

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[EPA-HQ-ORD-2012-0830; FRL-11230-01-ORD]

**Availability of the Draft IRIS Toxicological Review of Inorganic Arsenic****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a 60-day public comment period associated with release of the draft Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Toxicological Review of Inorganic Arsenic. The draft document was prepared by the Center for Public Health and Environmental Assessment (CPHEA) within EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD). EPA is releasing this draft IRIS assessment for public comment in advance of a Science Advisory Board (SAB) managed peer review. SAB will convene a public meeting to discuss the draft assessment with the public during Step 4 of the IRIS Process. The external peer reviewers will consider public comments submitted to the EPA docket in response to this notice and any others provided at the public meeting when reviewing this assessment. EPA will consider all comments submitted to the docket when revising the document post-peer review. This draft assessment is not final as described in EPA's information quality guidelines, and it does not represent, and should not be construed to represent Agency policy or views.

**DATES:** The 60-day public comment period begins October 16, 2023 and ends December 15, 2023. Comments must be received on or before December 15, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** The IRIS Toxicological Review of Inorganic Arsenic will be available via the internet on the IRIS website at <https://www.epa.gov/iris/iris-recent-additions> and in the public docket at <http://www.regulations.gov>, Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2012-0830.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information on the public comment period, contact the ORD Docket at the EPA Headquarters Docket Center; telephone: 202-566-1752; facsimile: 202-566-9744; or email: [Docket\\_ORD@epa.gov](mailto:Docket_ORD@epa.gov).

For technical information on the IRIS Toxicological Review of Inorganic Arsenic contact the IRIS Hotline; email: [IRIS\\_HOTLINE@epa.gov](mailto:IRIS_HOTLINE@epa.gov). The IRIS

Program will provide updates through the IRIS website (<https://www.epa.gov/iris>) and via EPA's IRIS listserv. To register for the IRIS listserv, visit the IRIS website (<https://www.epa.gov/iris>) or visit <https://www.epa.gov/iris/forms/staying-connected-integrated-risk-information-system#connect>.

For information about the peer review, please visit the EPA SAB website: [https://sab.epa.gov/ords/sab/f?p=114:18:11986040837293::RP,18:P18\\_ID:2631](https://sab.epa.gov/ords/sab/f?p=114:18:11986040837293::RP,18:P18_ID:2631).

For technical information on the protocol, contact Mr. Dahnish Shams, Center for Public Health & Environmental Assessment email: [shams.dahnish@epa.gov](mailto:shams.dahnish@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** How to Submit Technical Comments to the Docket at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2012-0830 for the Inorganic Arsenic IRIS Assessment, by one of the following methods:

- [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov): Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
- **Email:** [Docket\\_ORD@epa.gov](mailto:Docket_ORD@epa.gov).
- **Fax:** 202-566-9744.
- **Mail:** U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center (ORD Docket), Mail Code: 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460. The phone number is 202-566-1752.

For information on visiting the EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room, visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is 202-566-1744. The public can submit comments via [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) or email.

**Instructions:** Direct your comments to docket number EPA-HQ-ORD-2012-0830 for IRIS Toxicological Review of Inorganic Arsenic. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. It is EPA's policy to include all comments it receives in the public docket within the specified comment period without change and to make the comments available online at [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided, unless a comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information for which disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information through [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) or email that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected. The [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) website is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact

information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to EPA without going through [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about EPA's public docket visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at [www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm](https://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm).

**Docket:** Documents in the docket are listed in the [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other materials, such as copyrighted material, are publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in [www.regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov) or in hard copy at the ORD Docket in the EPA Headquarters Docket Center.

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**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION****Sunshine Act Meetings**

**TIME AND DATE:** Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

**PLACE:** Hybrid meeting: 1050 First Street NE, Washington, DC (12th floor) and virtual.

**Note:** For those attending the meeting in person, current COVID-19 safety protocols for visitors, which are based on the CDC COVID-19 hospital admission level in Washington, DC, will be updated on the commission's contact page by the Monday before the meeting. See the contact page at <https://www.fec.gov/contact/>. If you would like to virtually access the meeting, see the instructions below.

**STATUS:** This meeting will be open to the public, subject to the above-referenced guidance regarding the COVID-19 hospital admission level and

corresponding health and safety procedures. To access the meeting virtually, go to the commission's website [www.fec.gov](http://www.fec.gov) and click on the banner to be taken to the meeting page.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

Proposed Directive Regarding Investigations Conducted by the Office of General Counsel  
Audit Division Recommendation Memorandum on Citizens for Waters (A21-01)  
Proposed Final Audit Report on Steve Daines for Montana (A21-04)  
Management and Administrative Matters

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

Judith Ingram, Press Officer. Telephone: (202) 694-1220.

