SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of EPA’s action identifying water quality limited segments and associated pollutants in Louisiana to be listed pursuant to Clean Water Act Section 303(d), and request for public comment. Section 303(d) requires that States submit and EPA approve or disapprove lists of waters for which existing technology-based pollution controls are not stringent enough to attain or maintain State water quality standards and for which total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) must be prepared.

On April 5, 2011, EPA partially approved and proposed to disapprove Louisiana’s 2008 Section 303(d) submittal. Specifically, EPA approved Louisiana’s listing of 409 waterbody pollutant combinations, and associated priority rankings. EPA proposed to disapprove Louisiana’s decisions not to list three waterbodies. These three waterbodies were added by EPA because the applicable numeric water quality standards marine criterion for dissolved oxygen was not attained in these segments. EPA is providing the public the opportunity to review its proposed decisions to add the three waters to Louisiana’s 2008 Section 303(d) List. EPA will consider public comments and if necessary amend its proposed action on the additional waterbodies identified for inclusion on Louisiana’s Final 2008 Section 303(d) List.

DATES: Comments must be submitted in writing to EPA on or before May 13, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the decisions should be sent to Diane Smith, Environmental Protection Specialist, Water Quality Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6, 1445 Ross Ave., Dallas, TX 75202-2733, telephone (214) 665–2145, facsimile (214) 665–6490, or e-mail: smith.diane@epa.gov. Oral comments will not be considered. Copies of the documents which explain the rationale for EPA’s decisions and a list of the 3 water quality limited segments for which EPA proposed disapproval of Louisiana’s decisions not to list can be obtained at EPA Region 6’s Web site at http://www.epa.gov/region6/water/npdes/tmdl/index.htm, or by writing or calling Ms. Smith at the above address. Underlying documents from the administrative record for these decisions are available for public inspection at the above address. Please contact Ms. Smith to schedule an inspection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Smith at (214) 665–2145.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
[FRL–9294–5]
Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Availability of List Decisions
AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
ACTION: Notice of availability.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) requires that each State identify those waters for which existing technology-based pollution controls are not stringent enough to attain or maintain State water quality standards. For those waters, States are required to establish Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) according to a priority ranking. EPA’s Water Quality Planning and Management regulations include requirements related to the implementation of Section 303(d) of the CWA (40 CFR 130.7). The regulations require States to identify water quality limited waters still requiring TMDLs every two years. The list of waters still needing TMDLs must also include priority rankings and must identify the waters targeted for TMDL development during the next two years (40 CFR 130.7). On March 31, 2000, EPA promulgated a revision to this regulation that waived the requirement for States to submit Section 303(d) lists in 2000 except in cases where a court order, consent decree, or settlement agreement required EPA to take action on a list in 2000 (65 FR 17170).

Consistent with EPA’s regulations, Louisiana submitted to EPA its listing decisions under Section 303(d) on August 25, 2009. On April 5, 2011, EPA approved Louisiana’s listing of 409 water body-pollutant combinations and associated priority rankings. EPA proposed to disapprove Louisiana’s decisions not to list three waterbodies. These three waterbodies were proposed for addition by EPA because the applicable numeric water quality standards marine criterion for dissolved oxygen was not attained in these segments. EPA solicits public comment on its identification of three additional waters for inclusion on Louisiana’s 2008 Section 303(d) List.

Dated: April 6, 2011.
Miguel I. Flores,
Director, Water Quality Protection Division.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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National Environmental Justice Advisory Council; Notification of Public Meeting and Public Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notification of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92–463, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) hereby provides notice that the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) will meet on the dates and times described below. All meetings are open to the public. Members of the public are encouraged to provide comments relevant to the specific issues being considered by the NEJAC. For additional information about registering for public comment, please see SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. Due to limited space, seating at the NEJAC meeting will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

DATES: The NEJAC meeting will convene Tuesday, May 10, from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m., and reconvene Wednesday, May 11, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Thursday, May 12, 2011, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All noted times are Eastern Time.

Two public comment sessions relevant to the specific issues being considered by the NEJAC (see SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION) are scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2011, from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Wednesday, May 11, 2011, from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. All noted times are Eastern Time. The Tuesday, May 10, 2011, public comment period will be for the NEJAC to receive feedback on where it should focus its advisory attention for the implementation plans associated with Plan EJ 2014. Recently EPA began a comprehensive effort to enhance its Agency-wide integration of environmental justice by developing Plan EJ 2014. The plan is intended to go beyond current EJ related efforts (such as the EJ Small Grants, Brownfields Redevelopment, the CARE Program, EJ Showcase Communities, and the Urban Waters Initiative, to name a few) and instead focus on new efforts. The Wednesday, May 11, 2011, public comment period will have a general comment theme. Members of the public who wish to participate during the public comment periods are highly encouraged to pre-register by 12 p.m. Eastern Time, Thursday, April 20, 2011.


FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions concerning the meeting should be directed to Mr. Aaron Bell, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW. (MC2201A), Washington, DC, 20460; by telephone at 202–564–1044, via e-mail at Bell.Aaron@epa.gov; or by FAX at 202–501–0936. Additional information about the meeting is available at the following Web site address: http://www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice/nejac/meetings.html.

Registration is encouraged for all participants. Pre-registration by noon Thursday, April 20, 2011 for all attendees is highly recommended. To register online, visit the Web site address above. Requests for pre-registration forms should be faxed to Ms. Estela Rosas, EPA Contractor, APEX Direct, Inc., at 877–773–0779 or e-mailed to Meetings@AlwaysPursuingExcellence.com. Please remember to specify which meeting you are registering to attend (e.g., NEJAC May 2011). Please also state whether you would like to be put on the list to provide public comment, and whether you are submitting written comments before the April 20, 2011 deadline. Non-English speaking attendees wishing to arrange for a foreign language interpreter may make appropriate arrangements in writing using the above fax number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Charter of the NEJAC states that the advisory committee shall provide independent advice to the EPA Administrator on areas that may include, among other things, “advice about broad, cross-cutting issues related to environmental justice, including environment-related strategic, scientific, technological, regulatory, and economic issues related to environmental justice.”

The meeting shall be used to receive comments, and discuss and provide recommendations regarding these primary areas: (1) EPA’s Plan EJ 2014 implementation plans, including Science Tools and Enforcement and Compliance; (2) dialogue with Regional Administrator; (3) coastal and ecosystem restoration recommendations; and (4) local government priorities for environmental justice.

A. Public Comment: Individuals or groups making oral presentations during the public comment periods will be limited to a total time of five minutes. To accommodate the large number of people who want to address the NEJAC, only one representative of a community, organization, or group will be allowed to speak. The suggested format for written public comments is as follows: Name of Speaker; Name of Organization/Community; City and State; E-mail address; and a brief description of the concern and what you want the NEJAC to advise EPA to do.