



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2003-0004; FRL-9382-4]

### Access to Confidential Business Information by Chemical Abstract Services

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** EPA expects to authorize its contractor, Chemical Abstract Services (CAS) of Columbus, Ohio, to access information which has been submitted to EPA under sections 5 and 8 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be Confidential Business Information (CBI).

**DATES:** Access to the confidential data occurred on or about April 1, 2013.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *For technical information contact:*

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### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. General Information

*A. Does this Notice Apply to Me?*

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to all who manufacture, process, or distribute industrial chemicals. Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

*B. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?*

EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2003-0004. All documents in the docket are listed in the docket index available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the OPPT Docket. The OPPT Docket is located in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC) at Rm. 3334, EPA West Bldg., 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number of the EPA/DC Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket is (202) 566-0280. Docket visitors are required to show photographic identification, pass through a metal detector, and sign the EPA visitor log. All visitor bags are processed through an X-ray machine and subject to search. Visitors will be provided an EPA/DC badge that must be visible at all times in the building and returned upon departure.

## II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

It is expected under EPA Contract Number EP-W-13-008, contractor CAS of 2540 Olentangy River Rd., P.O. Box 3012 Columbus, Ohio, to assist the EPA in providing technical assistance in developing and operating the TSCA Chemical Substance Inventory. They will also assist in determining whether the substances described in the submissions received are already found on the TSCA Inventory; and review and/or provide the chemical names for the substances being reviewed. This is a new contract that continues work initiated under Contract Number EP-W-06-011. This is a renewal of a long-existing contract with CAS.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under EPA Contract Number EP-W-13-008, CAS requires access to CBI submitted to EPA under sections 5 and 8 of TSCA to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract. CAS' personnel were given access to information submitted to EPA under sections 5 and 8 of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be CBI.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under sections 5 and 8 of TSCA that EPA is providing CAS access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at EPA Headquarters and CAS' site located at 2540 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, Ohio, in accordance with EPA's *TSCA CBI Protection Manual*.

Access to TSCA data, including CBI, will continue until April 30, 2018. If the contract is extended, this access will also continue for the duration of the extended contract without further notice.

CAS' personnel were required to sign nondisclosure agreements and were briefed on appropriate security procedures before they were permitted access to TSCA CBI.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, Confidential business information.

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