

The proposed general permit also will not uniquely affect small governments because compliance with the permit conditions affects small governments in the same manner as any other entities seeking coverage under the proposed general permit.

L. *Regulatory Flexibility Act.* Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, EPA is required to prepare a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis to assess the impact of rules on small entities. Under 5 U.S.C. 605(b), no Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is required where the head of the Agency certifies that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

The Agency takes the position that NPDES general permits are not subject to rulemaking requirements under APA section 553 or any other law. The requirements of APA section 553 apply only to the issuance of "rules," which the APA defines in a manner that excludes permits. See APA section 551(4), (6) and (8). The CWA also does not require publication of a general notice of proposed rulemaking for general permits. EPA publishes draft general NPDES permits for public comment in the **Federal Register** in order to meet the applicable CWA procedural requirement to provide "an opportunity for a hearing." See CWA section 402(a), 33 U.S.C. 1342(a).

Nevertheless, the Agency has determined that the permit will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The permit requirements have been designed to minimize significant administrative and economic impacts on small entities and should not have a significant impact on regulated sources in general. Moreover, the proposed general permit reduces a significant burden on regulated sources of applying for individual permits.

M. *Signature.* Accordingly, I hereby find consistent with the provisions of the RFA, that this proposed general permit will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Authority: Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*

Dated: August 24, 2000.

Alexis Strauss,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Notice of Tentative Approval and Solicitation of Requests for a Public Hearing for Public Water System Supervision Program Revision for the Commonwealth of Virginia

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of tentative approval and solicitation of requests for a public hearing.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provision of section 1413 of the Safe Drinking Water Act as amended, and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation that the Commonwealth of Virginia has revised its approved Public Water System Supervision Primacy Program. Specifically, Virginia has revised its Administrative Penalty Authority. EPA has determined that this program revision satisfies the requirements of the Federal regulations. Therefore, EPA has decided to tentatively approve the program revisions. All interested parties are invited to submit written comments on this determination and may request a public hearing.

DATES: Comments or a request for a public hearing must be submitted by October 2, 2000. This determination shall become effective on October 2, 2000 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, and if no comments are received which cause EPA to modify its tentative approval.

ADDRESSES: Comments or a request for a public hearing must be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029. All documents relating to this determination are available for inspection between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following offices:

- Drinking Water Branch, Water Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029; and
- Virginia Department of Health, Division of Water Supply Engineering, 1500 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23218.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Hoover, Drinking Water Branch (3WP22) at the Philadelphia

address given above; telephone (215) 814-5258 or fax (215) 814-2318.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All interested parties are invited to submit written comments on this determination and may request a public hearing. All comments will be considered, and, if necessary, EPA will issue a response. 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 October 2, 2000, a public hearing will be held. A request for 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 a hearing; and (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.

Dated: August 22, 2000.

Bradley M. Campbell,

Regional Administrator, EPA, Region III.

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EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

[Public Notice 42]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Export-Import Bank of the United States.

ACTION: Submission for OMB Review; Comment request.

SUMMARY: In accordance with requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) has submitted to the office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve a revision of a currently approved collection described below. A request for public comments was published in 65 FR No. 167, 40660, June 30, 2000. No comments were received.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is soliciting comments from members of the public concerning the proposed collection of information to: (1) Evaluate whether the proposed collection is necessary for the paper performance of the functions of the