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CEQ comments on EPA's draft "Toxicological Review of Formaldehyde Inhalation Toxicity"

CEQ has reviewed the EPA's Toxicological Review of Formaldehyde Inhalation Toxicity and found it to be clear, comprehensive, and ready for peer review. The Toxicological Review, a result of many years of work by EPA experts, clearly outlines all evidence considered by EPA to consider further research on potential reproductive, developmental, and neurological effects of formaldehyde. The document provides clear and comprehensive information needed to assess whether an additional uncertainty factor to the RfC for formaldehyde to account for health effects is needed. The document as it stands will enable a productive peer review.

CEQ supports EPA's plans for a full and robust peer review process to solicit impartial feedback and evaluation of EPA's conclusions by experienced subject matter experts who are well-versed in this chemical and its related research with respect to health effects. The document should proceed to its planned peer review by the National Academy of Sciences and subsequent revision by EPA based on that review.