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OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY  
AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

Notification of Consultation and Coordination on TSCA Work Plan Chemical Problem  
Formulation & Initial Assessment and Data Needs Assessment for Flame Retardants (FR) Clusters

Dear Honorable Leader:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) is initiating consultation and coordination with federally-recognized Indian Tribes on three Work Plan Chemical Problem Formulation and Initial Assessments and one Data Needs Assessment documents for Flame Retardants (FR) Clusters. Background information on the EPA's Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Work Plan Chemicals assessment process and the flame retardant chemicals that are the subject of these recently-released documents is enclosed.

This consultation and coordination process will be conducted in accordance with the *EPA Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes* ([www.epa.gov/tribal/consultation/consult-policy.htm](http://www.epa.gov/tribal/consultation/consult-policy.htm)). The OPPT invites you and your designated consultation representative(s) to participate in this process. The public comment periods for the flame retardant clusters that are the focus of this consultation and coordination process are as follows:

- August 13 – October 19, 2015, for the three problem formulations and initial assessments for Brominated Bisphenol A (TBBPA), Chlorinated Phosphate Esters (CPE) and Cyclic Aliphatic Bromides (HBCD);
- August 13 – December 16, 2015, for the data needs assessment for Brominated Phthalates (TBB and TBPH).

During this period, the OPPT will be conducting two Tribal consultations, preceded by a Webinar that will provide technical background in preparation for the consultation call sessions. To participate, the OPPT invites you and/or your designee(s) to join us during the Webinar and one or both of the following consultation call sessions:

**Technical Background Webinar: Wednesday, September 30, 2015, from 12:00 - 2:00 pm (EDT)** <https://epa.connectsolutions.com/flameretardants/>

**Tribal Consultation 1: Wednesday, October 14, 2015, from 12:00 - 2:00 pm (EDT)**

Call-in number: 1-866-900-8984

Conference ID number: 19383222

**Tribal Consultation 2: Thursday, October 15, 2015, from 12:00 - 2:00 pm (EDT)**

Call-in number: 1-866-900-8984

Please dial Conference ID number: 19386561

You will hear music after dialing-in, and then the operator will place you into the conference call. If you are unavailable for these consultation call sessions you can still provide comments to Irina Myers by e-mail at [myers.irina@epa.gov](mailto:myers.irina@epa.gov) or by U.S. postal service at:

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The enclosed are background materials for these chemical clusters for your review. This information will also be made available on *EPA's Tribal Portal* (<http://www.epa.gov/tribal/consultation>).

We look forward to your participation in this consultation and coordination process and hope that you can join us on one of these calls. If you have any other questions or if we may be of additional assistance in the interim, please contact Irina Myers, on my staff, at [myers.irina@epa.gov](mailto:myers.irina@epa.gov) or 202-564-8822.

Sincerely,



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