

301 of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7401, 7410, 7412, 7601).

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Regional Administrator, EPA Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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EPA Identification of Additional Waters To Be Added to Virginia's 1998 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters, Correction

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of hearings and availability for public comment, rescheduled hearings.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is providing public notice of the availability of its December 16, 1998 identification of additional waters to be added to Virginia's 1998 Clean Water Act section 303(d) list and is inviting public comment on that identification. EPA is also providing notice of two public hearings. EPA intends to make a final determination 45 days after the close of this public comment period regarding the waters to be added to Virginia's 1998 303(d) list. EPA will transmit the listing of any additional waters to Virginia to incorporate into the current approved list of waters.

Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act and the implementing regulations at 40 CFR 130.7 require states to identify their waters that do not, or will not, meet water quality standards even after required technology-based or other controls are in place. This list, known as the Section 303(d) list, must be submitted to EPA for approval.

Federal regulations require states to consider all existing and readily available water quality-related data and information in developing the 303(d) list. EPA determined that the Commonwealth of Virginia did not fully meet this requirement. The Agency partially approved and partially disapproved Virginia's 303(d) list on November 16, 1998. On December 16, 1998, EPA identified a number of waters to be added to Virginia's 303(d) list based on existing and readily available water quality-related data and information.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 15, 1999. The two public hearings will be held

Wednesday, March 10, 1999, 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Richmond, VA., and Thursday, March 11, 1999, 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., Roanoke, VA. These hearings have been rescheduled from the dates originally announced in the **Federal Register** on December 30, 1998. If you would like to testify at one or both of the public hearings, please register with Ms. Lenka Berlin at the phone number below by March 5, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to Ms. Lenka Berlin (3WP13), Water Protection Division, USEPA Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. The March 10, 1999 public hearing will be at the Division of Motor Vehicles, 2300 West Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23220. The March 11, 1999 public hearing will be at the Roanoke County Administration Center, 5204 Bernard Drive, Roanoke, VA 24018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For a copy of the document detailing EPA's November 16, 1998 partial disapproval and a list of the waters EPA has identified to be added to Virginia's list, contact Ms. Lenka Berlin by phone (215-814-5259), fax (215-814-2301), mail to the address shown above, or e-mail (berlin.lenka@epamail.epa.gov). For a copy of Virginia's final Section 303(d) list submittal, contact Mr. Charles Martin, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, at (804) 698-4462.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

What Is Required of the Section 303(d) List?

Federal regulations include two requirements that are most pertinent to EPA's partial disapproval of Virginia's 1998 Section 303(d) list. First, the regulations require that states consider all existing and readily available water quality-related data and information in identifying waters for the 303(d) list. See 40 CFR 130.7(b)(5). Second if EPA disapproves a list, the Agency must identify the waters to which the disapproval applies. See 40 CFR 130.7(d)(2).

What Did Virginia's 303(d) List Include?

EPA received Virginia's final 1998 Section 303(d) report on October 16, 1998. The report included five parts plus appendices. Parts I and II of the report are the impaired waters that the Commonwealth determined require total maximum daily load (TMDL) calculations. EPA considers Parts I and II to be the Commonwealth's Section 303(d) list. Parts III, IV and V are waters of concern that the Commonwealth determined do not require TMDLS. EPA

considers these three parts to be for informational purposes only, separate from the Section 303(d) list. Among the appendices to the submission is Appendix D, which lists the waters which the Commonwealth included on its 1996 Section 303(d) list but did not include on its 1998 list. Virginia explained that it did not include these waters because point sources on these waters had reportedly been issued water quality-based effluent limits that would eliminate the impairment within the next two-year reporting cycle.

Why Did EPA Partially Disapprove Virginia's 1998 Section 303(d) List?

In reviewing the list, EPA determined that Virginia had omitted certain waters from the list even through existing and readily available water quality-related data and information show that these waters do not meet water quality standards even after required technology-based and other controls are applied. On November 16, 1998 EPA disapproved on the omission of these waters from the list and on December 16, 1998, EPA identified the waters to be added to the list.

Which Waters Did EPA Identify To B

On December 16, 1998 EPA identified the following five groups of waters to be added to Virginia's 1998 303(d) list:

1. Portions of the main channel of the Chesapeake Bay and three tidal tributaries because existing and readily available water quality-related data and information show that the water quality standards for dissolved oxygen are not being met. EPA identified those portions of the main channel of the Chesapeake Bay and three tidal tributaries as high priority for TMDL development. In addition, EPA identified excessive nutrients as the pollutants of concern causing violations of the applicable water quality standard for dissolved oxygen.

2. 77 waters presented in Appendix D of Virginia's report (waters that were listed in 1996 as needing TMDLs but were not included on the 1998 list). The only data the Commonwealth provided to EPA (i.e., data submitted with the 1996 Section 303(d) list) indicated that these segments are impaired. EPA designated these waters as low priority for TMDL development.

