

conference in the above-referenced proceedings on Tuesday, July 17, 2012, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (EDT) in the Commission Meeting Room at the offices of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20426. Members of the Commission may attend the conference, which will also be open for the public to attend. Advance registration is not required, but is encouraged. We will provide nametags for those who register on or before July 10, 2012. Participants may register at the following Web page: <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/small-generator-7-17-12-form.asp>.

The purpose of this conference is to discuss issues related to a petition for rulemaking recently submitted by the Solar Energy Industries Association (Docket No. RM12-10-000).

This conference is not intended to address the substance of any particular case pending before the Commission. However, discussions at the conference may address matters at issue in the following Commission proceedings that are either pending or within their rehearing period: California Independent System Operator Corporation, Docket No. ER12-502-001 and Docket No. ER12-502-002; PJM Interconnection, LLC, Docket No. ER12-1177-001; California Independent System Operator Corporation, Docket No. ER12-1855-000.

Those interested in speaking at the conference should notify the Commission by close of business June 22, 2012, by completing an online form identifying the topic(s) that they wish to address: <https://www.ferc.gov/whats-new/registration/small-generator-7-17-12-speaker-form.asp>. Due to time constraints, we may not be able to accommodate all those interested in speaking. The Commission will issue a subsequent notice that will provide the detailed agenda for the conference, including panel speakers, and a comment date for filing post-conference comments.

The conference will be transcribed and available by webcast. Transcripts will be available immediately for a fee from Ace Reporting Company (202-347-3700 or 1-800-336-6646). A free webcast of the technical conference in this proceeding is also available. Anyone with Internet access interested in viewing this conference can do so by navigating to the FERC Calendar of Events at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) and locating this event in the Calendar. The event will contain a link to its webcast. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the webcasts and offers the option of listening to the conferences

via phone-bridge for a fee. If you have any questions, visit [www.CapitolConnection.org](http://www.CapitolConnection.org) or call (703) 993-3100.

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For information related to the agenda, please contact Leslie Kerr at [leslie.kerr@ferc.gov](mailto:leslie.kerr@ferc.gov) or (202) 502-8540. For information related to logistics, please contact Sarah McKinley at [sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov](mailto:sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov) or (202) 502-8368.

Dated: June 13, 2012.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9688-7]

### Notice of Availability of the Benchmark Dose Technical Guidance

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is announcing the availability of *Benchmark Dose Technical Guidance* (BMD). This document was developed as part of an agency-wide guidance development program by a technical panel of the EPA's Risk Assessment Forum. Drafts were peer reviewed internally by EPA scientists and externally by experts from academia, industry, and other federal and state government agencies. When appropriate, the EPA intends to use the guidance prospectively in conducting risk assessments.

**ADDRESSES:** The BMD document is available electronically through the EPA's Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/raf/publications/benchmarkdose.htm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Michael W. Broder, Risk Assessment Forum, Office of the Science Advisor (8105R), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460; on telephone number (202) 564-3393; facsimile number (202) 564-2070; or email [broder.michael@epa.gov](mailto:broder.michael@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In support of its mission to protect human health

and the environment, the EPA routinely conducts risk assessments on chemical agents that may be toxic to humans. A key component of the risk assessment process involves evaluating the dose-response relationship between exposure to the agent and the observed effect. The dose-response assessment is a two-step process: (1) Defining a point of departure (POD); and (2) extrapolating from the POD for relevance to environmental exposures. Traditionally, the no observed adverse effect level (NOAEL) or lowest observed adverse effect level (LOAEL) methods were used for establishing the POD for noncancer endpoints. The BMD method gained favor within the risk assessment community over time because it incorporates and conveys more information than the NOAEL/LOAEL methods. The EPA conducted workshops and symposia about the application of BMD methodology and the development of relevant guidance.

The BMD document focuses on the use of the BMD methodology for human health risk assessments. The document discusses computation of BMD values and their confidence limits, data requirements, dose-response assessment, and reporting recommendations that are specific to BMD values. Although the EPA has generated its own BMD software (<http://www.epa.gov/ncea/BMDS/index.html>), this document supports the use of other relevant, well-documented software packages.

Dated: June 6, 2012.

**Glenn Paulson,**  
Science Advisor.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-R01-OW-2012-0201, FRL-9688-9]

### Massachusetts Marine Sanitation Device Standard—Notice of Determination

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Determination.

