

EPA data collection on nano substances

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The White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been reviewing a proposed data collection rule that would require manufacturers of nanoscale chemicals to provide the Environmental Protection Agency with information on production volume and manufacturing methods, along with available health and safety data. However, a scientist with the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) said that the EPA cannot get the information it needs to make decisions about nanoscale pesticides and chemicals because the OMB is not approving proposals that would allow EPA to gather the data. The EDF claims that manufacturers and certain users of nanoscale chemicals have caused the delay of the data gathering efforts because they do not want the use of nanotechnologies to be stigmatized. EDF also has alleged that some federal agencies supported the delay. Some claims have been made that nanoscale ingredients in pesticides may pose health or environmental hazards due to their microscopic size and certain other properties.



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