

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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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OECA-2013-0547; FRL-13607-01-OFA]

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),

Performance Evaluation Studies on Wastewater Laboratories (EPA ICR Number 0234.15, OMB Control Number 2080–0021) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through August 31, 2026. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on May 21, 2026 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before September 28, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA–HQ–OECA–2013–0547, to EPA online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), by email to docket.oeca@epa.gov, or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

Submit written comments and recommendations to OMB for the proposed information collection within 30 days of publication of this notice to www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through August 31, 2026. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on May 21, 2026 during a 60-day comment period (91 FR 29954). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments. Supporting documents, which explain in detail the information

that the EPA will be collecting, are available in the public docket for this ICR. The docket can be viewed online at www.regulations.gov or in person at the EPA Docket Center, WJC West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The telephone number for the Docket Center is 202–566–1744. For additional information about EPA's public docket, visit <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

Abstract: Discharge Monitoring Report–Quality Assurance (DMR–QA) study program participation is mandatory for Major and selected Minor National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit holders in accordance with Clean Water Act Section 308. The DMR–QA study program is designed to evaluate the analytic ability of laboratories that perform chemical, microbiological and whole effluent toxicity (WET) analyses required in NPDES permits for reporting results in the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR). Under DMR–QA, the permit holder is responsible for having their in-house and/or contract laboratories analyze proficiency test samples and submit results to proficiency testing (PT) providers for grading. Graded results are transmitted by either the permit holder or PT provider to the appropriate federal or state NPDES permitting authority. Permit holders are responsible for submitting corrective action reports to the appropriate permitting authority.

Form Numbers: 6400–01.

Respondents/affected entities: Major and selected Minor permit holders under the Clean Water Act's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).

Respondent's obligation to respond: Mandatory under Clean Water Act Section 308(a).

Estimated number of respondents: 5,500 (total).

Frequency of response: Major permit holders must participate annually. Minor permit holders must participate if selected by the state or EPA DMR–QA coordinator.

Total estimated burden: 36,300 hours (per year). Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.03(b).

Total estimated cost: \$6,632,670 (per year), which includes \$4,219,985 annualized capital or operation & maintenance costs.

Changes in the estimates: There is no change of hours in the total estimated respondent burden compared with the ICR currently approved by OMB. Labor and non-labor costs for obtaining performance evaluation samples increased to account for changes in employee benefit and compensation as

well as inflation. Agency costs have been revised to reflect efficiencies with electronically distributing DMR–QA study booklets to over 90 percent of the respondent universe.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA–OPP–2021–0288; FRL–13604–01–OFA]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Certification of Pesticide Applicators (Renewal)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has submitted an information collection request (ICR), Certification of Pesticide Applicators (EPA ICR Number 0155.17, OMB Control Number 2070–0029) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act. This is a proposed extension of the ICR, which is currently approved through August 31, 2026. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on November 18, 2025 during a 60-day comment period. This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before September 28, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, referencing Docket ID Number EPA–HQ–OPP–2021–0288, to EPA online using www.regulations.gov (our preferred method), or by mail to: EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 2821T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460.

EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes profanity, threats, information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

Submit written comments and recommendations to OMB for the