

2003. At this time, the completion of these new assessments is expected between fiscal years 2004–2006. The listed substances are annotated with the basis for their selection.

Unless otherwise noted, EPA will assess noncancer and cancer endpoints for each substance. For all endpoints assessed, both qualitative and quantitative assessments will be developed if data is available.

Chemical	CAS No.	Reason(s) for assessment/reassessment
Acrylonitrile	107–13–1	Need for CAA hazardous air pollutant and residual risk programs. New scientific information is available. Public interest.
Beryllium (cancer update).	7440–41–7	New scientific information is available.
n-Hexane	110–54–3	CERCLA need—Regional EPA interest. New scientific information is available. Relevant assessment document is available.
Methylene chloride (Dichloromethane)	75–09–2	RCRA hazard identification and corrective action. New scientific information is available. Public interest. Relevant assessment document is available.
Trichloroacetic acid.	76–03–9	SDWA need—Stage 2 disinfection by-product regulation. Relevant assessment document is available.
1,2,3-Trichloropropane.	96–18–4	CERCLA need—Regional EPA interest. New scientific information is available. Relevant assessment document is available.

Consistent with previous **Federal Register** notices announcing the annual IRIS agenda, EPA is soliciting public involvement in supplementary assessments announced in this notice. While EPA conducts a thorough literature search for each chemical substance, there may be unpublished studies or other primary technical sources that EPA might not otherwise obtain through open literature searches. We are requesting the submission of scientific information from the public during the information gathering stage for the supplementary “new assessments” listed above. Interested persons should provide scientific analyses, studies, and other pertinent scientific information. Also note that if you have submitted certain information previously to the IRIS Submission Desk, there is no need to resubmit that information. While EPA is primarily soliciting information on supplementary fiscal year 2003 assessments announced in this notice, the public may submit information on any chemical substance at any time.

Procedures for Submission of Scientific Information

Within 60 days of this notice, provide all information (studies, reports, articles, *etc.*) you wish to submit. Note that this process is streamlined from previous years in which you were asked to provide an initial submission inventory. Your submission should specify the chemical substance to which your information pertains, CASRN (Chemical Abstract Service Registry Number), and the topic or aspect of the assessment that is being addressed (*e.g.*, carcinogenicity, mode of action). In addition, when you submit results of new health effects studies concerning existing substances on IRIS, you should include a specific explanation of how the study results could change the information in IRIS. All citations should be listed in scientific citation format, that is, author(s), title, journal, and date. Include names, addresses, and telephone numbers of person(s) to contact for additional information. Mail two copies, one of which should be unbound, to the IRIS Submission Desk, c/o ASRC, 6301 Ivy Lane, Suite 300, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Alternatively, you may submit the materials electronically to IRIS.desk@epa.gov. Electronic information must be submitted in WordPerfect format or as an ASCII file. Information also will be accepted on 3.5" floppy disks or CD. The IRIS Submission Desk will acknowledge receipt of your information.

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IRIS Submission Desk. CBI material must be submitted to the appropriate EPA office via established procedures (*see* 40 CFR, part 2, subpart B). If you believe that a CBI submission contains information with implications for IRIS, please note that in the cover letter accompanying your submission to the appropriate office.

You may also request to augment your submission with a scientific briefing to EPA staff. Such requests should be made directly to Amy Mills, IRIS Program Director (*see* **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**).

Submission of Nominations for New Assessments for the Fiscal Year 2004 IRIS Program

Today's notice invites voluntary public nominations for chemical substances not already listed today or in the February 5, 2003, **Federal Register** notice (68 FR 5870). All nominations should identify the nominator and address the following questions for each chemical substance:

Identification of nominator:

Name _____
 Title _____
 Affiliation _____
 Phone _____
 Address _____

E-mail address _____

1. What is the chemical substance name, most common synonym (if applicable), and CAS number?
2. Is this assessment needed to fulfill a chemical-specific EPA mandate or program need (*e.g.*, statutory, regulatory, or court-ordered deadline)? If so, what is the time frame?
3. Is this assessment a priority for stakeholders outside of EPA (*e.g.*, states, tribes, local governments, environmental organizations, industries, other IRIS users)?
4. Are you aware if another assessment of this substance is available to EPA (*e.g.*, an EPA program has assessed this substance but it has not received Agency-wide IRIS review, or another government organization has assessed this substance)?
5. For substances being nominated for IRIS reassessment, what, if any, significant new scientific data or new EPA risk assessment methodology is available that you believe would be likely to appreciably change the existing IRIS assessment?
6. Are there other factors that would make this substance a priority for IRIS assessment (*e.g.*, widespread exposure, expected toxicity, potentially susceptible populations)?