Individuals who plan to attend in person and who require special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should contact Laura E. Sinram, Secretary and Clerk, at (202) 694-1040 or [secretary@fec.gov](mailto:secretary@fec.gov), at least 72 hours prior to the meeting date.

(Authority: Government in the Sunshine Act, 5 U.S.C. 552b)

**Laura E. Sinram,**

*Secretary and Clerk of the Commission.*

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**FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION**

**Notice of Request for Additional Information**

The Commission gives notice that it has formally requested that the parties to the below listed agreements provide additional information pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 40304(d). This action prevents the agreements from becoming effective as originally scheduled. Interested parties may submit comments, relevant information, or documents regarding the agreements to the Secretary by email at [Secretary@fmc.gov](mailto:Secretary@fmc.gov), or by mail, Federal Maritime Commission, 800 North Capitol Street, Washington, DC 20573. Comments may be filed up to fifteen (15) days after publication of this notice appears in the **Federal Register**.

*Agreement No.:* 201234-006.

*Title:* Agreement by Ocean Common Carriers to Participate on the Exchange Board.

*Parties:* CMA CGM SA; Hapag-Lloyd AG; COSCO Shipping Lines Co., Ltd.; COSCO Shipping Co., Ltd.; HMM Company Limited; Maersk A/S; and Ocean Network Express Pte. Ltd. (ONE).

By Order of the Federal Maritime Commission.

Dated: October 10, 2023.

**Carl Savoy,**

*Federal Register Alternate Liaison Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality**

**Meeting for Software Developers on the Common Formats for Patient Safety Data Collection**

**AGENCY:** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to announce a meeting to discuss implementation of the Common Formats with software developers and other interested parties. This meeting is designed as an interactive forum where software developers can provide input on use of the formats. AHRQ especially requests participation by and input from those entities which have used AHRQ's technical specifications and implemented, or plan to implement, the Common Formats electronically.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. Eastern on Wednesday, October 25, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held virtually.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Erofile Gripiotis, Program Analyst, Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety, AHRQ, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857; Telephone (toll free): (866) 403-3697; Telephone (local): (301) 427-1111; TTY (toll free): (866) 438-7231; TTY (local): (301) 427-1130; Email: [psa@ahrq.hhs.gov](mailto:psa@ahrq.hhs.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** AHRQ coordinates the development of sets of standardized definitions and formats (Common Formats) that make it possible to collect, aggregate, and analyze uniformly structured information about health care quality and patient safety for local, regional, and national learning. The Common Formats include technical specifications to facilitate the collection of electronically comparable data by Patient Safety Organizations (PSOs) and other entities. Additional information about the Common Formats can be obtained through AHRQ's PSO website at <https://psa.ahrq.gov/common-formats> and the PSO Privacy Protection Center's website at <https://www.psoppc.org/>

[psoppc\\_web/publicpages/commonFormatsOverview](https://psoppc.web/publicpages/commonFormatsOverview).

**Background**

The Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Act of 2005, 42 U.S.C. 299b-21 to 299b-26 (Patient Safety Act), and the related Patient Safety and Quality Improvement Final Rule, 42 CFR part 3 (Patient Safety Rule), published in the **Federal Register** on November 21, 2008, 73 FR 70731-70814, provide for the Federal listing of Patient Safety Organizations (PSOs), which collect, aggregate, and analyze confidential information (patient safety work product) regarding the quality and safety of health care delivery. The Patient Safety Act requires PSOs, to the extent practical and appropriate, to collect patient safety work product from providers in a standardized manner that permits valid comparisons of similar cases among similar providers. (42 U.S.C. 299b-24(b)(1)(F)). The Patient Safety Act also authorizes the development of data standards, known as the Common Formats, to facilitate the aggregation and analysis of non-identifiable patient safety data collected by PSOs and reported to the network of patient safety databases (NPSD). (42 U.S.C. 299b-23(b)). The Patient Safety Act and Patient Safety Rule can be accessed at: <http://www.pso.ahrq.gov/legislation/>.

AHRQ has issued Common Formats for Event Reporting (CFER) for three settings of care—hospitals, nursing homes, and community pharmacies. AHRQ has also issued Common Formats for Event Reporting—Diagnostic Safety (CFER-DS) designed for use in all healthcare settings.

Federally listed PSOs can meet the requirement to collect patient safety work product in a standardized manner to the extent practical and appropriate by using AHRQ's Common Formats. The Common Formats are also available in the public domain to encourage their widespread adoption. An entity does not need to be listed as a PSO or working with one to use the Common Formats. However, the Federal privilege and confidentiality protections only apply to information developed as patient safety work product by providers and PSOs working under the Patient Safety Act.

**Agenda, Registration, and Other Information About the Meeting**

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) will be hosting this fully virtual meeting to discuss implementation of the Common Formats with members of the public, including software developers and other interested