

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of and soliciting comment on interim guidance and methods for adding efficacy claims to antimicrobial products for use on porous materials, including fabrics, textiles, and upholstered items in non-residential settings. Specifically, EPA is seeking public comment on an interim guidance document that describes efficacy testing for antimicrobial products to support claims for use on surfaces of certain porous materials in clinical and institutional (non-residential) settings and how to prepare an application for registration, an interim quantitative method for evaluating the efficacy of antimicrobial products on porous surfaces against viruses, and an interim quantitative method for evaluating the efficacy of antimicrobial products on porous surfaces against bacteria. The interim guidance does not address residential use sites with surfaces such as upholstered furniture (including backing material/stuffing under the porous surface), carpets, rugs, draperies, etc. In addition to the feedback requested above, EPA is also seeking public comment on proposed carrier materials to represent the surfaces commonly found in residential settings.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 20, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2022-0337, through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marc Carpenter, Microbiology Laboratory Branch (7503M), Biological and Economic Analysis Division, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Environmental Science Center, 701 Mapes Road, Ft. Meade, MD 20755-5350; telephone number: (410) 305-2927; email address: [carpenter.marc@epa.gov](mailto:carpenter.marc@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. General Information**

*A. Does this action apply to me?*

This document is directed to the public in general; although this action may be of particular interest to those

persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

*B. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?*

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit CBI information to EPA through [regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) or email. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for preparing your comments.* When preparing and submitting your comments, see the commenting tips at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

**II. Background**

EPA received requests to develop interim test methods and an associated registration process for antimicrobial products intended to treat bacterial and viral public health pathogens on the surface of porous materials. There is significant interest from stakeholders and the public in the availability of antimicrobial products with these public health claims, particularly in institutional, clinical, and health-care settings. Currently, most EPA-registered liquid-based antimicrobial products are intended to treat hard, non-porous surfaces.

EPA is making available for comment interim quantitative efficacy test methods for both bacteria and viruses on porous surfaces, in addition to interim guidance for companies wishing to add specific claims to antimicrobial products for efficacy against public health pathogens when used on porous materials in clinical and institutional (non-residential) settings. These materials include non-clothing fabrics, textiles, and/or upholstery that may be laundered on an infrequent (non-routine) basis where surface wiping and spot treatment is the primary means of cleaning and or disinfection. Examples of non-residential sites include waiting

rooms and offices in clinical settings, hospitals and long-term care facilities, schools, hotels, movie theaters, office buildings, and retail establishments, with a focus on high traffic areas and frequently used surfaces. The guidance does not address claims for porous materials such as clothing, untreated wood, concrete and other hard porous materials, carpet or rugs, and the backing material/stuffing under the porous surface (e.g., beyond what can be visibly observed). The guidance does not address claims for residual antimicrobial product efficacy when used on porous materials.

**III. Do guidance documents contain binding requirements?**

As guidance, these documents are not binding on the Agency or any outside parties, and the Agency may depart from it where circumstances warrant and without prior notice. While EPA has made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the discussion in the guidance, the obligations of EPA and the regulated community are determined by statutes, regulations, or other legally binding documents. In the event of a conflict between the discussion in the guidance documents and any statute, regulation, or other legally binding document, the guidance documents will not be controlling.

*Authority:* 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*

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**Michal Freedhoff,**

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Notice of Public Meeting of the Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB) With Webcast**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of public EFAB meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces a public meeting with a webcast of the Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB). The meeting will be shared in real-time via webcast and public comments may be provided in writing in advance or virtually via webcast. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for further details. The purpose of the meeting will be for the EFAB to provide updates on the

Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund charge and previous EFAB deliverables, consider possible future advisory topics, and receive updates on EPA activities. The meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format of in-person and virtual via webcast.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held:

1. January 24, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Time;
2. January 25, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Time; and
3. January 26, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:**

*In-Person:* U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, William Jefferson Clinton East Building, 1201 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004.

