

policy and program implementation issues, and science issues associated with evaluating and reducing risks from use of pesticides. It is determined that PPDC is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Agency by law. The following sectors are represented on the PPDC: Pesticide industry and trade associations; environmental/public interest, consumer, and animal rights groups; farm worker organizations; pesticide user, grower, and commodity groups; Federal and State/local/Tribal governments; the general public; academia; and public health organizations.

Copies of the PPDC Charter are filed with appropriate committees of Congress and the Library of Congress and are available upon request.

### III. How Can I Request to Participate in this Meeting?

PPDC meetings are open to the public and seating is available on a first-come basis. Persons interested in attending do not need to register in advance of the meeting.

#### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Agricultural workers, Agriculture, Chemicals, Foods, Pesticides and pests, Public health.

Dated: May 22, 2006.

**James Jones,**

*Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8178-2]

#### Release of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Third Edition of the Peer Review Handbook

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is committed to providing quality environmental information to its partners and the public. This commitment is integral to its mission to protect human health and the environment. High quality information enables stakeholders to effectively participate in managing human health and environmental risks. Peer Review, the evaluation of a product by experts in that field, is a critical tool used to ensure that only high-quality, sound science is released. Peer Review

has a long and exemplary history at the EPA. In response to recommendations in the 1993 SAB report *Safeguarding the Future: Credible Science, Credible Decisions*, EPA issued an Agency-wide policy for peer review. In 1994 EPA reaffirmed the central role of peer review and instituted an Agency-wide implementation program. In 1998, a Peer Review Handbook was created as a single, centralized form of implementation guidance for Agency staff and managers. An updated Peer Review Policy was signed by the Administrator on January 31, 2006. A third edition of the Peer Review Handbook is now being released. It incorporates insights gained from implementing the program over the last decade as well as the provisions of the OMB Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review (PRB). The OMB PRB contains provisions for the conduct of peer review at all federal agencies in order to enhance transparency and accountability. The OMB Bulletin applies to "influential scientific information" and "highly influential scientific assessments." Peer Review brings independent expert experience and judgment to Agency issues and plays a large part in ensuring that EPA's decisions rest on sound, credible science and data.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Go to <http://www.epa.gov/peerreview> or contact Barbara Klieforth, (202.564.6787) Science Policy Council Staff, Office of the Science Advisor, U.S. EPA.

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**George Gray,**

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-R04-OW-2006-0183; FRL-8179-3]

#### Public Water Supply Supervision Program Rules for the State of Alabama

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

**ACTION:** Tentative approval.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is proposing to approve the State of Alabama's drinking water regulations for the Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment, Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products, and Filter Backwash Recycling Rules. EPA has determined that these revisions are no less stringent than the corresponding federal regulations. Therefore, EPA

intends on approving this State program revision.

**DATES:** All interested parties may request a public hearing and/or submit comments on or before July 3, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your requests and/or comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R04-OW-2006-0183, in one of the following methods:

1. <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

2. *E-mail:* [plouff.tom@epa.gov](mailto:plouff.tom@epa.gov).

3. *Fax:* (404) 562-9476.

4. *Mail:* EPA-R04-W-2006-0183, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Water Management Division, Ground Water and Drinking Water Branch, Drinking Water Section, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960.

5. *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Tom Plouff, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Water Management Division, Drinking Water Section, 15th Floor, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Regional Office's normal hours of operation. The Regional Office's official hours of business is Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 4:30, excluding federal holidays.

*Instructions:* Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-04-W-2006-0183. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit through <http://www.regulations.gov> or e-mail, information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected. The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through <http://www.regulations.gov>, your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be