

[FRL-S132-1]

Public Water System Supervision Program Revision for the State of New York**AGENCY:** United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the State of New York is revising its approved Public Water System Supervision Primacy Program. The State of New York has adopted drinking water regulations that satisfy the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for the Synthetic Organic Chemicals and Inorganic Chemicals; Monitoring for Unregulated Contaminants rule (Phase 2), and Monitoring for Volatile Organic Chemicals rule (Phase 2B). These regulations were promulgated by EPA on January 30, 1991 (56 FR 3526), and July 1, 1991 (56 FR 30266) with May 27, 1992 correction (57 FR 22178), respectively.

The USEPA has determined that New York's Phase regulations are no less stringent than the corresponding Federal regulations and that New York continues to meet all requirements for primary enforcement responsibility as specified in 40 CFR 142.10.

All interested parties, other than Federal Agencies, may request a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be submitted to the USEPA Regional Administrator at the address shown below within thirty (30) days after the date of this **Federal Register** Notice. If a substantial request for a public hearing is made within the required thirty-day period, a public hearing will be held and a notice will be given in the **Federal Register** and a newspaper of general circulation. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for a hearing may be denied by the Regional Administrator. If no timely and appropriate request for a hearing is received and the Regional Administrator does not choose to hold a hearing on his/her motion, this determination shall become final and effective thirty (30) days after publication of this **Federal Register** Notice.

Any request for a public hearing shall include the following information:

- (1) the name, address and telephone number of the individual organization or other entity requesting a hearing;
- (2) a brief statement of the requesting person's interest in the Regional Administrator's determination and a brief statement on information that the requesting person intends to submit at such hearing;
- (3) the signature of the individual making the requests or, if the request is

made on behalf of an organization or other entity, the signature of a responsible official of the organization or other entity.

ADDRESSES: Requests for Public Hearing shall be addressed to: Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—Region II, Jacob K. Javits Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York 10278.

All documents relating to this determination are available for inspection between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, at the following offices:

New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Public Water Supply Protection, 2 University Plaza/Western Avenue, Albany, New York 12203-3399, (518) 458-6731
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—Region II, Public Water System Supervision Section Room 853, Jacob K. Javits Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York 10278

For further information, you may contact: Walter E. Andrews, Chief, Drinking and Groundwater Protection Branch, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—Region II, (212) 264-1800. (Section 1413 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, and 40 CFR 142.10 of the NPDWR)

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William J. Muszynski,
Acting Regional Administrator, EPA, Region II.

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Notice of Availability of FY 1995 Multimedia Environmental Justice Through Pollution Prevention Grant Funds**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing the availability of approximately \$4.2 million in FY 95 grant/cooperative agreement funds under the Environmental Justice Through Pollution Prevention (EJP2) grant program. The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance to community groups and tribal governments for projects that address environmental justice and use pollution prevention as the proposed solution.

DATES: Applications are due to the EPA Regional Offices by March 31, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact the appropriate Regional EPA coordinator for a copy of the grant guidance and application package. Contact names for each Regional Office are listed under Unit IV. of this notice. For general information on the EJP2 program contact Lena Ferris at EPA Headquarters at (202) 260-2237. Grant guidance and applications can only be requested from the regional contacts listed in Unit IV. of this notice. Materials are also available in Spanish upon request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Scope and Purpose of the EJP2 Grant Program**

The primary purpose of this grant program is to provide financial assistance to community groups and tribal governments for projects that address environmental justice and use pollution prevention activities as the proposed solution. This grants program is designed to fund projects which have a direct impact on affected communities. EPA is seeking proposals for projects that will encourage institutionalization and innovative use of pollution prevention as the preferred approach for addressing environmental justice issues, and whose activities and products can be applied to other communities. The Agency also encourages cooperative efforts with business and industry to address common pollution prevention goals.

Projects funded under this grant program may involve public education, training, demonstrations, research, investigations, experiments, surveys, studies, public-private partnerships, or approaches to develop, evaluate, and demonstrate non-regulatory strategies and technologies.

The purpose of the EJP2 grants program is to support the use of pollution prevention solutions to address the environmental problems of minority and low-income communities and tribes. Funds awarded must be used to support pollution prevention programs in minority and low-income communities or tribal lands. Priority will be given to those projects that improve the environmental quality of affected communities using pollution prevention as the primary solution.

Below are brief summaries of sample projects which meet the definitions of pollution prevention and environmental justice, which may help guide applicants as they develop their proposals.

- Assist minority and low-income communities and tribal governments in obtaining environmental information or

designing and implementing training programs for such communities to promote pollution prevention initiatives.

