



NUMBER: Directive 0630

SUBJECT: CPSC’s Scientific Integrity Policy

DIRECTIVE OWNER: Office of Hazard Identification and Reduction

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 13, 2024

1. **PURPOSE.** This directive implements the CPSC Scientific Integrity Policy, which establishes CPSC’s approach for ensuring scientific integrity, including defining objectives and key terms.
2. **AUTHORITY.**
 - a. White House Office of Science and Technology Policy’s *Framework for Federal Scientific Integrity Policy and Practice*, January 2023¹
 - b. U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission Scientific Integrity Policy
 - c. 16 C.F.R. § 1000.25 – 1000.30
3. **DEFINITION.**

Scientific integrity: The adherence to professional practices, ethical behavior, and the principles of honesty and objectivity when conducting, managing, using the results of, and communicating about science and scientific activities. Inclusivity, transparency, and protection from inappropriate influence are hallmarks of scientific integrity.
4. **SCOPE.** All employees are charged with upholding the Commission’s principles of scientific integrity to ensure that science and scientific findings are not suppressed, delayed, or altered for political purposes nor subjected to inappropriate influence.
5. **RESPONSIBILITIES.**
 - a. The Executive Director appoints a career member of the Senior Executive Service to serve as the Scientific Integrity Official and ensures that adequate resources are available to support the policy.

¹ The Commission recognizes that it is not obligated to implement the White House policy but is supporting the framework’s’ goals by publishing a CPSC Scientific Integrity Policy.



- b. The Scientific Integrity Official implements and iteratively improves scientific-integrity practices and processes, serving as the primary agency-level contact for questions regarding scientific integrity.
 - c. The Scientific Integrity Official oversees the process for adjudication of allegations of violations, consulting with independent external reviewers as needed, and making recommendations for remedial actions to the appropriate office(s) and the Executive Director.
 - d. The Scientific Integrity Official chairs the Scientific Integrity Committee comprised of career staff who act as liaisons for their respective groups/directorates/offices.
 - e. The Scientific Integrity Committee assists with training and policy assessment, updates and amendments, and is available to colleagues to address any questions or concerns related to scientific integrity issues.
 - f. CPSC employees shall follow the Scientific Integrity Policy and any practices or processes implemented by the Scientific Integrity Official and the Scientific Integrity Committee.
6. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Directive is effective on the date that it is approved by the Commission, as noted above.

Alberta E. Mills
Commission Secretary, on behalf of
the Commission

Date