

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

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The Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) is releasing a draft document for public review that summarizes the carcinogenicity data and derives a 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 IURs 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 June 29, 2026.**

Public workshops will be held in Northern and Southern California at the following locations and times. A third workshop will be held in Central California at a future date.

Northern California

June 2, 2026
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Sierra Hearing Room
Cal EPA Building
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

[Zoom Webinar Link](#)

Southern California

June 4, 2026
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Auditorium
Ronald Reagan State Building
300 South Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013

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

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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OEHHA encourages all submissions to be in a format compliant with Section 508 of the federal Rehabilitation Act, Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 (see [the World Wide Web Consortium \[W3C\] WCAG 2 Overview](#)), and California Government Code sections 7405 and 11135, so that they can be read using screen reader technology.

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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>.

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