

formally cooperate with us in the preparation of the EA.<sup>4</sup> Agencies that would like to request cooperating agency status should follow the instructions for filing comments provided under the Public Participation section of this notice.

### Consultations Under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act

In accordance with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's implementing regulations for section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, we are using this notice to initiate consultation with the applicable State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), and to solicit their views and those of other government agencies, interested Indian tribes, and the public on the project's potential effects on historic properties.<sup>5</sup> We will define the project-specific Area of Potential Effects (APE) in consultation with the SHPO as the project develops. On natural gas facility projects, the APE at a minimum encompasses all areas subject to ground disturbance (examples include construction right-of-way, contractor/pipe storage yards, compressor stations, and access roads). Our EA for this project will document our findings on the impacts on historic properties and summarize the status of consultations under section 106.

### Environmental Mailing List

The environmental mailing list includes federal, state, and local government representatives and agencies; elected officials; environmental and public interest groups; Native American Tribes; other interested parties; and local libraries and newspapers. This list also includes all affected landowners (as defined in the Commission's regulations) who are potential right-of-way grantors, whose property may be used temporarily for project purposes, or who own homes within certain distances of aboveground facilities, and anyone who submits comments on the project. We will update the environmental mailing list as the analysis proceeds to ensure that we send the information related to this environmental review to all individuals, organizations, and government entities

<sup>4</sup> The Council on Environmental Quality regulations addressing cooperating agency responsibilities are at Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1501.6.

<sup>5</sup> The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations are at Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800. Those regulations define historic properties as any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

interested in and/or potentially affected by the proposed project.

If we publish and distribute the EA, copies of the EA will be sent to the environmental mailing list for public review and comment. If you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the document instead of the CD version or would like to remove your name from the mailing list, please return the attached Information Request (appendix 2).

### Becoming an Intervenor

In addition to involvement in the EA scoping process, you may want to become an intervenor which is an official party to the Commission's proceeding. Intervenor play a more formal role in the process and are able to file briefs, appear at hearings, and be heard by the courts if they choose to appeal the Commission's final ruling. An intervenor formally participates in the proceeding by filing a request to intervene. Instructions for becoming an intervenor are in the Document-less Intervention Guide under the e-filing link on the Commission's Web site. Motions to intervene are more fully described at <http://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>.

### Additional Information

Additional information about the project is available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at (866) 208-FERC, or on the FERC Web site at [www.ferc.gov](http://www.ferc.gov) using the eLibrary link. Click on the eLibrary link, click on General Search and enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the Docket Number field (*i.e.*, CP17-468). Be sure you have selected an appropriate date range. For assistance, please contact FERC Online Support at [FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or toll free at (866) 208-3676, or for TTY, contact (202) 502-8659. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. Go to [www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp](http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp).

Finally, public sessions or site visits will be posted on the Commission's calendar located at [www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx](http://www.ferc.gov/EventCalendar/EventsList.aspx) along with other related information.

Dated: July 24, 2017.

**Kimberly D. Bose,**  
Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0260; FRL-9965-39-OW]

### Request for Scientific Views: Draft Updated Aquatic Life Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Aluminum in Freshwater

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of Draft Updated Aquatic Life Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Aluminum in Freshwater for public comment. EPA first released freshwater criteria for aluminum in 1988 to protect aquatic life from harmful effects of aluminum toxicity. EPA is updating its recommended aluminum criteria to reflect the latest science and to provide users the flexibility to develop site-specific criteria based on site-specific water chemistry. The draft document provides a scientific assessment of ecological effects and is not a regulation. Following closure of this 60-day public comment period, EPA will consider the comments, revise the draft document, as appropriate, and then publish a final document that will provide recommendations for states and authorized tribes to establish water quality standards. The recommendations found in this draft document do not replace or supersede EPA's 1988 national recommended criteria for aluminum in ambient water.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before September 26, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0260 to the *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or withdrawn. EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the

official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <http://www2.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Diana Eignor, Health and Ecological Criteria Division, Office of Water (Mail Code 4304T), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 566-1143; or email: [eignor.diana@epa.gov](mailto:eignor.diana@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. General Information**

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

1. *Docket.* EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0260. Publicly available docket materials are available

either electronically through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in hard copy at the Water Docket in the EPA Docket Center, (EPA/DC) EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Water Docket is (202) 566-2426.

2. *Electronic Access.* You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically from the Government Printing Office under the “**Federal Register**” listings FDSys (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collection.action?collectionCode=FR>).

