

The purpose of these sessions is to solicit ideas and suggestions on the design of the Initiative, specifically the nomination and selection processes, and the development of appropriate selection criteria. On January 25, 2002, EPA announced that the President's 2003 budget would include a request for \$21 million for a new Watershed Initiative. Pending appropriations for this purpose, EPA will call for nominations and select up to 20 watershed organizations to receive grants for projects that support innovative watershed-based approaches to watershed protection. Throughout the upcoming months, EPA will be working cooperatively with the States, Tribes, local governments, and community groups to develop the proposed program.

**DATES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for meeting dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for the location of the meetings.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information about the sessions and to register for one of the sessions, contact James Cole, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, by telephone at 202-566-1291 or by e-mail at [cole.james@epa.gov](mailto:cole.james@epa.gov). For information about the Watershed Initiative visit EPA's web site at <http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/> or contact Carol Peterson, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds by telephone at 202-566-1304 or by e-mail at [peterston.carol@epa.gov](mailto:peterston.carol@epa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

On January 25, 2002, EPA announced that it was including an additional \$21 million in its fiscal year 2003 budget proposal for a new initiative to protect, preserve, and restore watersheds across the country. This new Watershed Initiative will seek to encourage successful watershed partnerships aimed at improving the nation's water resources. As part of this community-based effort, EPA will target up to 20 of the nation's most valued watersheds to receive a grant. In Governor Whitman's address, she stated that the Agency will be working cooperatively with Congress, States, local governments, agricultural groups, environmental groups, industry, and watershed community organizations in developing the details of how this Initiative will be designed and implemented.

In the next few weeks, EPA will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting stakeholder ideas and suggestions on possible approaches EPA might take in designing the new program. This notice will outline the Watershed Initiative, present EPA's current ideas on how the Initiative should be designed, and pose specific questions with respect to the nomination and selection processes for watershed projects. The Agency will provide the public with a 60-day review and comment period.

##### **II. Public Listening Sessions**

EPA has scheduled four stakeholder listening sessions during the month of May. It is the Agency's goal that these meetings be comprised of people from diverse interests and perspectives in the hopes of providing an opportunity for open and active discussions. The purpose of these sessions is to attain an array of opinions and viewpoints regarding the details of the Initiative on issues such as, the role of Governors and Tribal Leaders, project scope and criteria, and the nomination and selection processes. EPA will use the information solicited from the public via the **Federal Register** notice and the listening sessions to develop the Watershed Initiative.

Additional sessions may be held in June if there is sufficient interest. Space is limited to approximately 30 people per session, and registration will be on a first-come basis. All participants must register. Due to the limited seating, EPA asks that organizations wishing to attend a session send only one representative.

##### **Meeting Information**

**Location:** All sessions will be held in Room 1117A, EPA East Building, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004.

##### **Dates and Times**

Tuesday, May 14; 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, May 15; 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 22; 1 p.m.–4 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 29; 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

**Registration:** Please register at least two days prior to your session of choice by contacting Mr. James Cole at [cole.james@epa.gov](mailto:cole.james@epa.gov) or 202-566-1291. To register, provide your name, affiliation, mailing and e-mail address, and phone number along with your first and second choice for the listening session you are interested in attending. Please also advise Mr. Cole if you have a disability and require any special accommodations; the room is wheelchair accessible.

Dated: May 3, 2002.

**Robert H. Wayland III,**

*Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds.*

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[FRL-7209-6]**

### **Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter (External Review Draft)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a draft for public review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** On or about May 8, 2002, the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA), within EPA's Office of Research and Development, will make available for public review and comment a third external review draft of EPA's document *Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter*. Under sections 108 and 109 of the Clean Air Act, the purpose of this document is to provide an assessment of the latest scientific information on the effects of airborne particulate matter (PM) on the public health and welfare for use in EPA's current review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for PM.

