Peer Review of Draft Report on Carcinogens Monograph on Trichloroethylene

Format of the Peer Review

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

NTP Peer-Review Meeting
August 12, 2014
Public Comments Format

• Oral comments
  – At least 7 minutes is allotted to each speaker, one speaker per organization is permitted. At the discretion of the chair, the time may be extended to 10 minutes.
    • Oral comments by phone
    • Registered oral comments in person
    • Ad hoc oral comments in person
    • If desired, panelists may ask a public speaker for clarifications, additional information, or general questions

• Written comments
  – Acknowledgement of submitters
  – Identification of scientific issues
General Format for Peer Review

• Office of Report on Carcinogens (ORoC) staff or contractor makes a brief presentation on topic or section of draft monograph
  – Panelists may ask for clarifications or general questions
  – Primary reviewers present their peer-review comments
  – ORoC staff responds to the peer-reviewers’ comments
  – Other members of the panel present any peer-review remarks or ask questions
  – The panel has a general discussion
  – Chair briefly summarizes primary points

• Vote by show of hands on (1) NTP’s draft level of evidence for each cancer site and (2) NTP’s draft listing recommendation
  – Brief statement for record for any “no” votes or abstentions
  – Chair only votes in case of a tie