

Congressional Mandate (1978)

Public Health Service Act Section 301(b)(4), as amended¹ states:

The Secretary, Department of Health, Education and Welfare² shall publish an annual³ report which contains—

- (A) a list of all substances
 - (i) which either are known to be carcinogens or may reasonably be anticipated to be carcinogens and
 - (ii) to which a significant number of persons residing in the United States are exposed;
- (B) information concerning the nature of such exposure and the estimated number of persons exposed to such substances;
- (C) a statement identifying
 - (i) each substance contained in the list under subparagraph (A) for which no effluent, ambient, or exposure standard has been established by a Federal agency, and
 - (ii) for each effluent, ambient, or exposure standard established by a Federal agency with respect to a substance contained in the list under subparagraph (A), the extent to which, on the basis of available medical, scientific, or other data, such standard, and the implementation of such standard by the agency, decreases the risk to public health from exposure to the substance; and
- (D) a description of
 - (i) each request received during the year involved –
 - (I) from a Federal agency outside the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare for the Secretary, or
 - (II) from an entity within the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare to any other entity within the Department, to conduct research into, or testing for, the carcinogenicity of substances or to provide information described in clause (ii) of subparagraph (C), and
 - (ii) how the Secretary and each such other entity, respectively, have responded to each such request.

¹ The original requirement for this report was established in November 1978 by the Community Mental Health Center Act, Amendments, Section 262, Public Law 95-622, Part E (pp. 3435-6) which amended Section 301 of the Public Health Service Act.

² Currently Department of Health and Human Services.

³ An amendment in 1993 (42 US Code 241) substituted a biennial report for an annual report in the introductory provisions.