**DATES:** Comments on the draft document must be submitted in writing no later than July 10, 2002. Send the written comments to the Project Manager for Particulate Matter, National Center for Environmental Assessment-RTP (MD-52), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the *Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter (Third External Review Draft)*, consisting of two volumes, will be available on CD ROM from NCEA-RTP. Contact Ms. Diane Ray by phone (919-541-3637), fax (919-541-1818), or e-mail ([ray.diane@epa.gov](mailto:ray.diane@epa.gov)) to request the document. Please provide the document's title, *Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter (Third External Review Draft)*, and the EPA numbers for each of the two volumes (EPA/600/P-99/002aC, EPA/600/P-99/002bC), as well as your name and address, to properly process your request. Internet users will be able to download a copy from the NCEA home page. The URL is <http://www.epa.gov/ncea/>. Hard copies of the draft document can also be made available upon request.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Dennis Kotchmar, National Center for Environmental Assessment-RTP (MD-52), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone: 919-541-4158; fax: 919-541-1818; e-mail: [kotchmar.dennis@epa.gov](mailto:kotchmar.dennis@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA is in the process of updating and revising, where appropriate, its *Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter* as issued in 1996. Sections 108 and 109 of the Clean Air Act require that EPA carry out a periodic review and revision, where appropriate, of the air quality criteria and NAAQS for "criteria" air pollutants such as PM. Details of EPA's plans for the review of the NAAQS for PM were initially announced in a previous **Federal Register** notice (62 FR 55201, October 23, 1997). EPA made a First External Review Draft of the updated *Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter* available for review by the Clean Air Act Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) and members of the public in October 1999 (64 FR 57884, October 27, 1999). Following that public review period and a meeting of the CASAC in December 1999 (64 FR 61875, November 15, 1999), EPA revised the document as appropriate to incorporate CASAC and public comments, as well as to reflect many studies on the health effects of PM that were not available in time for discussion in the First External Review Draft.

EPA then made a Second External Review Draft of the *Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter* available for CASAC and public review in April 2001 (66 FR 18929, April 12, 2001). Following that public review period and a second CASAC meeting in July 2001 (66 FR 34924, July 2, 2001), EPA again revised the document as appropriate to incorporate CASAC and public comments and also made further revisions reflecting new studies on health effects of particulate matter that had become available between issuance of the First and Second External Review Drafts.

EPA is now making a Third External Review Draft available for CASAC and public review. A public meeting with CASAC is scheduled for July 18-19, 2002 (67 FR 15802, April 3, 2002). At the close of CASAC's review, EPA will make final revisions to complete the document.

On June 15, 2001, EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) made available for public review and comment (66 FR 32621, June 15, 2001) a preliminary draft Staff Paper (SP) that drew on information in the

earlier draft criteria document. The preliminary draft was also submitted to CASAC for discussion with the Committee at its July 2001 meeting. In January 2002 (67 FR 3897, January 28, 2002), OAQPS also made available for CASAC and public review and comment a draft document, *Proposed Methodology for Particulate Matter Risk Analyses for Selected Urban Areas*, which was reviewed by CASAC at a public teleconference on February 27, 2002. OAQPS is now revising the draft SP and the draft risk analyses methodology document to address CASAC and public comments and to incorporate updated information from the current draft criteria document. As in other NAAQS reviews, the SP will evaluate policy implications of key studies and other scientific information in the criteria document, identify critical elements that EPA staff believes should be considered, and present staff conclusions and recommendations for the Administrator's consideration. Dates and details of availability of the updated draft SP and methodology documents and plans for future public meetings on these documents will be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: May 3, 2002.

**George Alapas,**

*Acting Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Availability of "Allocation of Fiscal Year 2002 Operator Training Grants"

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

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing availability of a memorandum entitled "Allocation of Fiscal Year 2002 Operator Training Grants" issued on April 23, 2002. This memorandum provides National guidance for the allocation of funds used under section 104(g)(1) of the Clean Water Act. Each grant recipient will receive a copy of this document from EPA.

**ADDRESSES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access of the guidance memorandum.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Hudiburgh. (202) 564-0626 or [hudiburgh.gary@epa.gov](mailto:hudiburgh.gary@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject memorandum may be viewed

and downloaded from EPA's homepage, <http://www.epa.gov/owm/mab/owm0320.pdf>.

Dated: April 26, 2002.

**James A. Hanlon,**

*Director, Office of Wastewater Management.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7209-3]

### Public Water Supply Supervision Program; Program Revision for the State of Oregon

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Tentative Approval.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the State of Oregon has revised its approved State Public Water Supply Supervision (PWSS) Primacy Program. Oregon has adopted drinking water regulations for disinfectants and disinfection byproducts and has adopted revisions to its surface water treatment regulations and lead and copper regulations. EPA has determined that these revisions are no less stringent than the corresponding federal regulations. Therefore, EPA intends on approving these State program revisions. This approval action does not extend to public water systems (PWSs) in Indian Country, as that term is defined in 18 U.S.C. 1151. EPA interprets its past approvals as not extending to Indian Country unless the State has made an explicit demonstration of jurisdiction over Indian Country and EPA has specifically approved the State's Drinking Water program over that area.

All interested parties may request a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be submitted by June 10, 2002 to the Regional Administrator at the address shown below. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for a hearing may be denied by the Regional Administrator. However, if a substantial request for a public hearing is made by June 10, 2002, a public hearing will be held. If no timely and appropriate request for a hearing is received and the Regional Administrator does not elect to hold a hearing on his own motion, this determination shall become final and effective on June 10, 2002. Any request for a public hearing shall include the following information: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the individual, organization, or other entity requesting a hearing; (2) a brief