

lines, providing support to Agency enforcement activities, providing library services, compiling data, and providing support in scientific, engineering, financial and other areas.

In performing these tasks, grantees and cooperators under the SEE Program and their enrollees may have access to potentially all documents submitted under the Clean Air Act (CAA), the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), the Emergency Planning Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA) and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), to the extent that these statutes allow disclosure of confidential information to “authorized representatives of the United States” or to “contractors.” Some of these documents may contain information claimed as confidential.

EPA provides confidential information to enrollees working under the following cooperative agreements:

Cooperative agreement number	Organization
National Association for Hispanic Elderly (NAHE)	
Q-835398	NAHE
Q-835418	NAHE
QS-835429	NAHE
Q-835445	NAHE
National Asian Pacific Center on Aging (NAPCA)	
Q-835376	NAPCA
QS-835428	NAPCA
National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Inc. (NCBA)	
Q-834571	NCBA
Q-835019	NCBA
Q-835021	NCBA
Q-835427	NCBA
Q-835446	NCBA
Q-835561	NCBA
Q-835562	NCBA
Q-835563	NCBA
Q-835580	NCBA
Q-835587	NCBA
National Council on the Aging, Inc. (NCOA)	
Q-835387	NCOA
Q-835566	NCOA
Senior Service America, Inc. (SSAI)	
Q-835372	SSAI
Q-835373	SSAI

Cooperative agreement number	Organization
Q-835430	SSAI
Q-835452	SSAI
Q-835572	SSAI

Among the procedures established by EPA confidentiality regulations for granting access to confidential business information is notification to the submitters of CBI that SEE-grantee organizations and their enrollees will have access to this information. See 40 CFR 2.301(h)(2)(iii) for information submitted under the CAA, 40 CFR 350.23 for EPCRA, and corresponding provisions of 40 CFR 2.302–2.311, for other statutes listed above. This document is intended to fulfill that requirement.

The grantee organizations are required by the cooperative agreements to protect confidential information. SEE enrollees are required to sign confidentiality agreements and to adhere to the same security procedures as Federal employees.

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Notice of Availability of the Framework for Human Health Risk Assessment To Inform Decision Making

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the release of the *Framework for Human Health Risk Assessment to Inform Decision Making*. This document was developed by the EPA’s Risk Assessment Forum and describes a *Framework* for conducting human health risk assessments that are responsive to the needs of Agency decision making. The document was developed to provide information to Agency staff and managers, external stakeholders, and the public.

DATES: The document will be available for use by EPA risk assessors and other interested parties on April 15, 2014.

ADDRESSES: *The Risk Assessment Forum Framework for Human Health Risk Assessment to Inform Decision Making*

is available electronically through the EPA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/raf/frameworkhhra.htm>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has an established history of conducting human health risk assessments to support its decision making. The *Framework* describes a process for conducting human health risk assessments that is responsive to EPA’s decision-making needs. The *Framework* facilitates implementation of existing and future EPA guidance for conducting human health risk assessments and improves the utility of risk assessment in the decision-making process. The risk assessment design and utility recommendations presented in the National Research Council’s report, *Science and Decisions: Advancing Risk Assessment*, are addressed throughout the *Framework*. Specifically, the *Framework* incorporates the recommendations that the EPA formalize and implement planning and scoping, and problem formulation in the risk assessment process as well as adopt a framework for informing decisions.

The *Framework* highlights the important roles of planning and scoping as well as problem formulation in designing a risk assessment that will serve a specific purpose. In accordance with longstanding EPA policy, it also emphasizes the importance of scientific review and public involvement. The *Framework* presents the concept of “fit for purpose” to address to the development of risk assessments and associated products that are suitable and useful for informing decisions. EPA expects that this *Framework* will enhance the agency’s emphasis on the importance of transparency of the human health risk assessment and decision making.

This document is not intended to supersede existing agency guidance; rather by citing and discussing existing guidance in the context of the *Framework* it is intended to foster increased implementation of agency guidance.

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