

authorized effective the day after the time allowed for protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for authorization pursuant to section 7 of the NGA.

Persons who wish to comment only on the environmental review of this project should submit an original and two copies of their comments to the Secretary of the Commission. Environmental commenter's will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list, will receive copies of the environmental documents, and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process. Environmental commenter's will not be required to serve copies of filed documents on all other parties. However, the non-party commentary, will not receive copies of all documents filed by other parties or issued by the Commission (except for the mailing of environmental documents issued by the Commission) and will not have the right to seek court review of the Commission's final order.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests, and interventions via the Internet in lieu of paper. See 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's Web site (<http://www.ferc.gov>) under the "e-Filing" link.

Dated: November 3, 2011.
Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9491-1]

Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Availability of 28 Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) in Louisiana

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability for comment on the administrative record files and the calculations of 28 TMDLs prepared by EPA Region 6. This notice covers waters in the State of Louisiana's Lake Pontchartrain Basin that were identified as impaired on the State's Section 303(d) list. These TMDLs were completed in response to a court order in the lawsuit styled *Sierra Club, et al. v. Clifford, et al.*, No. 96-0527, (E.D. La.).

DATES: Comments must be submitted in writing to EPA on or before December 29, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the 28 TMDLs 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 or email: smith.diane@epa.gov. For further information, contact Diane Smith at (214) 665-2145 or fax (214) 665-7373. The administrative record files for the 28 TMDLs are available for public inspection at this address as well. Documents from the administrative record files may be viewed at <http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6wg/npdes/tmdl/index.htm>, or obtained by calling or writing Ms. Smith at the above address. Please contact Ms. Smith to schedule an inspection.

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

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 proposes these 28 TMDLs pursuant to a consent decree entered in this lawsuit.

EPA Seeks Comment on 28 TMDLs

By this notice EPA is seeking comment on the following 28 TMDLs for waters located within Louisiana:

| Subsegment | Waterbody name | Pollutant |
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| 040102 | Comite River—Wilson-Clinton Hwy to entrance of White Bayou (East Baton Rouge Parish) (Scenic). | Fecal Coliform. |
| 040103 | Comite River—Entrance of White Bayou to Amite River | Fecal Coliform. |
| 040201 | Bayou Manchac—Headwaters to Amite River | Fecal Coliform. |
| 040302 | Amite River—LA Hwy 37 to Amite River Diversion Canal | Fecal Coliform. |
| 040304 | Grays Creek—Headwaters to Amite River | Fecal Coliform. |
| 040305 | Colyell Creek System (includes Colyell Bay) | Fecal Coliform. |
| 040503 | Natalbany River—Headwaters to Tickfaw River | Fecal Coliform. |
| 040504 | Yellow Water River—Origin to Ponchatoula Creek | Fecal Coliform. |
| 040505 | Ponchatoula Creek and Ponchatoula River | Fecal Coliform. |
| 040603 | Selsers Creek—Origin to South Slough | Fecal Coliform. |
| 040703 | Big Creek and Tributaries—Headwaters to confluence with Tangipahoa River | Fecal Coliform. |
| 040909 | W-14 Main Diversion Canal—From its origin in the north end of the City of Slidell to its junction with Salt Bayou. | Fecal Coliform. |
| 040910 | Salt Bayou—Headwaters to Lake Pontchartrain (Estuarine) | Fecal Coliform. |
| 041302 | Lake Pontchartrain Drainage Canals | Fecal Coliform. |
| 041401 | New Orleans East Leveed Waterbodies (Estuarine) | Fecal Coliform. |
| 040501 | Tickfaw River—From MS State Line to LA Hwy 42 (Scenic) | TDS. |
| 040504 | Yellow Water River—Origin to Ponchatoula Creek | TDS. |
| 040301 | Amite River—MS State Line to LA Hwy 37 (Scenic) | TSS. |
| 040401 | Blind River—From Amite River Diversion Canal to mouth at Lake Maurepas (Scenic). | TSS. |
| 040903 | Bayou Cane—Headwaters to U.S. Hwy 190 (Scenic) | TSS. |
| 040303 | Amite River—Amite River Diversion Canal to Lake Maurepas | Mercury. |
| 040401 | Blind River—From Amite River Diversion Canal to mouth at Lake Maurepas (Scenic). | Mercury. |
| 040403 | Blind River—Source to confluence with Amite River Diversion Canal (Scenic) | Mercury. |
| 040501 | Tickfaw River—From MS State Line to LA Hwy 42 (Scenic) | Mercury |
| 040701 | Tangipahoa River—MS State Line to Interstate Hwy 1-12 (Scenic) | Mercury. |

| Subsegment | Waterbody name | Pollutant |
|--------------|---|-----------|
| 040801 | Tchefuncte River and Tributaries—Headwaters to confluence with Bogue Falaya River (Scenic). | Mercury. |
| 040905 | Bayou Liberty—Headwaters to LA Hwy 433 | Mercury. |
| 040906 | Bayou Liberty—LA Hwy 433 to confluence with Bayou Bonfouca (Estuarine) | Mercury. |

