

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule State Authorized Program Revision Approval: State of New York**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** This notice announces EPA's approval, under regulations for Cross-Media Electronic Reporting, of the State of New York's request to revise its EPA-authorized program to allow electronic reporting.**DATES:** EPA's approval is effective January 12, 2010.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Evi Huffer, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information, Mail Stop 2823T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 566-1697, huffer.evi@epa.gov, or David Schwarz, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information, Mail Stop 2823T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 566-1704, schwarz.david@epa.gov.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 13, 2005, the final Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (CROMERR) was published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 59848) and codified as part 3 of title 40 of the CFR. CROMERR establishes electronic reporting as an acceptable regulatory alternative to paper reporting and establishes requirements to assure that electronic documents are as legally dependable as their paper counterparts. Subpart D of CROMERR, requires that State, Tribal or local government agencies that receive, or wish to begin receiving, electronic reports under their EPA-authorized programs must apply to EPA for a revision or modification of those programs and get EPA approval. Subpart D provides standards for such approvals based on consideration of the electronic document receiving systems that the State, Tribe, or local government will use to implement the electronic reporting. Additionally, in § 3.1000(b) through (e) of 40 CFR part 3, subpart D provides special procedures for program revisions and modifications to allow electronic reporting, to be used at the option of the State, Tribe or local government in place of procedures available under existing program-specific authorization regulations. An application submitted under the subpart D procedures must show that the State,

Tribe or local government has sufficient legal authority to implement the electronic reporting components of the programs covered by the application and will use electronic document receiving systems that meet the applicable subpart D requirements.

On August 21, 2009, the State of New York Department of Environmental Conservation (NYDEC) submitted an application for its Hazardous Waste Annual Reporting System (HWARS) for revision of its EPA-authorized program under title 40 CFR. EPA reviewed NYDEC's request to revise its EPA-authorized program and, based on this review, EPA determined that the application met the standards for approval of authorized program revisions set out in 40 CFR part 3, subpart D. In accordance with 40 CFR 3.1000(d), this notice of EPA's decision to approve New York's request for revision to its authorized program is being published in the **Federal Register**.

Specifically, EPA has approved the State of New York's request to revise its Part 272—Approved State Hazardous Waste Management Programs EPA-authorized program for electronic reporting of hazardous waste information under 40 CFR parts 262, 264, and 265, for electronic submissions that do not include an electronic signature but instead provide for a handwritten signature on a separate paper submission report.

NYDEC was notified of EPA's determination to approve its application with respect to the authorized programs listed above.

Dated: December 29, 2009.

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Draft Toxicological Review of Methanol: In Support of the Summary Information in the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of public comment period and listening session.**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing a public comment period and a public listening session for the external review draft document titled "Toxicological Review of Methanol: In Support of SummaryInformation on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)" (EPA/635/R-09/013). The draft document was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within the EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD). The public comment period and the EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) meeting, which will be scheduled at a later date and announced in the **Federal Register**, are separate processes that provide opportunities for all interested parties to comment on the document. EPA intends to forward the public comments that are submitted in accordance with this notice to the SAB peer-review panel prior to the meeting for their consideration. When finalizing the draft document, EPA intends to consider any public comments that EPA receives in accordance with this notice.

EPA is also announcing a listening session to be held on February 23, 2010, during the public comment period for this draft document. This listening session is a step in EPA's revised IRIS process, announced on May 21, 2009, to develop human health assessments for inclusion in the IRIS database. The purpose of the listening session is to allow all interested parties to present scientific and technical comments on draft IRIS health assessments to EPA and other interested parties during the public comment period and before the external peer review meeting. EPA welcomes the scientific and technical comments that will be provided to the Agency by the listening session participants. The comments will be considered by the Agency as it revises the draft assessment in response to the independent external peer review and the public comments. All presentations submitted to EPA according to the instructions below will become part of the official public record.

EPA is releasing this draft document solely for the purpose of pre-dissemination peer review under applicable information quality guidelines. This document has not been formally disseminated by EPA. It does not represent and should not be construed to represent any Agency policy or determination.

DATES: The public comment period begins January 12, 2010, and ends March 15, 2010. Technical comments should be in writing and must be received by EPA by March 15, 2010.

The listening session on the draft IRIS health assessment for methanol will be held on February 23, 2010, beginning at 9 a.m. and ending at 4 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. If you would like to make a presentation at the listening