

**DATES:** The comment period on the advance notice of proposed rulemaking is extended until October 21, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted (in duplicate, if possible) to: EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street (AIR2), San Francisco, CA 94105, Attn: Regina Spindler.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Regina Spindler (415) 744-1251, Planning Office (AIR2), Air Division, EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105.

Dated: September 24, 1999.

**Felicia Marcus,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 9.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 122, 123, 124, 130, and 131

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#### **Proposed Revisions to the Water Quality Planning and Management Regulation, and Revisions to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program and Federal Antidegradation Policy in Support of Proposed Revisions to the Water Quality Planning and Management Regulation**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On August 23, 1999, EPA issued two proposed rules to revise, clarify and strengthen the current regulatory requirements for identifying impaired waters and establishing Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) under the Clean Water Act: revisions to the Water Quality Planning and Management Regulation (64 FR 46012); and revisions to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program and Federal Antidegradation Policy (64 FR 46058) in support of the revisions at (64 FR 46012). These proposed regulatory revisions address issues of fundamental importance to cleaning up our Nation's polluted waters. Listing impaired and threatened waters and establishing TMDLs are fundamental tools for identifying remaining sources of water pollution and achieving water quality goals. Clean-up plans developed consistent with these regulatory proposals will help to restore the health of thousands of miles of river and shoreline and make

millions of lake acres safe for their designated uses.

EPA sought comment on both sets of proposed rules by October 22, 1999. It is EPA's intent to provide the public and all stakeholders an adequate period of time to fully analyze the issues and prepare comprehensive comments. Therefore, we are extending the comment period an additional 60 days for a total comment period of 120 days.

**DATES:** Comments on these proposals must be submitted on or before December 22, 1999. Comments provided electronically will be considered timely if they are submitted by 11:59 P.M. (Eastern time) December 22, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments on the Proposed Revisions to the Water Quality Planning and Management Regulation to the Comment Clerk for the TMDL Program Rule, Water Docket (W-98-31), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

Send written comments on the Revisions to the NPDES Program and Federal Antidegradation Policy in Support of Proposed Revisions to the Water Quality Planning and Management Regulation to the Comment Clerk, Water Docket (W-99-04), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460.

EPA requests that commenters submit any references cited in their comments. EPA also requests that commenters submit an original and 3 copies of their written comments and enclosures. Commenters that want receipt of their comments acknowledged should include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. All comments must be postmarked or delivered by hand. No facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted.

EPA will also accept comments electronically. Comments should be addressed to the following Internet address: ow-docket@epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII or WordPerfect file avoiding the use of special characters and any form on encryption. Electronic comments must be identified by the appropriate docket number (W-98-31 for the TMDL rule and W-99-04 for the NPDES Program/Federal Antidegradation Policy rule), and may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. No confidential business information (CBI) should be sent via e-mail.

A copy of the supporting documents cited in the proposals are available for review at EPA's Water Docket; Room EB-57 (East Tower Basement), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. For access to docket materials, call (202)

260-3027 between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. for an appointment. An electronic version of the TMDL proposal is available via the Internet at: <http://www.epa.gov/OWOW/tmdl/index.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Hazel Groman, US EPA, Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds (4503F), 401 M. St., SW, Washington, DC 20640, (202) 260-4078 for the TMDL rule. Kim Kramer, Office of Wastewater Management, 401 M. St., SW, Washington, DC 20640, Mail Code 4203, e-mail: Kramer.Kim@epa.gov, telephone: (202) 260-8541 for information regarding the NPDES provisions, or Susan Gilbertson, Office of Science and Technology, 401 M. St., SW, Washington, DC 20640, Mail Code 4305, e-mail: Gilbertson.Sue@epa.gov, telephone (202) 260-7301 for information regarding the water quality standards provisions.

Dated: September 24, 1999.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 197

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#### **Opportunity To Present Oral Testimony on Environmental Radiation Protection Standards for Yucca Mountain, Nevada; Notice of Public Hearings**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; notice of public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will conduct public hearings to receive comments on its proposed radiation protection standards for Yucca Mountain, Nevada, in Washington, DC; Amargosa Valley, NV; Las Vegas, NV; and Kansas City, MO in October.

The proposed standards were published in the **Federal Register** on August 27, 1999. The 90-day public comment period closes November 26.

**DATES:** The schedule for the hearings is as follows: Washington, DC, October 13, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Amargosa Valley, NV, October 19, 1999, beginning at 12:00 Noon; Las Vegas, NV, October 20, 1999, from 12:00 p.m. to