

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8333-2]

Establishment of the Total Coliform Rule Distribution System Advisory Committee**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice; Establishment of Federal Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: As required by section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) is giving notice that it is establishing the Total Coliform Rule Distribution System Advisory Committee (TCRDSAC). The purpose of the TCRDSAC is to provide advice and make recommendations to the Agency on revisions to the Total Coliform Rule (TCR), and on what information about distribution systems is needed to better understand the public health impact from the degradation of drinking water quality in distribution systems. EPA has determined that this Advisory Committee is in the public interest and will assist the Agency in performing its duties as directed in the 2006 EPA Appropriations Act.

For the revision effort, EPA would like the Advisory Committee to advise the Agency on how the rule could be revised to improve implementation and strengthen public health protection. For the distribution system issues, EPA would like the Committee to evaluate available data and research on aspects of distribution systems that may create risks to public health and consider how to address the risks.

TCRDSAC will be composed of approximately 16 members who will serve as representative members and regular government employees (RGE). In selecting nominees for a balanced committee, EPA will consider candidates from EPA, State and local public health and regulatory agencies; Native American tribes; large and small drinking water suppliers; consumer, environmental and public health organizations; and local elected officials.

Copies of the Committee Charter will be filed with the appropriate congressional committees and the Library of Congress.

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[FRL-8333-4]

Meeting of the Total Coliform Rule Distribution System Advisory Committee—Notice of Public Meeting**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: Under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is giving notice of a meeting of the Total Coliform Rule Distribution System Advisory Committee (TCRDSAC). The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the charge for the Advisory Committee, the purpose, efficacy, and applicability of the Total Coliform Rule (TCR), determine the availability of data and research to better understand the potential public health impact of the degradation of water quality in distribution systems, and discuss existing data sources and potential analyses to support the advisory committee.

The TCR provides public health protection from microbial contamination in drinking water, while indicating the adequacy of treatment and the integrity of the drinking water distribution system. EPA committed to begin the process of revising the TCR as part of the 6-year review requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act. EPA believes that an opportunity for implementation improvement exists in revising the TCR; the Agency plans to assess the effectiveness of the current TCR in reducing public health risk and what technically supportable alternative/additional monitoring strategies are available to improve implementation while maintaining or improving public health protection.

Attendees will discuss the current TCR and its objectives, develop consensus recommendations on potential opportunities for

improvements to the current rule, and discuss available data on distribution systems. Attendees will also discuss the proposed scope, possible discussion topics, and protocols for the Total Coliform Rule/Distribution System Advisory Committee.

DATES: The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 (8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)) and Wednesday, July 18, 2007 (8 a.m. to 3 p.m. EDT). Attendees should register for the meeting by calling Jason Peller at (202) 965-6387 or by e-mail to jpeller@resolv.org no later than July 13, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Washington Marriott at 1221 22nd Street, NW., Washington, DC 20037.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, contact Jason Peller of RESOLVE at (202) 965-6387. For technical inquiries, contact Tom Grubbs (grubbs.thomas@epa.gov, (202) 564-5262) or Ken Rotert (rotert.kenneth@epa.gov, (202) 564-5280), Standards and Risk Management Division, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (MC 4607M), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; fax number: (202) 564-3767.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. The Committee encourages the public's input and will take public comment at 5:15 p.m. on July 17, 2007, for this purpose. It is preferred that only one person present the statement on behalf of a group or organization. To ensure adequate time for public involvement, individuals interested in presenting an oral statement may notify Jini Mohanty by telephone at 202-564-5269 no later than July 16, 2007.

Special Accommodations

For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Jini Mohanty at 202-564-5269 or by e-mail at mohanty.jini@epa.gov. To request accommodation of a disability, please contact Jini Mohanty, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting to give EPA as much time to process your request.

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