

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY CHARTER

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## Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals

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### 1. **Committee's Official Designation (Title):**

Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SACC)

### 2. **Authority:**

The Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals (SACC) is established under the authority of the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, Pub. L. No. 114-182, 140 Stat. 448 (2016), and will be governed in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2.

### 3. **Objectives and Scope of Activities:**

On June 22, 2016, President Obama signed into law the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act (the Act), a bipartisan bill to reform the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The new law makes a number of important changes to TSCA, including: for the first time, requiring the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to evaluate the safety of existing chemicals in commerce, starting with those most likely to cause risks; requiring EPA to evaluate new and existing chemicals against a new risk-based safety standard that includes explicit considerations for vulnerable populations; and, empowering EPA to require the development of chemical information necessary to support these evaluations. The SACC will provide independent advice and expert consultation, at the request of the EPA Administrator, with respect to the scientific and technical aspects of issues relating to the implementation of the Act.

### 4. **Description of Duties:**

The duties of the SACC are solely advisory in nature. The SACC will provide expert scientific advice, information, and recommendations to EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) on the evaluation of new and existing chemicals as required by the Act, including:

- Review of: risk assessments; models; tools; guidance documents; chemical category documents; and other chemical assessment products as deemed appropriate, that are prepared by OPPT; and
- Addressing other scientific and technical issues that OPPT identifies as critical to implementing the Act.

**5. Agency or Official to Whom the Committee Reports:**

The SACC will submit advice and recommendations and report to the EPA Administrator through the EPA Assistant Administrator for the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

**6. Support:**

EPA will be responsible for financial and administrative support. Within EPA, this support will be provided by the Office of Science Coordination and Policy (OSCP), within the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

**7. Estimated Annual Operating Costs and Staff Years:**

The estimated annual operating cost of the SACC is \$513,100 which includes 1.5 person-years of support.

**8. Designated Federal Officer:**

A full-time or permanent part-time employee of EPA will be appointed as the Designated Federal Official (DFO). The DFO or a designee will be present at all meetings of the SACC and subcommittees. Each meeting will be conducted in accordance with an agenda approved in advance by the DFO. The DFO will chair meetings when directed to do so by the official to whom the committee reports, and is authorized to adjourn any meeting when he or she determines it is in the public interest to do so.

**9. Estimated Number and Frequency of Meetings:**

The SACC expects to meet approximately three (3) to four (4) times a year. Meetings may occur approximately once every three (3) to four (4) months or as needed and approved by the DFO. EPA may pay travel and per diem expenses when determined necessary and appropriate.

As required by FACA, the SACC will hold open meetings unless the EPA Administrator determines that a meeting or a portion of a meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c). Interested persons may attend meetings, appear before the SACC as time permits, and file public comments.

**10. Duration:**

Continuing.

**11. Termination:**

This charter will be in effect for two years from the date it is filed with Congress. After this two-year period, the charter may be renewed in accordance with Section 14 of FACA.

**12. Membership and Designation:**

The SACC will be composed of approximately 14 members who will serve as Regular Government Employees (RGEs) or Special Government Employees (SGEs). In accordance with the Act, the SACC shall be composed of representatives of such science, government, labor, public health, public interest, animal protection, industry, and other groups as the Administrator determines to be advisable, including representatives that have specific scientific expertise in the relationship of chemical exposures to women, children, and other potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulations. Members will be persons who have demonstrated high levels of competence, knowledge, and expertise in scientific/technical fields relevant to chemical risk assessment. To the extent feasible, the members will include representation of the following disciplines, including, but not limited to: toxicology, pathology, environmental toxicology and chemistry, exposure assessment, risk assessment and related sciences, e.g., pediatrics, synthetic biology, pharmacology, biotechnology, nanotechnology, biochemistry, biostatistics, PBPK modeling, computational toxicology, epidemiology, environmental fate, and environmental engineering and sustainability.

**13. Subcommittees:**

EPA, or the SACC with EPA's approval, may form subcommittees or workgroups for any purpose consistent with this charter. Such subcommittees or workgroups may not work independently of the chartered SACC, and must report their recommendations and advice to the chartered committee for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered committee nor can they report directly to the EPA.

**14. Recordkeeping:**

The records of the SACC, formally and informally established subcommittees or workgroups, or other subgroups of the committee, will be handled in accordance with NARA General Records Schedule 6.2, and EPA Records Schedule 1024, or other approved agency records disposition schedule. Subject to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552, these records will be available for public inspection and copying, in accordance with the FACA.

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