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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6883-4]

### Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Availability of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the availability for comment of the administrative record file for six TMDLs prepared by EPA Region 6 for waters listed in Louisiana's Mermentau and Vermilion/Teche river basins, under section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA). EPA prepared these TMDLs in response to a Court Order dated October 1, 1999, in the lawsuit *Sierra Club, et al. v. Clifford et al.*, No. 96-0527, (E.D. La. Oct. 1, 1999). Under this court order, EPA is required to prepare TMDLs when needed for waters on the Louisiana 1998 section 303(d) list by December 31, 2007.

**DATES:** Comments on the six TMDLs must be submitted in writing to EPA on or before November 9, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the six TMDLs should be sent to Ellen Caldwell, Environmental Protection Specialist, Water Quality Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6, 1445 Ross Ave., Dallas, TX 75202-2733. For further information, contact Ellen Caldwell at (214) 665-7513. The administrative record file for these TMDLs is available for public inspection at this address as well. Copies of the TMDLs and their respective calculations may be viewed at [www.epa.gov/region6/water/tmdl.htm](http://www.epa.gov/region6/water/tmdl.htm), or obtained by calling or writing Ms. Caldwell at the above address. Please contact Ms. Caldwell to schedule an inspection.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Caldwell at (214) 665-7513.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 1996, two Louisiana environmental groups, the Sierra Club and Louisiana Environmental Action Network (plaintiffs), filed a lawsuit in Federal Court against the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), styled *Sierra Club, et al. v. Clifford et al.*, No. 96-0527, (E.D. La.

Oct. 1, 1999). Among other claims, plaintiffs alleged that EPA failed to establish Louisiana TMDLs in a timely manner. Discussion of the court's order may be found at 65 FR 54032 (September 6, 2000).

### EPA Seeks Comments on Six TMDLs

By this notice EPA is seeking comment on the following six TMDLs for waters located within the Mermentau and Vermilion/Teche basins:

Subsegment	Waterbody name	Pollutant
060212	Chatlin Lake Canal and Bayou DuLac.	Fecal Coliform.
060901	Bayou Petite Anse.	Fecal Coliform.
060701	Tete Bayou .....	Fecal Coliform.
060703	Bayou du Portage.	Fecal Coliform.
060909	Lake Peigneur ..	Fecal Coliform.
060911	Vermilion-Teche River Basin.	Fecal Coliform.

EPA requests that the public provide to EPA any water quality related data and information that may be relevant to the calculations for these TMDLs, or any other comments relevant to these TMDLs. EPA will review all data and information submitted during the public comment period and revise the six TMDLs where appropriate. EPA will then forward the TMDLs to the Court and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ). LDEQ will incorporate the TMDLs into its current water quality management plan.

Dated: September 25, 2000.

**Sam Becker,**

Acting Director, Water Quality Protection Division, Region 6.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6883-7]

### Science Advisory Board; Notification of Public Advisory Committee Meeting

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given that the Natural Attenuation Subcommittee of the EPA Science Advisory Board's (SAB) Environmental Engineering Committee will conduct a public teleconference meeting on Wednesday October 25, 2000 from 1-3 p.m. Eastern Time. This activity began at the January 26th conference call meeting and included a face-to-face meeting August

14-15, 2000. Background, including the availability of review materials, will be found in previous notices (see 65 FR 1866-1867, January 12, 2000).

The meeting will be coordinated through a conference call connection in room 6450E Ariel Rios North (6th Floor), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC. The public is strongly encouraged to attend the meeting through a telephonic link, but may attend physically if arrangements are made with the SAB staff by noon Thursday October 19. Additional instructions about how to participate in the conference call can be obtained by calling Ms. Mary Winston at (202) 564-4538, and via e-mail at: [winston.mary@epa.gov](mailto:winston.mary@epa.gov) by noon Thursday, October 19.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** During this meeting the Subcommittee plans to consider approval of its draft report. If approved, the draft report will be forwarded to the Environmental Engineering Committee for consideration at a public face-to-face meeting planned for December.

**Availability of the draft Subcommittee Report:** The staff anticipates the draft report will be mailed to the Subcommittee the week of October 16; the draft will be made available to the public by Email the day after it is mailed to the Subcommittee. For email copies, please contact the Designated Federal Officer at [conway.kathleen@epa.gov](mailto:conway.kathleen@epa.gov). A limited number of paper copies will be available from Ms. Mary Winston at (202) 564-4538, and via e-mail at: [winston.mary@epa.gov](mailto:winston.mary@epa.gov).

**For Further Information—**Any member of the public wishing further information concerning either meeting or wishing to submit brief oral comments must contact Ms. Kathleen White Conway, Designated Federal Officer, Science Advisory Board (1400A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-4559; FAX (202) 501-0582; or via e-mail at [conway.kathleen@epa.gov](mailto:conway.kathleen@epa.gov). Requests for oral comments must be *in writing* (e-mail, fax or mail) and received by Ms. Conway no later than noon Eastern Time one week prior to the meeting.

### Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

It is the policy of the Science Advisory Board to accept written public comments of any length, and to accommodate oral public comments whenever possible. The Science