

## **Hydraulic Fracturing Chemicals and Mixtures; Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.**

### **Action:**

In its response to a citizen petition submitted under section 21 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), EPA announced a public participation process through an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR; 79 FR 28664 (May 19, 2014)) to seek comment on the information that should be reported or disclosed for hydraulic fracturing chemical substances and mixtures and the mechanism for obtaining this information.

### **Background:**

- The ANPR requests comment on information that could be reported or disclosed for hydraulic fracturing chemical substances and mixtures and the mechanism for obtaining this information. The mechanism for reporting could be regulatory (under TSCA section 8(a) and/or TSCA section 8(d)), voluntary, or a combination of both, and could include best management practices, third-party certification and collection and incentives for disclosure of such information.
- The agency is also seeking comment on ways of minimizing reporting burdens and costs and of avoiding the duplication of state and other federal agency information collections, while at the same time maximizing data available for EPA risk characterization, external transparency, and public understanding.
- Also, EPA is soliciting comments on incentives and recognition programs that could be used to support the development and use of safer chemicals in hydraulic fracturing.
- Although the Agency initially noted that comments must be received on or before August 18, 2014, the agency has granted requests to extend the period for public. With the extension, comments must be received on or before September 18, 2014.

**For Additional Information:** Please visit [EPA's hydraulic fracturing website](#)