

Interagency Committee On Chemical Management
ICCM/CAP/Interested Parties
Meeting Minutes: November 10, 2021
In-person and Teams Meeting
Facilitated by Peter Walke, DEC Commissioner

1. Welcome and Agenda Review

Walke welcomed members of the CAP and interested parties and provided brief overview of the agenda. Walke also welcomed Patrick McLaughlin, who replaced Chris Herrick as DPS's representative on the ICCM.

2. ICCM form and database overview for rollout

Dent provided an overview of the nomination form and dashboard, identifying various features and functionality. No questions from the attendees.

3. Nomination prioritization discussion

Walke and Vose provided an overview of the proposed prioritization process that the ICCM would use to prioritize review of chemical nominations.

The ICCM is tasked with creating a process by which chemicals can be nominated for review. Part of the review process includes a detailed report by the technical team. Due to workload, only one chemical at a time will be sent to the technical team. Therefore, the ICCM must prioritize the nominated chemicals, so that the highest priority chemical will be sent to the technical team. The ICCM proposed a prioritization structure loosely modeled after TSCA's near-term prioritization process. The ICCM will designate nominated chemicals as higher or lower priority for the technical team, based on the following criteria:

1. Priorities-Is this an immediate priority for any Department or Agency ICCM member?
2. Quantity and Quality of Information- What information exists about toxicity of and exposure to this chemical or chemical class in Vermont?

The ICCM will discuss prioritization at the monthly meetings, and the minutes of those meetings will document the prioritization of each nominated chemical. Once prioritized, the nomination form will be updated by ICCM to reflect either higher or lower priority for the technical team. This update will be visible to the public through the dashboard.

4. Agency legislative updates

AAFM: last year Ag Innovation Board was created to replace the advisory council. AAFM has received final nominations to fill the Board for signoff and will start sending out correspondence on its work in the next couple of weeks, with its first meeting tentatively scheduled for the new year.

DOL: no updates

DPS: no updates

AOT: no updates

ADS: no updates

DOH: no updates

ANR/DEC: DEC is tracking federal level work regarding PFAS. They are working on PCB testing in schools, including the framework for the program, contracted support, and working with schools on the program, with more to come in the upcoming legislative session.

Walke opened the meeting to any additional comments and questions. Kohli asked what the timeframe for the ICCM database launch would be. Dent and Zaikowski indicated a few more items to clean up on the system (ex. contact information) and to update the website links, but it was close to ready. Walke indicated the ICCM would take up the database again at its December meeting to confirm if it was ready, with an anticipated launch in January.

ICCM Members in attendance or on conference line:

Peter Walke, Agency of Natural Resources

Shawn Barth, Department of Labor

Sarah Vose, Department of Health

PJ Telep, Agency of Digital Services

Kanika Gandhi, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets

Andy Shively, Agency of Transportation

Patrick McLaughlin, Department of Public Service

CAP Member in attendance or on conference line:

Ian Balcolm, Lyndon State College

Deborah Hirtz, UVM

Ruma Kohli, Global Foundries

Interested Parties in attendance or on conference line:

Erin Sigrist, Vermont Retail & Grocers Association

William Driscoll, Associated Industries of Vermont

Martin Wolf, Seventh Generation

Matt McMahan, MMR

Shaina Kasper, Community Action Works

Tess Kennedy, William Shouldice & Associates LLC

Aaron Page, Agri-Mark

Agency Staff in attendance or on conference line:

Marcella Dent, Agency of Natural Resources

John Zaikowski, Agency of Natural Resources

Jordan Gonda, Agency of Natural Resources

Tami Wuestenberg, Agency of Natural Resources

Rosa Mastrocola, Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets