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**From:** Yamada, Richard (Yujiro)  
**Sent:** Tue 1/30/2018 6:00:01 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Question

FYI - ORD going to DoD to discuss - this was arranged a few weeks back - thanks

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On Jan 30, 2018, at 11:36 AM, Beck, Nancy <[Beck.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Beck.Nancy@epa.gov)> wrote:

If there are DOD concerns, perhaps OMB can step up and coordinate interagency review of this important guidance document before it is released.

They may be a good neutral arbiter and OIRA has a toxicologist who could lead this effort.

OMB/OIRA played this role quite a bit under the Bush Administration, but under Obama they just let each agency do their own thing...

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This is the issue that me Nancy and others have been working with CDC - I thought we were going to continue the discussion on science with them - seems like they want to roll

out and do they own thing - estimate they use is 10 fold lower than most because of use of immuno Tox studies - not sure our scientists agree

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On Jan 30, 2018, at 9:46 AM, Greaves, Holly <[greaves.holly@epa.gov](mailto:greaves.holly@epa.gov)> wrote:

Ryan/Richard- is there anything more you can share with me about this?

Thanks,

Holly

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Herz, James P. EOP/OMB" <[James.P.Herz@omb.eop.gov](mailto:James.P.Herz@omb.eop.gov)>  
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**Subject:** Question

Holly - I was copied on this email below from WH intergovernmental affairs. Do you know anything about this issue? If yes, can you fill me in? Thanks

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Hi all,

Got a call from a DOD contact expressing some concern about pending HHS rollout on perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) contaminates between HHS, DOD, EPA, and OMB. Sounds like there might need to be some more robust rollout and perhaps policy and budget discussions on this front. Glad to help coordinate further as appropriate.

Background based on feedback from DOD: HHS's Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) has a draft Toxicological Profile for 4 PFAS (PFOS, PFOA, PFHX, and PFNA) and they are getting ready to publish the draft in the Fed Register for public comment. The Tox. Profile has some very, very low "Minimal Risk Level" (MRL) numbers. There are numbers for adults and children for each compound, ranging from as low as 12 ppt to 516 ppt. But the public and the media are going to go with the lowest number -- 12 ppt. Although the Director of ATSDR, Dr. Breysse, was willing to tell us the numbers, he wouldn't share the detailed draft Tox. Profile with us and could not/would not tell us when they are going to publish in the Federal Register.

The public, media, and Congressional reaction to these new numbers is going to be huge. The impact to EPA and DoD is going to be extremely painful. We (DoD and EPA) cannot seem to get ATSDR to realize the potential public relations nightmare this is going to be.

EPA's COS is likely reaching out to HHS COS.