

November 28, 2023

Dr. Michal Ilana Freedhoff
Assistant Administrator
Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Re: Extension of Comment Period for Near Term Strategies for the Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program (Docket No. EPA-HQ-OPP-2023-0474)

Dear Dr. Freedhoff,

The [Environmental Protection Network](https://www.epn.org/) (EPN) harnesses the expertise of more than 600 former Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) career staff and confirmation-level appointees from Democratic and Republican administrations to provide the unique perspective of former regulators and scientists with decades of historical knowledge and subject matter expertise.

EPN commends EPA for its efforts on the proposed near-term strategies for the Endocrine Disruptor Screening Program (EDSP). EPA is requesting comments by December 26, 2023. Given the magnitude of the revisions and added complexity of this proposed strategy and because the comment period encompasses the holiday season, EPN is requesting that EPA extend the 60-day comment period for an additional 30 days to allow the public the time needed to prepare the most comprehensive comments possible.

EPN appreciates the historical challenges the agency has faced in implementing the EDSP since its inception in 1996. The proposed strategic plan is an important step towards addressing those issues.

We would appreciate hearing EPA's response to this request as soon as possible so that we are able to more effectively engage our membership in our analysis of the proposal.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at michelle.roos@environmentalprotectionnetwork.org or 646-361-6928.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Catherine Aubee, Senior Advisor, EDSP, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention