



SOT Requests for Comment Procedure

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On occasion, proposed rules, policies, or plans are released by a government agency with a request for public comment. When the Society of Toxicology (SOT) leadership feels such proposed rules, policies, or plans impact the overall use of sound science in decision-making or would strengthen or weaken science in general, a member of the Presidential Chain will be asked to draft comments on behalf of the Society. The draft comments will be shared with members of the Presidential Chain and, if time permits, all Council members for recommended edits. Once a consensus is reached among the Society leadership, the comments will be submitted to the requesting agency on behalf of the Society without specific acknowledgement of authorship.

In other instances, SOT may be asked by another professional organization to sign on to a letter addressing a proposed rule, policy, or plan that impacts the overall use of sound science in decision-making or would strengthen or weaken science in general consistent with the SOT mission. Again, if the SOT leadership agrees with the written position and comments of that professional organization, a decision will be made by a consensus of the SOT Presidential Chain to sign on to the letter on behalf of the Society.

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