3. 47 waters presented in Part V of Virginia's report (waters reportedly impaired by natural conditions and not identified as requiring TMDL development) because they fail to meet water quality standards. EPA designated these waters as low priority for TMDL development.

4. 10 waters that were identified as impaired (not meeting water quality standards or designated uses) in the Commonwealth's 1998 Section 305(b) report but were not included by Virginia on the Section 303(d) list.

5. 6 waters that already are listed for one or more pollutants but, based on information from the Commonwealth's 1998 Section 306(b) report, should be listed for an additional pollutant.

In addition to identifying the five groups of waters above, EPA recommends that the Commonwealth modify the priority rankings, from medium to high, for four waters identified by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as adversely impacting endangered species.

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James Burke,

Acting Water Protection Division, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Science Advisory Board; Emergency Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Wet Weather Flows and Urban Infrastructure Subcommittee of the Science Advisory Board's (SAB) Environmental Engineering Committee will meet by conference call Wednesday February 10, 1999 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). The EEC was briefed on this topic at their December 1-3, 1998 public meeting (See 63 FR 63925-63926, November 17, 1998) and assigned the review to the Subcommittee.

The purpose of this conference call is to allow the individual Subcommittee members to present and discuss their preliminary findings based on their review of written materials, to identify areas where further information is needed, and, if possible, obtain that information from Agency staff. The Subcommittee will meet face-to-face February 25-26, 1999 to develop consensus findings and recommendations for its report; the face-to-face meeting will be the subject of a separate **Federal Register** Notice.

Members of the public wishing to obtain the review documents, attend the conference call meeting, or provide comments to the Subcommittee should contact Kathleen Conway, Designated

Federal Officer by 4:00 p.m. EST on Monday February 8. (TEL: 202 260 2558, FAX 202 260 7118, Email conway.kathleen@epa.gov) The Subcommittee will accept only written comments for the conference call; the February 25-26 meeting will provide opportunities for both oral and written comment.

Individuals requiring special accommodation should contact Ms. Conway by noon Thursday, February 4 so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: January 20, 1999.

Donald G. Barnes,

Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxic Chemicals; Toxic Chemical Release Reporting; Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know; Multimedia Strategy for Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxic Pollutants; Notice of Public Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: EPA will hold three public meetings to obtain public comment on two specific draft documents developed as part of the Agency's Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxic (PBT) Pollutant strategy. The two draft documents are "A Multimedia Strategy for Priority Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic (PBT) Pollutants" and "EPA Action Plan For Mercury." EPA will also hold three public meetings to obtain public comment on the Agency's proposal and options: (1) To add certain PBT chemicals to the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) of 1986 section 313 list of toxic chemicals and (2) to lower reporting thresholds for certain PBT chemicals subject to EPCRA section 313 and section 6607 of the Pollution Prevention Act (PPA). The Agency is also requesting comment on the persistence and bioaccumulation criteria presented in the proposed rule.

DATES: The first meeting on EPA's PBT pollutant strategy will take place in Washington, DC on February 16, 1999, at 9 a.m. and adjourn by noon. The second meeting on EPA's PBT pollutant strategy will take place in Chicago, IL on February 23, 1999, at 9 a.m. and adjourn

at noon. The third meeting on EPA's PBT pollutant strategy will take place in San Francisco, CA on March 5, 1999, at 9 a.m. and adjourn at noon.

The first meeting on the EPCRA section 313/PPA section 6607 proposed rulemaking will take place in Washington, DC on February 16, 1999, at 1 p.m. and adjourn by 4 p.m. The second meeting on the EPCRA section 313/PPA section 6607 proposed rulemaking will take place in Chicago, IL on February 23, 1999, at 1 p.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m. The third meeting on the EPCRA section 313/PPA section 6607 proposed rulemaking will take place in San Francisco, CA on March 5, 1999, at 1 p.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings in Washington, DC will be held at the Environmental Protection Agency, Auditorium, Education Center, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC. The meetings in Chicago, IL will be held at the Environmental Protection Agency, Room 328, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL. The meetings in San Francisco will be held at the Environmental Protection Agency, California Room, 75 Hawthorne St., San Francisco, CA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To sign up to speak at the meeting contact the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Hotline, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 5101, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Toll free: 1-800-535-0202, in Virginia and Alaska: 703-412-9877 or Toll free TDD: 1-800-553-7672. For further information on the EPCRA section 313/PPA section 6607 proposed rulemaking contact Daniel R. Bushman, 202-260-3882, e-mail: bushman.daniel@epamail.epa.gov. For further information on the Agency's PBT pollutant strategy, contact Sam Sasnett, 202-260-8020, e-mail: sasnett.sam@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. EPA's Persistent Bioaccumulative Toxic (PBT) Pollutants Strategy

In the **Federal Register** of November 17, 1998 (63 FR 63926) (FRL-6045-2), EPA published a Notice announcing the availability of a draft strategy for affecting reductions in the releases and exposures to persistent, bioaccumulative toxic (PBT) pollutants, including a specific draft action plan for mercury. That notice requested the submission of written comments by February 16, 1999.