

PEER REVIEW PLAN

Title:	NANOTECHNOLOGY WHITE PAPER
Purpose/Objective:	The Nanotechnology White Paper outlines the potential applications and implications of nanotechnology. The document describes the issues EPA must address to ensure that society accrues the benefits to environmental protection that nanotechnology may offer, as well as to better understand any potential risks from exposure to nanomaterials in the environment. The Agency will use the Nanotechnology White Paper to address research needs and risk assessment issues concerning nanotechnology.
Product Completion Date (Projected):	06/20/2006
OMB Category:	Influential
Peer Review Leader:	Kathryn Gallagher email: gallagher.kathryn@epa.gov

External Peer Review Mechanism:	Ad Hoc Panel of Independent Experts
Date of Projected Peer Review:	04/19/2006

Was a deferral to peer review invoked?	No
Will an alternative peer review process be employed?	No
Number of Peer Reviewers	more than 10
Primary Disciplines needed in the review:	Risk Assessment-Ecological,Risk Assessment-Human Health,Science and Policy
Who will select the reviewers?	Outside Organization: Contractor
Will the public, including scientific or professional societies be asked to nominate peer reviewers?	No
Will public nominations be allowed through the Peer Review Agenda?	No
Will there be opportunity for public comment on the product?	Yes
Describe How and When	EPA docket number EPA-HQ-ORD-2005-0504 and comments may be presented at the public meeting of the external expert review panel. Comments received by March 1, 2006 will be shared with the external review panel prior to

	the meeting. Although EPA is under no obligation to do so, EPA may consider comments received after the close of the comment period. The public release of this draft document is solely for the purpose of seeking public comment and peer review.	
Will the Agency provide significant and relevant public comments to the peer reviewers before they conduct their review?		Yes
Will the review be a panel, conducted in public?		Yes
Will public comments be allowed at the panel review?		Yes