**II. What is Aluminum and how does it affect aquatic life?**

Aluminum is found in most soils and rocks and is the third most abundant element and the most common metal in the earth’s crust. Aluminum can enter the water via natural processes, like weathering of rocks. Aluminum is also released to water by mining, industrial processes using aluminum, and waste water treated with alum, an aluminum compound. Aluminum is considered a

non-essential metal because fish and other aquatic life do not need it to function. Elevated levels of aluminum can affect some species ability to regulate ions and inhibit respiratory functions. Aquatic plants are generally less sensitive to aluminum than fish and other aquatic life.

**III. What are EPA’s updated recommended levels of aluminum in freshwater?**

The recommended level of aluminum in freshwater depends on a site’s water quality parameters. Studies have shown that three water chemistry parameters, pH, dissolved organic carbon (DOC), and hardness, can affect the toxicity of aluminum by affecting the bioavailability of aluminum in the water to aquatic species. Unlike the fixed criteria values in EPA’s 1988 criteria document, these updated draft criteria use a Multiple Linear Regression (MLR) model to normalize the data, and the resulting criteria are based on site pH, DOC, and hardness. This allows users to develop site-specific aluminum criteria for fresh waters that appropriately reflect water quality parameters. See Table 1 for a comparison of EPA’s currently recommended and updated draft criteria values.

**Table 1: 2017 Draft Aluminum Aquatic Life Criteria Compared to Current 1988 Criteria<sup>a</sup>**

<b>Version</b>	<b>Freshwater Acute (1 day, total aluminum)</b>	<b>Freshwater Chronic (4-day, total aluminum)</b>
2017 Draft AWQC Criteria (MLR normalized to pH = 7, hardness = 100 mg/L, DOC = 1 mg/L)	1,400 µg/L	390 µg/L
1988 AWQC Criteria (pH 6.5 – 9.0, across all hardness and DOC ranges)	750 µg/L	87 µg/L

<sup>a</sup> Values are recommended not to be exceeded more than once every three years on average.

Note: Values will be different under differing water chemistry conditions as identified in this document.

**IV. What are section 304(a) water quality criteria?**

Section 304(a) water quality criteria are recommendations developed by EPA under authority of section 304(a) of the Clean Water Act based on the latest scientific information which examines the effect of a particular constituent concentration on an aquatic species and/or human health.

Section 304(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act directs the EPA to develop and publish and, from time to time, revise criteria for water quality accurately reflecting the latest scientific knowledge. Water quality criteria

developed under section 304(a) are based solely on data and scientific judgments on the relationship between pollutant concentrations and environmental and human health effects. Section 304(a) criteria do not reflect consideration of economic impacts or the technological feasibility of meeting pollutant concentrations in ambient water.

Section 304(a) criteria provide guidance to states and authorized tribes in adopting water quality standards that ultimately provide a basis for controlling discharges of pollutants. The criteria also provide guidance that EPA

considers when promulgating federal regulations under section 303(c) when such action is necessary. Under the Clean Water Act and its implementing regulations, states and authorized tribes are to adopt water quality criteria to protect designated uses (*e.g.*, aquatic life, recreational use). EPA’s water quality criteria recommendations are not regulations. Thus, EPA’s recommended criteria do not constitute legally binding requirements. States and authorized tribes may adopt other scientifically defensible water quality criteria that differ from these recommendations. As part of the WQS

triennial review process defined in section 303(c)(1) of the CWA, the states and authorized tribes are responsible for maintaining and revising WQS. Standards consist of designated uses, water quality criteria to protect those uses, a policy for antidegradation, and may include general policies for application and implementation. Section 303(c)(1) requires states and authorized tribes to review and modify, if appropriate, their WQS at least once every three years. States and authorized tribes must adopt water quality criteria that protect designated uses. Consistent with EPA's regulations at 40 CFR 131.11(a), protective criteria must be based on a sound scientific rationale and contain sufficient parameters or constituents to protect the designated uses. Criteria may be expressed in either narrative or numeric form. States and authorized tribes have four options when adopting water quality criteria for which EPA has published section 304(a) criteria. They may: (1) Establish numerical values based on recommended section 304(a) criteria; (2) Adopt section 304(a) criteria modified to reflect site-specific conditions; (3) Adopt criteria derived using other scientifically defensible methods; or (4) Establish narrative criteria where numeric criteria cannot be established or to supplement numeric criteria (40 CFR 131.11(b)).

