

Major Achievements of the Toxic and Chemical Substances Bureau (TCSB), Environmental Protection Administration, Executive Yuan in April 2020

1. On April 8, the TCSB took part in the Executive Yuan's "Symposium on Directives for the Control of Nitrous Oxide for Unintended Purposes and Advocacy for the Prevention of Abuse," in order to complete the announcement on regulations concerning nitrous oxide, in accordance with the original planning schedule. When drafting the announcement, the TCSB examined reasonable improvement deadlines for operators (venues) involved in the legal use of nitrous oxide. However, for cases of improper inhalation, the announcement will take effect immediately and no improvement period will be given.
2. Competition for the "Second Green Chemistry Application and Innovation Awards" commenced on April 20, for which the period of registration is April 27 to August 14. There are group and individual competitions, with the focus on green chemistry applications and innovation as the main theme. Fifteen groups and ten individuals will be selected to recognize their achievements, among which the categories for the group competition include: green chemistry education, green safety substitution, chemical substance management, disaster prevention, rescue and preparedness, and other. For the individual competition, in addition to the above categories, the category of lifetime contribution is added. Those who meet the eligibility criteria are welcome to register for the competition. Related information can be viewed and downloaded from the website of the Toxic and Chemical Substances Bureau of the Environmental Protection Administration (<https://topic.epa.gov.tw/gcai/mp-9.html>).
3. On April 30, the enactment of the "Regulations Governing Establishment Plan for Mutual Aid Groups for Toxic and Concerned Chemical Substances" was promulgated.