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Associate Administrator, Office of Regional Operations and State/Local Relations.

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Public Water Supply Supervision Program, Program Revision for the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas are revising their approved State Public Water Supply Supervision Primacy Program. These States have adopted drinking water regulations for Lead and Copper, and National Primary Drinking Water Regulation Implementation promulgated by EPA on June 7, 1991 (56 FR 26460). EPA has determined that these State program revisions are no less stringent than the corresponding Federal regulations. Therefore, EPA has tentatively decided to approve these State program revisions.

All interested parties are invited to request a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be submitted by February 28, 1996 to the Regional Administrator at the address shown below. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for a hearing may be denied by the Regional Administrator. However, if a substantial request for a public hearing is made by February 28, 1996, a public hearing will be held. If no timely and appropriate request for a hearing is received and the Regional Administrator does not elect to hold a hearing on his own motion, this determination shall become effective on February 28, 1996.

A request for a public hearing shall include the following: (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 of information that the requesting person intends to submit at such hearing. (3) The signature of the individual making the request; 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: All documents relating to this determination are available for inspection between the hours of 9:00

a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following offices:

Arkansas Department of Health, Engineering Division, 4815 West Markham Street, Little Rock, AR 72205

Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health—Engineering, 325 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70112

New Mexico Environment Department, Drinking Water Bureau, 525 Camino de los Marquez, Suite 4, Santa Fe, NM 87502

Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, 1000 N.E. 10th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73117

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Water Utilities Division, 12015 Park 35 Circle, Bldg F, Suite 3202, Austin, TX 78753

Regional Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Oscar Cabra Jr., P.E., Chief, EPA, Region 6, Source Water Protection Branch, at the Dallas address given above; telephone (214) 665-7150.

(Sec. 1413 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, (1986) and 40 CFR 142.10 of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations)

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A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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Access to Confidential Business Information by Contractors; Extension of Contracts and Access to Confidential Information

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Due to the lack of authorized funding (i.e. a Fiscal Year 1996 Appropriations Bill or Continuing Resolution) and the resultant furlough of EPA employees, EPA is extending the contracts and access to confidential business information of four state agencies serving as contractors to EPA, the State of New York Department of Environmental Conservation (Contract Number 68-W5-0040), Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Contract Number 68-W5-0039), Georgia Department of Natural Resources (Contract Number 68-W5-0038), and Wisconsin Department of Natural

Resources (Contract Number 68-W5-0037).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-545, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551, e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the fall of 1995, the State of New York Department of Environmental Conservation (Contract Number 68-W5-0040), Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Contract Number 68-W5-0039), Georgia Department of Natural Resources (Contract Number 68-W5-0038), and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Contract Number 68-W5-0037), each were retained as EPA contractors to review information directed to EPA under the authority of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), including confidential business information (CBI). The purpose of the contracts is to have the states determine the value of TSCA derived information to their respective toxics programs. By the terms of the contracts, access to TSCA CBI could be as long as 120 days after the date of contract commencement.

As a result of the furlough of EPA personnel and the closure of the Federal government for significant portions of the contract period, the state contractors were not able to access data or secure necessary Agency personnel assistance so as to adequately perform the contracts.

For this reason, the Agency has determined that access to TSCA CBI should be extended another 60 days, to insure that the state contractors have sufficient time to address the issue of the utility of TSCA data to state programs. Additional information may be secured from Scott Sherlock, the EPA staffer assigned to this project, at telephone number (202) 260-1536; e-mail: sherlock.scott@epamail.epa.gov.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Access to confidential business information.

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Linda A. Travers,

Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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