#### V. Solicitation of Scientific Views

EPA is soliciting additional scientific views, data, and information regarding the science and technical approach used in the derivation of the draft criteria.

Dated: July 17, 2017.

**Michael H. Shapiro,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[ER-FRL-9034-4]

#### Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

*Responsible Agency:* Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202) 564-7146 or <http://www.epa.gov/nepa>. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) Filed 07/17/2017 Through 07/21/2017 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

#### Notice

Section 309(a) of the Clean Air Act requires that EPA make public its comments on EISs issued by other

Federal agencies. EPA's comment letters on EISs are available at: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/nepa/eisdata.html>.

*EIS No. 20170134, Final, FHWA, IL, Interstate 290 Eisenhower Expressway, Contact: Catherine A. Batey 217-492-4600, Under MAP-21 Section 1319, FHWA has issued a single FEIS and ROD. Therefore, the 30-day wait/review period under NEPA does not apply to this action.*

*EIS No. 20170135, Draft, NPS, WA, Olympic National Park Draft Mountain Goat Management Plan, Comment Period Ends: 09/26/2017, Contact: Christina Miller 360-565-3004.*

*EIS No. 20170136, Draft, BIA, WA, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation Integrated Resource Management Plan 2015, Comment Period Ends: 09/11/2017, Contact: Anna Schmidt 503-231-6808.*

*EIS No. 20170137, Draft Supplement, Caltrans, CA, I-710 Corridor Project, Comment Period Ends: 09/22/2017, Contact: Jason Roach 213-897-0357.*

*EIS No. 20170138, Final, FERC, VA, Atlantic Coast Pipeline and Supply Header Project, Review Period Ends: 08/28/2017, Contact: Kevin Bowman 202-502-6287.*

*EIS No. 20170139, Final, FHWA, IL, US 30 from IL 136 to IL 40 Whiteside Co., Contact: Catherine A. Batey 217-492-4600, Under MAP-21 Section 1319, FHWA has issued a single FEIS and ROD. Therefore, the 30-day wait/review period under NEPA does not apply to this action.*

*EIS No. 20170140, Draft, USFS, WY, North Savery Project, Comment Period Ends: 09/12/2017, Contact: Paula Guenther 307-326-2507.*

*EIS No. 20170141, Draft, AFS, MT, Starry Goat, Comment Period Ends: 09/11/2017, Contact: Lisa Osborn 406-295-7558.*

*EIS No. 20170142, Adoption, Final, FAA, CA, ADOPTION—Land Acquisition and Airspace Establishment to Support Large-Scale Marine Air Ground Task Force Live-Fire and Maneuver Training at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Review Period Ends: 09/04/2017, Contact: Paula Miller 202-267-7378. The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has adopted the U.S. Department of Navy's FSEIS #20160327, filed 12/30/2016 with EPA. FAA was a cooperating agency on the project and recirculation of the document is not necessary under Section 1506.3(c) of the CEQ Regulations.*

#### Amended Notices

*EIS No. 20170106, Draft, NMFS, OR, Analyze Impacts of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service joining as a signatory to a new U.S. v. Oregon Management Agreement for the Years 2018-2027, Comment Period Ends: 08/21/2017, Contact: Jeromy Jording 360-753-9576. Revision to the FR Notice Published 06/23/2017; Extending the Comment Period from 08/07/2017 to 08/21/2017.*

Dated: July 25, 2017.

**Dawn Roberts,**

*Management Analyst, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-9965-40-OA]

#### Notification of a Public Teleconference of the Chartered Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) and the CASAC Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards Review Panel for Oxides of Nitrogen and Sulfur

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces a public teleconference of the Chartered Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) and CASAC Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards Review Panel for Oxides of Nitrogen and Sulfur to discuss the CASAC draft review of the EPA's *Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen, Oxides of Sulfur, and Particulate Matter—Ecological Criteria (First External Review Draft—February 2017)*.

**DATES:** The teleconference will be held on August 31, 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Time).

**ADDRESSES:** The public teleconference will be held by telephone only.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Any member of the public wishing to obtain information concerning the public meeting may contact Dr. Thomas Armitage, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), EPA Science Advisory Board Staff Office (1400R), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460; by telephone at (202) 564-2155 or at [armitage.thomas@epa.gov](mailto:armitage.thomas@epa.gov). General information about the CASAC, as well as any updates concerning the meeting