



Luxembourg, 20 February 2023

Scientific Committee on Health, Environmental and Emerging Risks SCHEER
Working Group on "Draft Environmental Quality Standards for Priority Substances under the Water Framework Directive" and on "groundwater quality standards for proposed additional pollutants in the annexes to the Groundwater Directive (2006/118/EC)".

10 February 2023, Luxembourg

Minutes

1. Welcome and apologies, approval of the agenda and declaration of interests

The Chair welcomed the participants. Three apologies were received.

The agenda was adopted without changes.

The Chair invited participants to declare any interest regarding matters on the agenda.

None of the participants declared any new interest related to the matters on the agenda

2. List of points discussed

2.1. Subgroup for Groundwater Directive

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2.2. Subgroup for priority substances under the Water Framework Directive

- The two last preliminary opinions on PAHs and tributyltin have been adopted by written procedure and published for commenting period until 1st March: [SCHEER - Opinions \(europa.eu\)](#)

3. Any Other Business

- The Chair discussed with the WG a revised structure of a preamble section to introduce the 41 published opinions.
- The Chair discussed with the WG the possibility of responding to the criticism of the WG procedures in a recently published note. It was noted that the procedures followed by the WG are in accord with the SCHEER procedures and principles, that the SCHEER opinions are open for public consultation and that any comments received are considered and responded to by the SCHEER. No further action was considered necessary
- The Chair discussed a possible SCHEER contribution to the DG ENV public consultation on [Integrated water management – revised lists of surface and groundwater pollutants \(europa.eu\)](#) (DL 14 March)
- The mandating DG has been informed that the WG will be closed after March meetings should no new mandate be received.

Next meetings:

- 3 and 16 March 2023
