



1,2,3-TMB Draft Assessment
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Greetings,

The Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the draft assessment for 1,2,3-trimethylbenzene. We are pleased that EPA decided to assess this TMB isomer in addition to the draft assessment for the other two isomers, which EPA has already shared with the interagency reviewers. One of our main comments on the earlier TMB assessment was that it would be helpful to also evaluate 1,2,3-TMB. Having toxicity values for all three isomers will make it easier to evaluate the risk from mixtures of TMB.

We do not have any specific comments on the draft 1,2,3-TMB assessment. We appreciate that the materials sent out for review were focused just on the one isomer as it made it easy to read. However, we feel that for peer review, and the final document, it would be best have one document that covers all three isomers. We anticipate that this is EPA's plan, and recognize that there will need to be some changes to formatting to both drafts in order to make this possible.

Thanks again for the opportunity to review and comment on this assessment.

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