*Webcast:* Information to access the webcast will be provided upon registration in advance of the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public who wants information about the meeting may contact Tara Johnson via telephone/voicemail at (202) 564-6186 or email to [efab@epa.gov](mailto:efab@epa.gov). General information concerning the EFAB is available at [www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/efab](http://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/efab).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Background:* The EFAB is an EPA advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, to provide advice and recommendations to EPA on innovative approaches to funding environmental programs, projects, and activities. Administrative support for the EFAB is provided by the Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center within EPA's Office of Water. Pursuant to FACA and EPA policy, notice is hereby given that the EFAB will hold a public meeting with a webcast for the following purposes:

- (1) Provide updates on the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund charge and other recent EFAB deliverables;
- (2) Discuss potential future EFAB charges; and
- (3) Receive briefings on environmental finance topics from invited speakers from EPA.

*Registration for the Meeting:* To register for the meeting, please visit [www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/efab#meeting](http://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/efab#meeting). Interested persons who wish to attend the meeting must register by January 10, 2023, to attend in person or by January 17, 2023, to attend via webcast. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. In person attendees should review EPA's Visitor Guidance at <https://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/visiting-epa-building-access> in advance of the meeting. In the event the in-person component of the meeting cannot be held due to relevant pandemic protocols, the meeting will be conducted fully via webcast.

*Availability of Meeting Materials:* Meeting materials, including the meeting agenda and briefing materials, will be available on EPA's website at [www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/efab](http://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter/efab).

*Procedures for Providing Public Input:* Public comment for consideration by EPA's federal advisory committees has a different purpose from public comment provided to EPA program offices. Therefore, the process for submitting comments to a federal advisory committee is different from the process used to submit comments to an EPA program office. Federal advisory committees provide independent advice to EPA. Members of the public may submit comments on matters being considered by the EFAB for consideration as the Board develops its advice and recommendations to EPA.

*Oral Statements:* In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public meeting will be limited to three minutes each. Persons interested in providing oral statements at the January 2023 meeting should register in advance and provide notification, as noted in the registration confirmation, by January 10, 2023, to be placed on the list of registered speakers.

*Written Statements:* Written statements should be received by January 17, 2023, so that the information can be made available to the EFAB for its consideration prior to the meeting. Written statements should be sent via email to [efab@epa.gov](mailto:efab@epa.gov).

Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted to the EFAB website. Copyrighted material will not be posted without explicit permission of the copyright holder.

*Accessibility:* For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities or to request accommodations for a disability, please register for the meeting and list any special requirements or accommodations needed on the registration form at least 10 business days prior to the meeting to allow as much time as possible to process your request.

**Andrew D. Sawyers,**  
*Director, Office of Wastewater Management, Office of Water.*

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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

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**Open Commission Meeting  
Wednesday, December 21, 2022**

December 15, 2022.

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on the subjects listed below on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, which is scheduled to commence at 10:30 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room of the Federal Communications Commission, 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC. While attendance at the Open Meeting is available to the public, the FCC headquarters building is not open access, and all guests must check in with and be screened by FCC security at the main entrance on L Street. Attendees at the Open Meeting will not be required to have an appointment but must otherwise comply with protocols outlined at: [www.fcc.gov/visit](http://www.fcc.gov/visit). Open Meetings are streamed live at: [www.fcc.gov/live](http://www.fcc.gov/live) and on the FCC's YouTube channel.

| Item No. | Bureau                     | Subject  |
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| 1 .....  | Wireline Competition ..... | <p><i>Title:</i> Implementing the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act: Prevention and Elimination of Digital Discrimination (GN Docket No. 22-69).</p> <p><i>Summary:</i> The Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that would take the next step in the Commission's efforts to promote equal access to broadband by seeking comment on potential rules to address digital discrimination of access to broadband, consistent with Congress's direction in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.</p> |