPA seeks feedback on the assessment of risk presented in the draft risk evaluation for *trans*-1,2-dichloroethylene, a copy of which is available in the docket, and encourages all potentially interested parties, including individuals, governmental and non-governmental organizations, non-profit organizations, academic institutions, research institutions, and private sector entities to comment on the draft risk evaluation. To the extent possible, the Agency asks commenters to please cite any public data related to or that support comments provided, and to the extent permissible, describe any supporting data that is not publicly available.

EPA welcomes specific input on each section of the draft risk evaluation, and is particularly interested in:

- information that may inform exposure assumptions for occupational exposure scenarios (OESs) (e.g., whether and how exposure controls and PPE are used for each of the COUs, the frequency of occupational task[s] per shift), especially related to the use of *trans*-1,2-dichloroethylene as a blowing agent;
- information on the number of facilities involved in the vapor degreasing;
- information to inform and refine the occupational exposure assessment of the Manufacturing as a Byproduct OES, including monitoring data;
- information on the frequency of batch manufacturing within a facility to

inform the occupational exposure assessment;

- *additional information on PPE use for the two COUs:* (1) Processing—Incorporation into a formulation, mixture, or reaction product—Solvents (which become part of product formulation or mixture) and (2) Incorporation into a formulation, mixture, or reaction product—Solvents (for semiconductor manufacturing); and
- other information on any relevant studies or other data sources that were not identified by EPA.

III. Next Steps

After consideration of comments received from the public on the draft risk evaluation and input from the Scientific Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SACC) peer review, EPA will issue final risk evaluation of *trans*-1,2-dichloroethylene. Under TSCA section 6, EPA must use the final risk evaluation as a basis to determine, based on the weight of scientific evidence, whether or not the chemical presents an unreasonable risk to human health or the environment under the chemical's COUs. This includes risks to subpopulations who may be at greater risks than the general population, such as children and workers. TSCA prohibits EPA from considering non-risk factors (e.g., costs/benefits) during risk evaluation.

For more information about the TSCA risk evaluation process for existing chemicals, go to <https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca>.

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

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Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Performance Evaluation Studies on Wastewater Laboratories (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR),