

6-foot-long, 3-foot-deep concrete support pad on the creek bank; (2) a new 350-foot-long underground transmission line connecting to a dwelling structure; and (3) appurtenant facilities. The project is estimated to generate an average of 8,800 kilowatt-hours annually.

The proposed project does not include a dam or impoundment. The applicant proposes to manually operate the project in a run-of-river mode.

o. Copies of the application may be viewed on the Commission’s website at <http://www.ferc.gov> using the “eLibrary” link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document (P-15324). For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at [FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov](mailto:FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov) or call tollfree, (866) 208-3676 or (202) 502-8659 (TTY).

You may also register online at <https://ferconline.ferc.gov/> [FERCOnline.aspx](https://www.ferc.gov/ferconline.aspx). to be notified via email of new filings and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

The Commission’s Office of Public Participation (OPP) supports meaningful public engagement and participation in Commission proceedings. OPP can help members of the public, including landowners, environmental justice communities, Tribal members and others, access publicly available information and navigate Commission processes. For public inquiries and assistance with making filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or [OPP@ferc.gov](mailto:OPP@ferc.gov).

p. With this notice, we are initiating consultation with the Connecticut State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), as required by section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, 36 CFR 800.4.

q. Procedural schedule: The application will be processed according to the following preliminary schedule. Revisions to the schedule will be made as appropriate (e.g., if there are no deficiencies or a need for additional information, the schedule would be shortened).

Issue Deficiency Letter (if necessary).	October 2024.
Request Additional Information ..	October 2024.
Issue Acceptance Letter .....	January 2025.
Issue Scoping Document 1 for comments.	February 2025.
Request Additional Information (if necessary).	April 2025.
Issue Scoping Document 2 .....	May 2025.

Dated: August 1, 2024.

**Debbie-Anne A. Reese,**

*Acting Secretary.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[EPA-HQ-OPPT-2023-0520; FRL-11518-02-OCSPP]**

**Final Modifications to the Safer Choice Standard and a Provision for a Safer Choice Cleaning Service Certification Program; Notice of Availability**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) is announcing the availability of the final, updated Safer Choice and Design for the Environment (DfE) Standard (“the Standard”). This update includes a name change to the title of the Standard, a revision to the packaging criteria, a new certification for cleaning service providers, a new provision allowing for preterm partnership termination under exceptional circumstances, and the addition of several product and functional use class requirements. Safer Choice helps consumers, businesses, and purchasers find products that perform and contain ingredients that are safer for human health and the environment. DfE is a similar program used by EPA for the purpose of helping consumers and commercial buyers identify antimicrobial products that meet the health and safety standards of the normal pesticide registration process required by the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) as well as other EPA DfE criteria (as described in the Standard).

**DATES:** The Standard is effective August 8, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** The docket for this action, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPPT-2023-0520, is available online at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Additional instructions for visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melanie Adams, Safer Choice Program (7406M), Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Environmental Protection Agency, 1201 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington DC 20004; telephone number: (202) 564-1843; email address: [adams.melanie@epa.gov](mailto:adams.melanie@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Executive Summary**

*A. Does this action apply to me?*

You may be affected by this action if you participate in or apply for certification under the Safer Choice or DfE programs and use or hope to use the programs’ label or logo, respectively, on your products. Also potentially affected are consumers, institutional purchasers, retailers, and distributors of Safer Choice- or DfE-certified products who use the label or logo to identify products that have met the Agency’s safer-product criteria. The following list of North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide to help readers determine whether this document applies to them. Affected entities may include:

- Other Basic Inorganic Chemical Manufacturing (NAICS code 325180);
- All Other Basic Organic Chemical Manufacturing (Primary) (NAICS code 325199);
- Pesticide and Other Agricultural Chemical Manufacturing (NAICS code 325320);
- Paint and Coating Manufacturing (NAICS code 325510);
- Adhesive Manufacturing (NAICS code 325520);
- Soap and Other Detergent Manufacturing (NAICS code 325611);
- Polish and Other Sanitation Good Manufacturing (NAICS code 325612);
- Surface Active Agent Manufacturing (Primary) (NAICS code 325613);
- Toilet Preparation Manufacturing (NAICS code 325620);
- Photographic Film, Paper, Plate, and Chemical Manufacturing (NAICS code 325992);
- All Other Miscellaneous Chemical Product and Preparation Manufacturing (NAICS code 325998);
- Service Establishment Equipment and Supplies Merchant Wholesalers (Primary) (NAICS code 423850);
- Other Chemical and Allied Products Merchant Wholesalers (Primary) (NAICS code 424690);
- Supermarkets and Other Grocery (except Convenience) Stores (Primary) (NAICS code 445110);
- All Other Specialty Food Stores (NAICS code 445299);
- Pharmacies and Drug Stores (NAICS code 446110);
- Office Supplies and Stationery Stores (NAICS code 453210);
- All Other Miscellaneous Store Retailers (except Tobacco Stores) (Primary) (NAICS code 453998);

