

Robert Fensterheim Remarks IRIS Stakeholder Meeting

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Summary Report of Stakeholder Meetings

(Slides have not been vetted with other public Stakeholder organizations)

Summary Report of Public Stakeholder Meetings

- A key aspects of IRIS “Enhancements” is increased Stakeholder engagement via public Stakeholder Meetings
- Given extent of public and private resources allocated to meetings, highly appropriate for EPA to prepare and share a Summary Report of the meetings shortly after the meeting.
- Summary Report should enhance the utility of the Stakeholder meetings:
 - Memorialize “what happened” and thereby increase transparency about what occurred
 - Invite Stakeholders to provide clarifications/responses based on EPA’s description of what they understood from the meeting
 - Provide a cost-effective means of sharing information (aka “Lessons Learned”) with Stakeholders, in particular Stakeholders unable to participate (in person or remotely) and those that don’t have an interest in the Subject Chemical
- Over time, these Summary Reports should increase the effectiveness, quality, value of the meetings and IRIS Assessment throughput

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Proposed Schedule

- 10 days after meeting, deadline for Stakeholders to provide post meeting materials
- 30 days after the meeting, EPA posts draft Summary
- 15 days after draft posted, Stakeholder deadline to provide comments
- 20 days later, EPA posts final Meeting Summary

Scoping/Problem Formulation: IRIS Handbook

- As Systematic Review processes are new to chemical assessments...and
- Since most Stakeholders have limited background on approach the IRIS Office is considering in Scoping/Problem Formulation steps..... and
- If the assumption is correct that EPA intends to incorporate descriptions of Scoping and Problem Formulation into the IRIS Handbook....and
- If EPA intends to seek comment from Stakeholders on the draft Handbook....and
- If the draft PCB Scoping/Problem Formulation report bears any resemblance to the draft descriptions....

Recommendation: *IRIS Office should make available ASAP those draft Scoping and Problem Formulation sections for Stakeholder consideration*

IRIS Web Site/IRISTrack Update

- Appreciate effort EPA has made to provide updated information on the active chemicals on the revised IRIS Track web page.
- Remain interested in the structure/content of the more expanded IRIS Web Pages (including IRISTrack) that we understand is still under development

Reiterate Recommendation: EPA share draft for Stakeholder comment before solidifying the content and format of IRIS Web Pages/IRIS Track