

ITRC Board of Advisors Call

May 19, 2022

11:30am – 1:00pm EST

Attendees: Cindy Frickle, David Asiello, Heidi Durako, Jeremy Musson, Karen Skubal, Lisa Matthews, Kim Brown, **Melinda McClanahan, Rebecca Higgins, Samuel Iwenofu, Sara Pearson, Stephanie Lewis, Randy Chapman, Claudio Sorrentino**

** Voting Members in **Bold**; Members full name bolded first time used in minutes below*

Guests: Vivek Mathrani, Paula Panzino, Maggie Mandell, April Lazzaro, Keisha Long, Jim Rocco, Carrie Ridley, Kelsey Bufford, Valerie Hanley, Kim Nimmer, Cherri Baysinger

Staff: Patty Reyes, Evan Madden, Devin Seckar, Caroline Huang (intern), Nicole Henderson (contractor)

Welcome & Overview of Meeting

- **Rebecca Higgins** welcomed attendees to the meeting. **Patty Reyes** introduced the ITRC Intern, **Caroline Huang** who will be with ITRC for the summer.

CEC Team Status

- **Discussion: Vivek Matharani (CA)** and **Paula Panzino (AZ)** provided PowerPoint slides for an update on the Contaminants of Emerging Concerns (CEC) team. **David Asiello** asked for clarification about the decision to rename the team from Chemicals to Contaminants. The rationale was that the team didn't want to narrow the definition and wanted to align with the \$50 billion funding source (*Implementation of the Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Provisions of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, March 2022*). DOD thought going to chemicals would broaden the definition. David Asiello stated that he wants to add his staff to the team. **Kim Brown** added that Navy toxicologists asked about the name change, and she will try to add Navy toxicologists to the team.
- **Action:** David Asiello requested a call with the Team Leaders the week of May 31 to discuss opportunities for DOD participation in the team.

EtO Team Status

- **Discussion: April Lazzaro (MI)** and **Keisha Long (SC)** provided PowerPoint slides for an update on the Ethylene Oxide Emissions (EtO) team. The team stated they were looking for participation from FDA and to please help recruit members if Board members were aware of contacts. Patty asked **Lisa Matthews** to make sure EPA risk communicators are aware of this team. Rebecca commented that this is a challenge with all emerging topics where there are sensitivities. Rebecca asked that with the disagreement between EPA and the states, how does the team plan to manage that and do they have ideas on how to avoid conflicts on the back end of the product? April stated it will be tricky and there is a parallel path, but the work is not at a point of developing conflict. Once additional information is available, the team can add it, but it is not going to change what is known now – additional information will add to the team product but won't negate the team efforts. Keisha stated that the team will likely need to state what is appropriate by states and note that there are differences on specific items. Randy Chapman stated that we will need to be careful in the documentation in order to avoid conflict after the report is finalized.

MAR Team Status

- **Discussion:** **Carrie Ridley** (KS) and **Kelsey Bufford** (OK) provided PowerPoint slides for an update on the Managed Aquifer Recharge (MAR) team. Patty stated that nearly 15 states have their MAR program run by EPA regions, so ITRC needs advice from EPA on how to get survey information completed. Carrie indicated that EPA Region 7 stated that the survey would need to be discussed by Headquarters. Lisa stated that EPA work is led out of the EPA Oklahoma lab, so it is good to have Oklahoma as a team lead.
- **Action:** Patty Reyes will follow up with Lisa Matthews about survey responses needed from EPA Regions.

Microplastics Team Status

- **Discussion:** **Valerie Hanley** (CA) and **Kim Nimmer** (NC) provided PowerPoint slides for an update on the Microplastics team. Valerie stated that external review starts June 29 and provided an overview of the questions to answer during external review. Valerie stated that there is interest from team members to continue as a team to help update the materials and evolve the product as needed, including beyond the 2023 Proposal Team for Microplastics Communications. Rebecca asked about concerns with state review during the external review. Valerie stated that it might be a concern in some states, but the team leaders have a list of experts to help with the external review. Samuel offered that the Microplastics team should consider collaboration with PFAS to understand how the team handled the evolution of the topic. Valerie shared that there are several PFAS team members on the team as well.

Approval of April Meeting Minutes

- **Discussion:** The Board reviewed the April 2022 minutes and made minor editorial changes to the attendance. Rebecca asked for a motion to approve the minutes. **Stephanie Lewis** motioned to approve the minutes. **Claudio Sorrentino** seconded. The voting Board approved the minutes.

Project Proposals for 2023

- Patty reminded the Board that they received seven proposals to review and an invitation for a meeting on June 1. June 8 will start the ranking period for the proposals. If a Board member has any questions on a proposal, please send questions to Patty Reyes by May 25 if possible. **Randy Chapman** asked Rebecca for a call to discuss together as Co-Chairs. Rebecca reminded the Board that there is no set number of teams that need to start and there is flexibility in when teams start (summer).
- **Action:** Board members need to submit questions on the proposals by May 25 and participate on the June 1 call with proposers.

Summer BOA meeting

- **Discussion:** Patty reminded Board members about the summer Board meeting July 25-26 in Rhode Island at the EPA ORD lab. A poll for attendance at the Summer Board meeting showed 7 people plan to attend in person and 2 people said they will not attend in person.
- **Action:** Board members need to let Patty know their intention to travel or not travel to Rhode Island for the July 25-26 Board summer meeting and make hotel reservations early.

1,4-Dioxane

- **Discussion:** Patty stated that 1,4 Dioxane continues to be a concern. There is one state that has complaints with the contents of the document. The state has asked for a TIGER team to review sections (Section 5) of the document. This would not be a full update team. ITRC would need specific representatives to be involved in the process. Randy stressed that there is a difference between being scientifically inaccurate versus opinions and presentation. Claudio Sorrentino agreed with Randy and is concerned that the TIGER team would not get enough representation of states.

Hydrocarbon External Review (June 2)

- **Discussion:** Patty reminded the Board that the Hydrocarbon team external review is due June 2, 2022 and includes a lot of products. **Samuel Iwenofu** asked for an extension of the external review, and Patty offered an extension to June 15. Kim Brown stated that she did not see the email request. ITRC staff will ensure that all federal partners received the request.

Adjourn

- Rebecca asked for a motion to end the meeting. Randy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Samuel seconded the motion. The Board voted to adjourn.