- Conduct demonstration projects in support of EPA voluntary programs (such as the 33/50 Program, the Water Alliance for Voluntary Efficiency, the Waste Wise Project, or the Green Lights Project) which promote resource efficiency, or EPA's industry sector projects such as the Common Sense Initiative.

- Research, demonstrations, or public educational training activities to institutionalize sustainable agricultural practices including integrated pest management techniques to reduce use of pesticides.

- Establish demonstration projects to provide financial assistance through establishment of a revolving loan fund to assist small businesses in obtaining loans for pollution prevention-oriented activities.

II. Definition of Environmental Justice and Pollution Prevention

Environmental justice is defined by EPA as the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, programs, and policies. Fair treatment means that no racial, ethnic or socioeconomic group should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from the operation of industrial, municipal, and commercial enterprises and from the execution of federal, state and local, and tribal programs and policies.

Pollution prevention is defined by EPA as "source reduction"; that is, any practice that reduces or eliminates any pollutant prior to recycling, treatment, or disposal. EPA further defines pollution prevention as the use of other practices that reduce or eliminate the creation of pollutants through:

- Increased efficiency in the use of raw materials, energy, water, or other resources, or
- Protection of natural resources by conservation.

To help better understand pollution prevention, EPA has established a hierarchy of environmental management practices. In order of preference, these practices include:

- Pollution Prevention
- Recycling
- Treatment
- Disposal

This grant program is focused on using the top of the hierarchy (pollution

prevention) to bring about better environmental protection.

III. Eligibility

Eligible applicants include any incorporated non-profit or grassroots organization, as well as any Federally-recognized tribal government, any city, county or local government organization such as a local education, health, energy, transportation, housing, environment agency or community college. Organizations must be incorporated to apply for funds. State agencies are also eligible but will not be a priority for funding as community-based organizations and/or local governments are the primary groups EPA is trying to reach through this program. State agencies interested in applying are encouraged to work cooperatively with community groups or local programs to strengthen their proposal. Private businesses and individuals are not eligible. Organizations excluded from applying directly are encouraged to work with eligible applicants in developing proposals that include them as participants in the projects. EPA strongly encourages this type of cooperative arrangement.

No applicant can have two grants for the same project at one time. EPA will consider only one proposal for a given project. Applicants may submit more than one application as long as the applications are for separate and distinct projects. However, no organization will receive more than one grant per Region per year under the EJP2 grant program. Organizations seeking funds from the EJP2 grants can request up to \$100,000.

The Federal government requires that all non-profit organizations receiving grants be incorporated. EPA, in order to reach out to communities unfamiliar with government procedures, will accept grant applications from incorporated organizations acting as a sponsor or umbrella for community groups that would otherwise be ineligible to apply directly. The sponsoring organization may represent up to three community groups, and must specifically identify the community groups that will be participating in the project.

All awardees must also comply with the requirements of 40 CFR part 31 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments) or 40 CFR part 30 (General Regulation for Assistance Program for other than State and Local Governments).

IV. EPA Regional Contacts

For further information please contact the appropriate EPA Regional staff person listed below:

James Younger, U.S. EPA Region 1, John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Boston, MA 02202, 617-565-3403.

Janet Sapadin, U.S. EPA Region 2, Jacob K. Javits Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278, 212-264-1925.

Dominique Lueckenhoff, U.S. EPA Region 3, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215-597-6529.

Carol Monell, U.S. EPA Region 4, 345 Courtland St., NE, Atlanta, GA 30365, 404-347-3555 or 6779.

Phil Kaplan, U.S. EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604-3507, 312-353-4669.

Donna Tisdall, U.S. EPA Region 6, First Interstate Bank Tower at Fountain Place, 1445 Ross Avenue, 12th Floor, Suite 1200, Dallas, TX 75202-2733, 214-665-6528.

Steve Wurtz, U.S. EPA Region 7, 726 Minnesota Ave., Kansas City, KS 66101, 913-551-7063.

Mel McCottrey, U.S. EPA Region 8, 999 18th St., Suite 500, Denver, CO 80202-2405, 303-293-1645.

Bill Wilson, U.S. EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, CA 94105, 415-744-2192.

Robin Meeker, U.S. EPA Region 10, 1200 Sixth Ave., Seattle, WA 98101, 206-553-8579.

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Three Peer Review Workshops on Draft Chapters of the Revised EPA Document: Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: Three peer review workshops will be held by the Environmental Criteria and Assessment Office (ECAO) of EPA'S Office of Health and Environmental Assessment to facilitate preparation of draft chapters dealing with (1) respiratory tract dosimetry and toxicology of particulate matter; (2) airborne particle sampling and analysis methods, ambient concentrations, and exposure to particulate matter; and (3) epidemiology studies of health effects