**SUMMARY:** The Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency—New England Region, has determined that adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels are reasonably available for the waters of Dighton, Berkley, Freetown, Somerset, Swansea, and Fall River collectively termed Mount Hope Bay.

**ADDRESSES: Docket:** All documents in the docket are listed in the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., 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 in [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann Rodney, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—New England Region, Office of Ecosystem Protection, Oceans and Coastal Protection Unit, Five Post Office Square, Suite 100, OEP06-1, Boston, MA 02109-3912. Telephone: (617) 918-1538. Fax number: (617) 918-0538. Email address: [rodney.ann@epa.gov](mailto:rodney.ann@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 19, 2012, EPA published a notice that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts had petitioned the Regional Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, to determine that adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels are reasonably available for the waters of Mount Hope Bay. Twelve comments were received on this petition, all commentors endorsed the designation.

The petition was filed pursuant to Section 312(f)(3) of Public Law 92-500, as amended by Public Laws 95-217 and 100-4, for the purpose of declaring these waters a No Discharge Area (NDA).

Section 312(f)(3) states: After the effective date of the initial standards

and regulations promulgated under this section, if any State determines that the protection and enhancement of the quality of some or all of the waters within such State require greater environmental protection, such State may completely prohibit the discharge from all vessels of any sewage, whether treated or not, into such waters, except that no such prohibition shall apply until the Administrator determines that adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels are reasonably available for such water to which such prohibition would apply.

This Notice of Determination is for the waters of Mount Hope Bay. The NDA boundaries are as follows:

Waterbody/General area	Latitude	Longitude
The northern edge of the NDA boundary on the Taunton River is the Center Street/Elm Street bridge at	41°50'5.90" N	71°6'29.34" W
The northern edge of the NDA boundary on the Lees River is the Route 6 bridge at .....	41°44'24.87" N	71°11'12.72" W
The northern edge of the NDA boundary on the Cole River is the Route 6 Bridge at .....	41°44'47.03" N	71°12'7.81" W
The southwestern edge of the NDA boundary is the Rhode Island/Massachusetts border at Swansea at	41°42'43.94" N	71°13'34.27" W
The southeastern edge of the NDA boundary is the Rhode Island/Massachusetts border at Fall River at	41°40'30.28" N	71°11'43.86" W

The Mount Hope Bay NDA will encompass the tidal waters of Dighton, Berkley, Freetown, Somerset, Swansea, and Fall River to the mean high tide line.

The information submitted to EPA by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts certifies that there are three pumpout facilities within the proposed area

available to the boating public. The location, contact information, hours of operation, and water depth are provided at the end of this notice.

Based on the examination of the petition and its supporting documentation, and information from site visits conducted by EPA New England staff, EPA has determined that

adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels are reasonably available for the area covered under this determination.

This determination is made pursuant to Section 312 (f)(3) of Public Law 92-500, as amended by Public Laws 95-217 and 100-4.

**PUMPOUT FACILITIES WITHIN PROPOSED NO DISCHARGE AREA**

Name	Town	Contact information	Hours of operation	Depth (Ft)
Fall River Harbormaster Boat .....	Fall River .....	774-644-3609, VHF 16 .....	On Call .....	N/A
Somerset Harbormaster Boat .....	Somerset .....	774-319-3126, VHF 9, 16 ..	8:30 A.M.-8:30 P.M. ....	N/A
Somerset Land-based Pumpout Station at Town Boat Ramp.	Somerset .....	N/A Self Serve .....	8 A.M.-5 P.M. Weekdays; 8 A.M.-6 P.M. Weekends.	3.5

Dated: June 7, 2012.

**H. Curtis Spalding,**

*Regional Administrator, New England Region.*  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[FRL-9689-3; Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-ORD-2011-0050]**

**Third External Review Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Ozone and Related Photochemical Oxidants**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing the availability of the third external review draft of a document titled, "*Third External Review Draft Integrated*

*Science Assessment for Ozone and Related Photochemical Oxidants*" (EPA/600/R-10/076C). The document was prepared by the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA) within EPA's Office of Research and Development as part of the review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone.

EPA is releasing this draft document to seek review by the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) and the public (meeting date and location to be specified in a separate **Federal Register** notice). The draft document does not represent and should not be construed to represent