

7. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, identify the appropriate docket ID number in the subject line on the first page of your response. It would also be helpful if you provided the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation related to your comments.

**II. Background**

*A. What Action is the Agency Taking?*

EPA is making available for comment a paper on procedures for developing, modifying, and implementing its policy guidance documents concerning the regulation of pesticides. These procedures have two goals. The first is to increase public participation in the development, modification, and implementation of OPP policy guidance documents; the second is to clarify that while such documents are non-binding policy statements and not legally binding rules, they nonetheless play an important role in helping to ensure a consistent starting point for OPP decision making.

EPA will consider the comments received and plans to reissue the paper with revisions, as appropriate, after

considering and responding to all significant comments.

**List of Subjects**

Environmental protection, pesticides, policy, guidance.

Dated: March 4, 2003.  
**Marcia E. Mulkey**,  
*Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.*  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-7464-3]

**Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Final Agency Action on 1 Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces final agency action on 1 TMDL prepared by EPA Region 6 for waters listed in Louisiana's Ouachita river basin, under section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA). Documents from the administrative record file for the 1

TMDL, including TMDL calculations and responses to comments, may be viewed at <http://www.epa.gov/region6/water/tmdl.htm>. The administrative record file may be examined by calling or writing Ms. Ellen Caldwell at the following address. Please contact Ms. Caldwell to schedule an inspection.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellen Caldwell, Environmental Protection Specialist, Water Quality Protection Division, U.S. EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75202-2733, (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 EPA, styled *Sierra Club, et al. v. Clifford et al.*, No. 96-0527, (E.D. La.). Among other claims, plaintiffs alleged that EPA failed to establish Louisiana TMDLs in a timely manner.

**EPA Takes Final Agency Action on 1 TMDL**

By this notice EPA is taking final agency action on the following 1 TMDL for waters located within the Ouachita river basin:

| Subsegment   | Waterbody name  | Pollutant               |
|--------------|---|-------------------------|
| 081602 ..... | Little River—From Bear Creek to Catahoula Lake (Scenic) ..... | Mercury in fish tissue. |

EPA requested the public to provide EPA with any significant data or information that may impact the 1 TMDL in **Federal Register** notice 67 FR 77994 (December 20, 2002). The comments received and EPA's response to comments may be found at <http://www.epa.gov/region6/water/tmdl.htm>.

Dated: February 28, 2003.  
**Oscar Ramirez, Jr.**,  
*Acting Director, Water Quality Protection Division, Region 6.*  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL-7465-1]

**National Clean Water Act Recognition Awards: Availability of Application and Nomination Information**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of application and

nomination information for the U.S. EPA's 2003 Clean Water Act Recognition Awards. The awards recognize municipalities and industries for outstanding and innovative technological achievements in wastewater treatment and pollution abatement programs. Recognition is made for projects or programs in the following categories: outstanding operations and maintenance (O&M) at wastewater treatment facilities; biosolids exemplary management; pretreatment program excellence; outstanding storm water management; and, combined sewer overflow (CSO) control program excellence. The awards are intended to educate the public about the contributions wastewater treatment facilities make to clean water; to encourage public support for municipal and industrial efforts in effective wastewater management, biosolids disposal and reuse, and wet weather pollution control; and, to recognize communities that use innovative practices to meet CWA permitting requirements.

**DATES:** Nominations are due to EPA headquarters no later than May 30, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications and nomination information can be obtained from the EPA regional offices and our Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/owm/intnet.htm>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CWA Recognition Awards are authorized by section 501(a) and (e) of the Clean Water Act, and 33 U.S.C. 1361(a) and (e). Interested parties must be in compliance with all applicable CWA requirements, or otherwise have a satisfactory record with respect to environmental quality. Applications and nominations for the national award must be recommended by EPA regions. A regulation in the **Federal Register** on February 8, 2002, (67 FR 6138, February 8, 2002) establishes a framework for the annual