

Data Quality Record for Long-Term Performance Goals

Long-Term Performance Goal Text: By September 30, 2026, initiate all existing chemical TSCA risk management actions within 45 days of the completion of a final existing chemical risk evaluation.

Corresponding Annual Performance Goal: Percentage of existing chemical TSCA risk management actions initiated within 45 days of the completion of a final existing chemical risk evaluation.

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 EPA to monitor and evaluate its progress in completing risk management actions for Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) existing chemicals. Under the [Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act](#) (TSCA amendments enacted June 2016), when EPA determines as a result of a risk evaluation that the manufacture, processing, distribution in commerce, use or disposal of a chemical substance or mixture, or that any combination of such activities, presents an unreasonable risk of injury to human health or the environment, the Agency is required to take regulatory action (risk management action) to ensure that the substance or mixture no longer presents such risk.

EPA is required to: (1) propose a rule under TSCA Section 6(a) for the chemical substance not later than one year after the date on which the final risk evaluation regarding the chemical substance is published and (2) publish a final rule not later than two years after that date. In addition, the statute allows EPA a possible extension of up to two additional years. However, for Persistent, Bioaccumulative and Toxic (PBT) chemicals identified in EPA's 2014 Work Plan for Chemical Assessments, EPA must propose rules by three years after the date of enactment of the TSCA amendments and promulgate final rules no later than 18 months thereafter.

This long-term performance goal tracks the percentage of existing chemical risk management rulemaking initiations, defined as the date on which EPA convenes the Agency workgroup following the tiering process for the rulemaking, that occur within 45 days of completion of the final risk evaluation. While EPA's Action Development Process includes timelines that do not conform to TSCA's rulemaking expectations, prompt initiation of risk management actions after the completion of risk evaluations is necessary for protecting human health and the environment from chemical risks. For more information: <https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/risk-management-existing-chemicals-under-tsca#process>.

Timely initiation of risk management actions is critical to the timely completion of those actions. A history of timely completions will indicate that the Agency is implementing these key actions in compliance with the schedules set by the Congress to appropriately address unreasonable risk to human health and the environment.

To ensure timely initiation of risk management actions, EPA will closely monitor progress toward initial tiering of the action, which determines the type of process that will be used to develop the action. Close

adherence to the procedures and requirements that apply to the process will help ensure that EPA's final risk management actions (final rules) are sound and well supported.

1b. Performance Measure Term Definitions:

Risk management action: For purposes of this long-term performance goal, a final TSCA risk management action is a final rule under Section 6 of TSCA, as amended by the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act.

Existing chemical: A chemical substance on the TSCA Chemical Substance Inventory. A chemical substance not on the Inventory is considered a "new chemical substance."

Initiate: A final risk management action is initiated on the date EPA convenes the Agency workgroup following the tiering process for the rulemaking.

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

1c. Unit of Measure:

The number of risk management actions.

2a. Data Source:

- Primary (original) Source(s) of Data and Name(s) of Relevant Information System(s): EPA Action Development Process (ADP) Tracker.
- Entity That Reports Data to the System: EPA/OCSPP/OPPT/Existing Chemicals Risk Assessment Division (ECRAD) reports the data.
- Frequency and Timing at Which Primary Data are Reported to EPA: The ADP Tracker can be used to track progress on a monthly, quarterly, biannual, or annual basis.
- Smallest Unit for Which Data are Collected: Individual risk management action.

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

- Baseline: A baseline of 100% of existing chemical TSCA risk management actions were initiated within 45 days of the completion of a final existing chemical risk evaluation in FY 2020.
- Tracking Progress: Progress toward the strategic target is reported monthly, tracked via the associated annual performance goal, and reviewed by senior management on a quarterly basis.
- Universe: The universe includes all existing chemicals for which risk management actions are initiated under TSCA Section 6. EPA is unable to predetermine the number of risk evaluations that will result in an unreasonable risk finding and therefore require risk management action.

3. Calculation Methodology:

The performance result is the number of final TSCA existing chemical risk evaluations for which TSCA risk management actions are initiated within 45 business days of the final risk evaluation being signed by the relevant senior official. No further calculation or aggregation is needed.

4. Quality Assurance/Quality Controls:

The Agency will follow all appropriate Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPPs) for data collected as part of risk management actions. Results will be reviewed by senior management on a quarterly basis.

5. Data Limitations/Qualifications:

Since the initiation of a risk management action is defined as the date on which EPA convenes the Agency workgroup following the tiering process for the rulemaking, significant data limitations are not anticipated. The possibility of error in reporting performance results is minimal.

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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