

Erik Baptist Comments on EPA's Plan to Seek Voluntary Remand of TSCA Evaluation of HBCD

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Erik C. Baptist, partner in Wiley's Environment & Product Regulation Practice, was quoted by *Inside EPA's Inside TSCA* in an April 26 article about the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) plan to reconsider findings that some uses of hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD) and other flame retardants do not pose unreasonable risks.

The EPA will seek a voluntary remand of risk evaluations that were completed by the previous Administration for those chemicals under the amended Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), according to the article. The EPA is expected to make a remand request of the HBCD evaluations by May 28.

During a recent presentation covered by *Inside TSCA* at the GlobalChem Conference, Mr. Baptist discussed TSCA's requirement for EPA to complete its next 20 chemical risk evaluations within a three-year timeline - which is also required for the first 10 evaluations.

"EPA already has to double its workload by going to 20 risk evaluations ... and then ... on top of that add these other pathways that were excluded previously, potentially going back and redoing the first 10," said Mr. Baptist, who previously served as Deputy Assistant Administrator for Law and Policy at the EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP). "I worry about the workload and the quality of work coming out of the Agency for the next 20 and potentially even the first 10 that are being revised."

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