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Federal, state and local agencies, as well as interested organizations and individuals, are encouraged to participate in the scoping process for the EIS to determine the range of issues and alternatives to be addressed. Three public scoping meetings to receive oral and written information will be held: (1) At 7:00 p.m. August 6, 1996 at the Granby High School Auditorium, 7101 Granby Street, Norfolk, Virginia; (2) At 7:00 p.m. on August 8, 1996 at the Roosevelt Junior High School, 3366 Park Boulevard, San Diego, California, and (3) at 7:00 p.m. on August 13, 1996 at the Washington Intermediate School, 1633 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to five minutes. Longer comments should be summarized at the public meeting or mailed to the address listed at the end of this announcement. All written comments should be submitted no later than September 4, 1996 at the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Code N874, c/o Clayton H. Spikes (703) 418-1866, Marine Acoustics, Inc., Suite 901, 2345 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

Dated: July 15, 1996.

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## DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

### Water Quality Regulations; Proposed Amendments to Comprehensive Plan, Water Code of the Delaware River, Administrative Manual—Part III Water Quality Regulations; Public Hearing

**AGENCY:** Delaware River Basin Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking and public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing to receive comments on modifications to its proposed amendments to its Comprehensive Plan, Water Code and Water Quality Regulations concerning water quality criteria for toxic pollutants, and policies and procedures to establish wasteload allocations and effluent limitations for point source discharges to Zone 2 through 5 (Trenton, New Jersey to the Delaware Bay) of the tidal Delaware River.

**DATES:** The public hearing will be held on Thursday, September 5, 1996 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and continuing as long as there are people present wishing to testify.

The deadline for inclusion of written comments in the hearing record will be 5:00 p.m. on September 5, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** The hearing will be held in the Goddard Conference Room of the Commission's offices at 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, New Jersey.

Written comments should be submitted to Susan M. Weisman, Commission Secretary, Delaware River Basin Commission, P.O. Box 7360, West Trenton, New Jersey 08628.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan M. Weisman, Commission Secretary, at (609) 883-9500 ext. 203.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background and Rationale

On October 5, 11 and 13, 1995, the Commission held public hearings on proposed amendments to its water quality regulations as noticed in the Federal Register, Vol. 60, No. 143, July 26, 1995 and Vol. 60, No. 183, September 21, 1995. The public hearing record, originally scheduled to close on November 13, 1995, was extended by the Commission at its October 25, 1995 business meeting to December 13, 1995. Oral and written comments were received from 31 individuals and organizations as well as a coalition of 14 industrial and municipal dischargers to the Delaware Estuary.

As a result of comments received on that proposal and discussions with the Commission's Water Quality and Toxics Advisory Committees, the Commission has decided to modify its initial proposal. The proposal, as modified, is summarized below and is the subject of the September 5, 1996 public hearing.

Specifically, water quality criteria for selected toxic pollutants are proposed for incorporation in the Comprehensive Plan and Article 3 of the Water Code and Water Quality Regulations as stream quality objectives. Revisions are also proposed for Article 4 of the Water Quality Regulations describing the policies and procedures to be used to establish wasteload allocations for those discharges containing pollutants which impact the designated uses of the river.

Adoption of these revisions will provide a mechanism for identifying toxic pollutants which may impair aquatic life and human health, and developing uniform and equitable wasteload allocations for these pollutants for all NPDES discharges to the tidal Delaware River. The permitting authorities of the states will utilize the

allocations developed by the Commission to establish effluent limitations for NPDES permittees in their jurisdiction.

Modifications to the initial proposal which resulted from the public participation process include the following:

1. Revised numerical values for the stream quality objectives for five parameters,
  2. Inclusion of numerical factors to convert total recoverable water quality criteria for seven metals into dissolved stream quality objectives,
  3. Inclusion of language requiring the Commission to identify and designate critical habitat within the tidal Delaware River,
  4. Revised language regarding discharges to exposed benthic habitat,
  5. Inclusion of a provision for a demonstration to support alternative requirements for dispersion areas (or mixing zones) where stream quality objectives for the protection of aquatic life from acute effects may be permitted,
  6. Deletion of tables of values of Minimum Performance Standards, and replacement with language describing the basis for establishing Minimum Performance Standards,
  7. Inclusion of language specifying the order of preference for information/data used to establish initial loadings for allocation of wasteloads, and
  8. Revised language on adjustments for pollutants in intake water.
- Copies of the full text of the proposed amendments may be obtained by contacting Ms. Weisman at the address provided in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Persons wishing to testify are requested to notify the Secretary in advance.

Delaware River Basin Compact, 75 Stat. 688.

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Susan M. Weisman,  
*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of partially closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. This