

Comparison of Expert Panel and Small Datasets Processes

Expert Panel Process	Small Datasets Process
1) Chemical Nominations by interested individuals, federal and state agencies, NTP staff, labor unions, and industry	
2) Core Committee reviews dossiers on candidate chemicals prepared by CERHR staff	
3) Core Committee recommends candidate chemicals for expert panel or small dataset evaluation to Associate Director, NTP for approval.	
4) First Solicitation of Public Comment: Federal Register Notice announces selected chemical(s) for Small Dataset Process or Expert Panel Evaluation and solicits public comments, new data, and planned studies, information on exposure and use patterns	
5) Public comments are compiled and reviewed by NTP staff; expert reviewers and panelists are identified by the Core Committee and approved by Associate Director, NTP.	
6) Materials for Expert Panel Report are prepared by CERHR staff and sent to expert panel. Panel incorporates comments into draft report (sections 1-4).	6) Small Dataset Report (sections 1-5) is researched and written by CERHR staff and sent to expert reviewers for comment. Comments of reviewers are incorporated into the report. Report is approved by expert reviewers.
7) Second Solicitation of Public Comment: Federal Register Notice announces the availability of the draft report and requests public comments. The expert panel meeting and panelists are announced.	7) Second Solicitation of Public Comment: Federal Register Notice announces the availability of draft report, requests public comments, and announces expert reviewers.
8) Expert Panel Meeting: The Panel meets in public session to discuss their evaluation of the literature and to prepare section 5, Summaries, Conclusions, and Critical Data Needs, of the Expert Panel Report. Meeting includes time for presentation of public comments. The final report is an Expert Panel Report.	8) NTP CERHR staff reviews draft reports and public comments. Report is finalized based upon NTP recommendations. NTP-staff prepares a plain-language executive summary for the final report.
9) Reports are finalized by CERHR staff and approved by the Expert Panel (or expert reviewers) and the CERHR Core Committee.	
10) Final Solicitation of Public Comment: Federal Register notice announces availability of the final report and requests public comment. This report is available on the CERHR website or from CERHR by mail.	
11) NTP staff prepares a NTP CERHR Monograph on the chemical evaluated. The monograph contains the expert panel report, NTP brief, and public comments on the final report. The monograph is distributed to federal and state agencies and interested stakeholders and made publicly available. NTP monographs are NTP reports.	11) Public comments are appended to the final small dataset report. The final report with public comments is posted on the CERHR website and hardcopies are available from CERHR. The final report is an NTP-peer reviewed report.

