

PFAS EXTERNAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE PFAS SUPPLY CHAIR WORK GROUP

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Background

- PFAS in corporate/governmental supply chains being assessed by business and government
 - GSA Notice of Inquiry Regarding PFAS in Products, Docket No. 2024-002 (see Apr. 16, 2024 FEDERAL REGISTER 89 FR 26887)
 - States developing PFAS “bans” in products – California, Maine, Minnesota
- CERCLA designation of hazardous substance
- RCRA proposed hazardous constituent designations
- Liability litigation

Description

- PFAS Supply Chain Work Group is created to –
 - Study issues, impediments, costs and opportunities to address PFAS through potential supply chain/procurement approaches
 - Evaluate cost effective approaches to PFAS supply chain management
 - Utilize information and develop a Greentier Charter fostering PFAS minimization through supply chain/procurement best practice

Activities

- Work with stakeholders and interested parties to collect information relating to procurement practice and supply chain management activities addressing PFAS
- Hold regular meetings with stakeholders and interested parties
- Develop report for External Advisory Group that –
 - Identifies best practices
 - Impediments
 - To the extent information is available, essential uses
 - Other recommendations
- **Note** – activities are to be focused on methods to assist businesses/governments that desire to undertake a voluntary PFAS minimization program; not intended to support or advocate for legislation, rulemaking or other policy changes

End Product

- Goal is developing a report by December 31, 2024, to be provided to External Advisory Group
 - Opportunities and potential advantages to implementing a PFAS supply chain/procurement minimization approach
 - Impediments and costs
 - Reliance on “eco-labeling” as a surrogate
 - Identification of categories of “essential uses”
 - Identification of best practices
 - Recommendation for key elements of a Greentier Charter focused on PFAS procurement/supply chain management