

Data Quality Record for Long-Term Performance Goals

Long-Term Performance Goal Text: By September 30, 2026, complete at least eight High Priority Substance (HPS) TSCA risk evaluations annually within statutory timelines compared to the FY 2020 baseline of one.

Corresponding Annual Performance Goal: Number of HPS TSCA risk evaluations completed within statutory timelines.

Goal Number/Objective: Goal 7/Objective 7.1

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1a. Purpose of Long-Term Performance Goal:

This long-term performance goal (LTPG) enables the Agency to monitor and evaluate its progress in completing risk evaluations of Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) existing chemicals. Under the [Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act](#) (TSCA amendments enacted June 2016), EPA has three years to complete a risk evaluation, with a possible one-time extension of up to six months. To count toward the strategic target, a risk evaluation must be completed within the statutory base period. A history of timely completions will indicate that the Agency is carrying out this statutory responsibility in compliance with the schedules set by Congress.

To ensure timely completion of risk evaluations, EPA will closely monitor progress toward achievement of interim milestones such as the release of scoping documents, publication of the draft risk evaluation, review of public comments received during 60-day public comment period, and publication of the final risk evaluation. Close adherence to the detailed series of steps laid out in EPA's [Risk Evaluation Process Rule](#) (July 2017), including opportunity for public comment, will help ensure that EPA's final risk evaluations are thorough and well supported by data.

1b. Performance Measure Term Definitions:

High Priority Substance (HPS) TSCA Risk Evaluation:

- A risk evaluation conducted under TSCA, as amended, is an evaluation to determine whether a chemical substance presents an unreasonable risk of injury to health or the environment, without consideration of costs or other non-risk factors, including to potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulation(s) under the conditions of use identified by the Administrator for the risk evaluation (<https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/regulation-chemicals-under-section-6a-toxic-substances>).
- Designation as an HPS occurs through the Agency's prioritization process.

Complete: A risk evaluation is considered complete when the final risk evaluation is signed by the Administrator prior to transmittal to the Federal Register.

In accordance with statutory timelines: A completion is considered timely if it takes place no later than three years and six months from the date on which the risk evaluation is initiated (i.e., the base period and extension as established by law).

1c. Unit of Measure:

The number of HPS TSCA risk evaluations.

2a. Data Source:

- Primary (Original) Source(s) of Data and Name(s) of Relevant Information System(s): EPA tracks progress toward the long-range strategic target via the associated Annual Performance Goal and quarterly measure targets.
- Entity That Reports Data to the System: EPA/OCSPP/OPPT/Existing Chemicals Risk Assessment Division (ECRAD) reports data to the system.
- Frequency and Timing at Which Primary Data are Reported to EPA: ECRAD tracks progress toward completion of risk evaluations on a continual basis. Data can be reported at any time.
- Smallest Unit for Which Data are Collected: Individual EPA-initiated TSCA existing chemical risk evaluation.

2b. Data Needed for Interpretation of (Calculated) Performance Result:

- Baseline:
 - EPA has completed the first 10 HPS TSCA risk evaluations initiated under the 2016 TSCA amendments.
 - One risk evaluation was completed within the statutory timelines in FY 2020.
 - Achievement of the long-term performance goal will represent significant improvement from the baseline.
- Tracking Progress: Progress toward the strategic target is reported monthly, monitored via the associated annual performance goal, and reviewed by senior management on a quarterly basis.
- Universe: The universe includes all HPS TSCA chemical risk evaluations conducted pursuant to TSCA Section 6. As required by statute, EPA will always have 20 HPS TSCA risk evaluations underway.

3. Calculation Methodology:

The performance result is the number of risk evaluations completed within statutory timelines, based on simple counting. No further calculation or aggregation is needed.

4. Quality Assurance/Quality Controls:

The collection of data on risk evaluation completions is not covered under a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP). The actual conduct of a risk evaluation is covered by many QAPPs for several contracts. Results will be reviewed by senior management on a quarterly basis.

5. Data Limitations/Qualifications:

Because the completion of a risk evaluation is defined in terms of publication in the Federal Register, no significant data limitations are anticipated. OCSPP expects little to no possibility of error in reporting performance results.

6. Technical Contact:

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7. Certification Statement/Signature:

I certify the information in this DQR is complete and accurate.

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