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Action: Human Health Toxicity Values for Perfluorobutane Sulfonic Acid and Related

Title: Compound Potassium Perfluorobutane Sulfonate; Notice of Availability

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**Human Health Toxicity Values for Perfluorobutane Sulfonic Acid and Related Compound
Potassium Perfluorobutane Sulfonate; Notice of Availability**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of a toxicity assessment entitled: “Human Health Toxicity Values for Perfluorobutane Sulfonic Acid (CASRN 375-73-5) and Related Compound Potassium Perfluorobutane Sulfonate (CASRN 29420-49-3) (PFBS).” The PFBS toxicity assessment is one of the key goals of the Agency’s *PFAS Action Plan* and provides qualitative and quantitative toxicity information that can be used along with exposure information and other important considerations to assess potential health risks to determine if, and when, it is appropriate to take action to address this chemical.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

I. Does this action apply to me?

This announcement is directed to the public in general. Since this action may be of interest to many, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be interested in this action.

II. What action is EPA taking?

The Agency is announcing the availability of a toxicity assessment entitled: “Human Health Toxicity Values for Perfluorobutane Sulfonic Acid (CASRN 375-73-5) and Related Compound Potassium Perfluorobutane Sulfonate (CASRN 29420-49-3) (PFBS).” The PFBS toxicity assessment is one of the key goals of the Agency’s *PFAS Action Plan* and provides qualitative and quantitative toxicity information that can be used along with exposure information and other important considerations to assess potential health risks to determine if, and when, it is appropriate to take action to address this chemical.

The PFBS toxicity assessment was developed by the Center for Public Health and Environmental Assessment (CPHEA) in EPA’s Office of Research and Development (ORD), and underwent a rigorous and thorough development and review process within EPA, was provided for review to other federal agencies in the early and late stages of the assessment process, and underwent peer review and public comment.

The assessment provides high quality evaluations and conclusions drawn from publicly available information on the toxicity of PFBS. This assessment is not a regulation, rather it provides a critical part of the scientific foundation for risk assessment decision-making. Similar to assessments developed under EPA’s Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS), this assessment is available for use across multiple EPA program and regional offices, other federal agencies, states, tribes, external stakeholders, and other entities as needed. One use of this

Administrator's Digital Signature on Document identified as FRL-10020-01-ORD, entitled
"Human Health Toxicity Values for Perfluorobutane Sulfonic Acid and Related Compound
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assessment is to update and replace the existing 2014 Provisional Peer Reviewed Toxicity Value (PPRTV) for PFBS assessment used by the EPA's Superfund Program.

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Andrew Wheeler,

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