- Electronic Shopping and Mail-Order Houses (NAICS code 454110);
- Research and Development in Biotechnology (except Nanobiotechnology) (Primary) (NAICS code 541714);
- Facilities Support Services (NAICS code 561210). Janitorial Services (NAICS code 561720);
- Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning Services (NAICS code 561740);
- Elementary and Secondary Schools (NAICS code 611110);
- Colleges, Universities, and Professional Schools (NAICS code 611310);
- Promoters of Performing Arts, Sports, and Similar Events with Facilities (NAICS code 711310);
- Drycleaning and Laundry Services (NAICS code 8123);
- Civic and Social Organizations (Primary) (NAICS code 813410);
- Business Associations (Primary) (NAICS code 813910);
- Other General Government Support (NAICS code 921190); and
- Administration of Air and Water Resource and Solid Waste Management Programs (Primary) (NAICS code 924110).

If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this proposed action to a particular entity, consult the technical information contact listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### B. What action is the Agency taking?

In 2023, EPA announced the availability of and sought public comment on several proposed changes to the existing Standard (88 FR 78017, November 14, 2023 (FRL-11518-01)) and held a public webinar on December 19, 2023, to present the Agency's proposed plans. EPA received 90 comments, representing 131 organizations or individuals. The Response to Comments document, which is available in the docket, is a compilation of the public comments received and EPA's responses. EPA's responses do not address each comment individually. EPA considered each comment and organized responses by section of the Standard.

After considering the public comments, EPA is issuing the final, updated Standard, which is available in the docket and on the Safer Choice website at <https://www.epa.gov/saferchoice/standard>. Revisions to the Standard serve, in part, to add clarity and transparency. Notable changes include an update to packaging requirements to respond to an increased stakeholder interest in more sustainable packaging and a certification for

cleaning service providers that use Safer Choice-certified products for cleaning and DfE-certified products for disinfecting.

## II. Background

### A. What is the Safer Choice program?

As part of its environmental mission, the Safer Choice program partners with businesses to help consumers and commercial buyers identify products with safer chemical ingredients, without sacrificing quality or performance. The Safer Choice program certifies products containing ingredients that have met the program's specific and rigorous human health and environmental toxicological criteria. The Safer Choice program allows companies to use its label on certified products that contain safer ingredients and perform, as determined by expert evaluation. The Safer Choice program certification represents a high level of achievement in formulating products that are safer for people and the environment. For more information on the Safer Choice program, please see: <https://www.epa.gov/saferchoice>.

### B. What is the DfE program?

The DfE program is a similar program currently used by EPA for the purpose of helping consumers and commercial buyers identify antimicrobial products that meet the health and safety standards of the normal pesticide registration process required by FIFRA as well as meeting the DfE certification criteria (as described in the Standard). For more information on the DfE program, please see: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-labels/learn-about-design-environment-dfe-certification>.

*Authority:* 15 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*

Dated: July 31, 2024.

**Michal Freedhoff,**

*Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OGC-2024-0319; FRL-12102-01-OGC]

### Proposed Consent Decree, Clean Air Act Citizen Suit

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed consent decree; request for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Clean Air Act, as amended (CAA or the Act),

notice is given of a proposed consent decree to address a lawsuit filed by Center for Biological Diversity, Sierra Club, and Center for Environmental Health (collectively, Plaintiffs) in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California: *Center for Biological Diversity, et al. v. Michael S. Regan, in his official capacity the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency*, No. 3:23-cv-04979-RFL (N.D. Cal.). Plaintiffs filed a complaint alleging that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) failed to perform a non-discretionary duty under the Act to complete a review of the air quality criteria and the primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for oxides of nitrogen. EPA is providing notice of this proposed consent decree, which would resolve all claims in the case by establishing deadlines for EPA to take certain actions in its review of the air quality criteria and NAAQS for oxides of nitrogen, as specified in the decree.

**DATES:** Written comments on the proposed consent decree must be received by September 9, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OGC-2024-0319, online at <https://www.regulations.gov> (EPA's preferred method). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the Docket ID number for this action. Comments received may be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on sending comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the "Additional Information about Commenting on the Proposed Consent Decree" heading under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Melina Williams, Air and Radiation Law Office, Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; telephone (202) 564-3406; email address [williams.melina@epa.gov](mailto:williams.melina@epa.gov).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Obtaining a Copy of the Proposed Consent Decree

The official public docket for this action (identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OGC-2024-0319) contains a copy of the proposed consent decree. The official public docket is available for public viewing at the Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket in the EPA Docket Center, EPA West,