## **PFAS Alternatives Assessment**

## August 23, 2019 update

Product/Sector Scope Survey: Thank you to all who responded to the Product Scoping Survey! There were a total of 22 responses to the survey, which we are currently reviewing. Results of this survey will help inform the selection of candidate alternatives, as well as other portions of this assessment. The Scoping Survey is now closed, and the link has been disabled. Most respondents indicated that they were interested in participating in a group call to further discuss aspects of product scoping.

Product/Sector Group Call: A Product/Sector Group Call has been scheduled for September 11 at 2pm EST/11am PST. Invitations and agenda will be sent out shortly. The call is directed toward scoping survey respondents to further clarify the survey responses. If you did not participate in the scoping survey but would like to join the call, please contact Jenn Rhoades (<u>rhoades@srcinc.com</u>) to be added to the group call list.

Hazard and Exposure Modules: Methodology and decision rules related to the hazard and exposure modules are under development and will be finalized in the next few weeks. These documents should help address stakeholder questions about the data needs and how stakeholder information will be incorporated into this assessment. We recognize that the alternatives assessment approach is new to many folks. The <u>Interstate Chemicals</u> <u>Clearinghouse (IC2) Alternatives Assessment Guide v1.1</u> will serve as basis for our approach.

Manufacturer CBI Submission: As a reminder, manufacturers can now submit information on coatings, chemical treatments, or other approaches to achieving oil and grease resistance in food packaging. Information on chemical identities, quantities used, and associated hazard, exposure or performance data are all relevant to Ecology's safer alternatives determination. In cases where product information is considered as trade secret or CBI, manufacturers can request that their information be granted confidential treatment under RCW 43.21A.160. Manufacturers may request the assurance of confidential treatment prior to providing the actual information to Ecology. Additional details on the <u>CBI submission process</u> and a suggested <u>request template</u> are provided in the documents section of this webpage.