

5 things you should know about prioritization

1. What it means

Prioritization is the process used to determine whether a chemical is a “high priority” requiring a risk evaluation or a “low priority” that EPA has determined does not require a risk evaluation at the time.

2. Why it matters

The prioritization process is central to EPA’s ability to systematically review chemicals used in commerce.

3. Does not equal risk

EPA has made clear that designation as a high priority chemical “does not constitute a finding of risk” and should not be cause for concern.

4. Based on evidence

Prioritization designations must be based on best available science and weight of the scientific evidence as required by the law.

5. Risk-based screening process

Prioritization is a risk-based screening process in which EPA integrates hazard information with use and exposure information.