

Interagency Committee On Chemical Management
ICCM/Technical Team
Meeting Minutes: July 10, 2019
Winooski Room, 1 National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05620
Facilitated by Peter Walke, ANR Deputy Secretary

1. Welcome and Agenda Review

Zaikowski welcomed members and provided brief overview of agenda

2. Review and approval of May and June meeting minutes

No comments, questions, or changes to the May or June minutes. Motion by Jones to approve May meeting minutes. Seconded by Meyer. May meeting minutes approved. Motion by Meyer to approve June meeting minutes. Seconded by Jones. June meeting minutes approved.

3. Review of draft chemical nomination form comments and next steps

The ICCM received written comments on the draft chemical nomination form from one CAP member – Dr. Ian Balcolm. The ICCM took each comment in turn:

Comment 1: the ICCM anticipates its website will provide additional resources for the public as a way for them to ask questions or obtain information. The ICCM is mindful that it needs to tailor the form so that it is useful and provides adequate information in order to determine whether to initiate a review of a nominated chemical(s).

Comment 2: The ICCM will look into ways to provide resources.

Comment 3: The ICCM will consider how to follow up with submitters as this process moves forward.

Comment 4: The ICCM does not anticipate accepting anonymous submissions within this context.

Comment 5: The ICCM believes it is up to the submitter to provide relevant information.

Comment 6: The ICCM anticipates providing resources and avenues to have questions answered through information and links on its website.

Comment 7: Without an example, the ICCM has difficulty responding to this comment. While in general non-scientific resources would most likely not be accepted, the ICCM anticipates reviewing information and sources on a case-by-case basis given the nomination form is serving as the initial method to determine whether to initiate a review of the nominated chemical(s), rather than making specific decisions on those chemical(s). The ICCM is also considering the addition of a section to prompt the submitter to explain or describe the action or outcome they are looking for.

Next steps: Gonda will update the draft form. DOH will finalize the list of resources at the end of the draft form. Zaikowski will work through ANR's IT department to begin developing the mechanism for placing the form on-line for use.

4. Agency updates

DPS – Herrick anticipates continuing in his role on the ICCM

DOH – none

ANR – S.40 (lead bill) generally discussed by Walke. Walke credited ADS with developing a good user interface for the public as part of the education/outreach and roll out of this bill. S.49 (PFAS bill) generally discussed by Walke. ANR conducted a lean event at the end of June to establish a process for administering the law. Metcalf generally discussed EPA’s recent initiation of its review process under TSCA for 40 new chemicals.

DOL – Meyer is available to serve on the ICCM until September. He anticipates having another employee from DOL attend the next meeting, with that employee taking his place on the ICCM going forward.

AAFM – Act 35 generally discussed by Cummings.

5. Wrap up

Motion to adjourn by Herrick, seconded by Walke. The ICCM voted to adjourn.

ICCM Members in attendance:

Peter Walke, Agency of Natural Resources

Ken Jones, Agency of Commerce and Community Development

Scott Meyer, Department of Labor

Chris Herrick, Department of Public Service

Agency Staff in attendance:

Chuck Schwer, Agency of Natural Resources

Lynn Metcalf, Agency of Natural Resources

John Zaikowski, Agency of Natural Resources

Jordan Gonda, Agency of Natural Resources

Tami Wuestenberg, Agency of Natural Resources

Erica Cummings, Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets

Pam Wadman, Department of Health