EPA requests the public provide to EPA any water quality related data and information that may be relevant to the calculations for the 28 TMDLs. EPA will review all data and information submitted during the public comment period and will revise the TMDLs where appropriate. EPA will then forward the TMDLs to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ). The LDEQ will incorporate the TMDLs into its current water quality management plan.

Dated: November 3, 2011.

Troy Hill,

Acting Director, Water Quality Protection Division, EPA Region 6.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Decision on Waiver Application From 3M

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA conditionally granted the request from 3M for a waiver from testing tetrabromobisphenol A (CASRN 79-94-7). Regulations issued by EPA under section 4 of the Toxic Substances Control Act require that specified chemical substances be tested to determine if they are contaminated with halogenated dibenzo-p-dioxins (HDDs) or halogenated dibenzofurans (HDFs), and that results be reported to EPA. However, the regulations allow for exclusion and waiver from these requirements if an appropriate application is submitted to EPA and is approved. EPA received such a request for a waiver from these testing requirements from 3M.

DATES: EPA conditionally granted the 3M waiver on November 7, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *For technical information contact:* Rebecca Edelstein, National Program Chemicals Division, Office Pollution Prevention and Toxics (7404T), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (202) 564-8566;

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For general information contact: The TSCA-Hotline, ABVI-Goodwill, 422 South Clinton Ave., Rochester, NY 14620; telephone number: (202) 554-1404; email address: *TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general. As such, the Agency has not attempted to describe the specific entities that this action may apply to. Although others may be affected, this action applies directly to the submitter of the request for waiver, 3M. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. How can I get copies of this document and other related information?

EPA has established a docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2011-0793. All documents in the docket are listed in the docket index available at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov>, or, if only available in hard copy, at the OPPT Docket. The OPPT Docket is located in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC) at Rm. 3334, EPA West Bldg., 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The EPA/DC Public Reading Room hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number of the EPA/DC Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the OPPT Docket is (202) 566-0280. Docket visitors are required to show photographic identification, pass through a metal detector, and sign the EPA visitor log. All visitor bags are processed through an X-ray machine

and subject to search. Visitors will be provided an EPA/DC badge that must be visible at all times in the building and returned upon departure.

II. What action is the agency taking?

This notice announces the conditional granting of the request from 3M for a waiver from testing under 40 CFR 766.32(a)(2)(i) for tetrabromobisphenol A (CASRN 79-94-7). This waiver is conditional on 3M manufacturing (including importing) no more than 100 kilograms (kg) of the chemical substance per year, and on its doing so solely for research and development purposes.

III. What is the agency's authority for taking this action?

Under 40 CFR part 766, EPA requires testing of certain chemical substances to determine whether they may be contaminated with HDDs and HDFs. Under 40 CFR 766.32(a)(2)(i), a waiver may be granted if a responsible company official certifies that the chemical substance is produced only in quantities of 100 kg or less per year, and only for research and development purposes.

Under 40 CFR 766.32(b), a request for a waiver must be made 60 days before resumption of manufacture or importation of a chemical substance not being manufactured, imported, or processed as of June 5, 1987.

On September 14, 2011, EPA received a waiver request from 3M under 40 CFR 766.32(a)(2)(i). EPA announced receipt of the 3M waiver request and requested public comment in the **Federal Register** issue of September 27, 2011 (76 FR 59699)

(FRL-8890-4). The waiver request from 3M indicates that 3M intends to import less than 100 kg of tetrabromobisphenol A (CASRN 79-94-7), a chemical substance subject to testing under 40 CFR part 766, as part of an experimental formulation for research and development purposes. In a subsequent email message, dated September 27, 2011, 3M confirmed that the chemical substance will solely be used for research and development purposes.

EPA has determined that 3M qualifies for a research and development waiver from testing for tetrabromobisphenol A, conditional on 3M manufacturing (including importing) no more than 100