

**OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

AIR TOXICS HOT SPOTS PROGRAM

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND WORKSHOPS ON A DRAFT CANCER
INHALATION UNIT RISK FACTOR FOR ETHYLENE OXIDE**

APRIL 7, 2023

The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) is releasing a draft document for public review that summarizes the carcinogenicity data and derives an updated cancer inhalation unit risk factor (IUR) for ethylene oxide. Cancer IURs are used to estimate lifetime cancer risks associated with inhalation exposure to a carcinogen.

OEHHA is required to develop guidelines for conducting health risk assessments under the Air Toxics Hot Spots Program (Health and Safety Code Section 44360(b)(2)). In response to this requirement, OEHHA develops unit risk factors for carcinogens, such as ethylene oxide. The draft ethylene oxide cancer IUR document is being made available today on the OEHHA website. **The posting of the document will commence a 45-day public review period that will end on May 22, 2023.**

Public workshops will be held in Southern and Northern California at the following locations and times.

Southern California
(To Be Determined)

Northern California
May 05, 2023
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Sierra Hearing Room
Cal EPA Building
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

After the close of the public comment period, the document will be revised as appropriate by OEHHA, and peer reviewed by the state's Scientific Review Panel on Toxic Air Contaminants.

The public is encouraged to submit written information via OEHHA's website, rather than in paper form. Comments may be submitted electronically through the following link: <https://oehha.ca.gov/comments>.

Hard-copy comments may be mailed, faxed, or hand-delivered to the address below:

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Information about dates and agenda for meetings of the Scientific Review Panel can be obtained from the California Air Resources Board website at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/srp/srp.htm>.