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The Chartered SAB will also conduct a quality review of the SAB CCL5 Review Committee report titled *Review of the EPA's Draft Fifth Contaminant Candidate List (CCL 5)*. Background information about this activity is available on the SAB website at: <https://sab.epa.gov/ords/sab/>

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6977107::RP,18:P18_ID:2600. The SAB quality review process ensures that all draft reports developed by SAB panels, committees, or workgroups are reviewed by the Chartered SAB before being finalized and transmitted to the EPA Administrator. These reviews are conducted in a public meeting as required by FACA.

The Chartered SAB will also discuss any recommendations received from the SAB Work Group for Review of Science Supporting EPA Decisions with regard to SAB review of other EPA planned actions. Under the SAB's authorizing statute, the SAB "may make available to the Administrator, within the time specified by the Administrator, its advice and comments on the adequacy of the scientific and technical basis" of proposed rules. The SAB Work Group for Review of Science Supporting EPA Decisions is charged with identifying EPA planned actions that may warrant SAB review.

Availability of Meeting Materials: All meeting materials, including the agenda will be available on the SAB web page at <https://sab.epa.gov>.

Procedures for Providing Public Input: Public comment for consideration by EPA's federal advisory committees and panels has a different purpose from public comment provided to EPA program offices. Therefore, the process for submitting comments to a federal advisory committee is different from the process used to submit comments to an EPA program office. Federal advisory committees and panels, including scientific advisory committees, provide independent advice to the EPA. Members of the public can submit relevant comments pertaining to the committee's charge or meeting materials. Input from the public to the SAB will have the most impact if it provides specific scientific or technical information or analysis for the SAB to consider or if it relates to the clarity or accuracy of the technical information. Members of the public wishing to provide comment should follow the instruction below to submit comments.

Oral Statements: In general, individuals or groups requesting an oral presentation at a public meeting will be limited to three minutes. Each person

making an oral statement should consider providing written comments as well as the oral statement so that the points presented orally can be expanded upon in writing. Persons interested in providing oral statements should contact the DFO, in writing (preferably via email) at the contact information noted above by July 11, 2022, to be placed on the list of registered speakers.

Written Statements: Written statements will be accepted throughout the advisory process; however, for timely consideration by SAB members, statements should be submitted to the DFO by July 11, 2022, for consideration at the public meeting on July 18, 2022, and July 20, 2022. Written statements should be supplied to the DFO at the contact information above via email. Submitters are requested to provide a signed and unsigned version of each document because the SAB Staff Office does not publish documents with signatures on its websites. Members of the public should be aware that their personal contact information, if included in any written comments, may be posted to the SAB website. Copyrighted material will not be posted without explicit permission of the copyright holder.

Accessibility: For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact the DFO, at the contact information noted above, preferably at least ten days prior to the meeting, to give the EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OW-2020-0392; FRL 8323.1-01-OW]

Draft Guidance for Vessel Sewage No-Discharge Zones

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requests comments on draft updated guidance for state officials submitting applications to EPA to establish vessel sewage no-discharge zones under the Clean Water Act (CWA). The draft updated guidance is intended to clarify, simplify, and (once finalized) supersede EPA's existing

vessel sewage no-discharge zone guidance. The draft updated guidance explains the information that a state must submit to EPA in an application to meet the regulatory requirements and provides greater insight into EPA's process for evaluating applications. Updates made to the guidance do not purport to impose any new requirements for state applications.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 26, 2022.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2020-0392, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov/> (our preferred method). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail:* U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center, Office of Water Docket, Mail Code 28221T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460.

- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* EPA Docket Center, WJC West Building, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004. The Docket Center's hours of operations are 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Monday–Friday (except Federal Holidays).

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket ID No. for this rulemaking. 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 "Public Participation" heading of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

A. Written Comments

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2020-0392, at <https://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method), or the other methods identified in the **ADDRESSES** section. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from the docket. EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit to EPA's docket at

<https://www.regulations.gov> any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI), Proprietary Business Information (PBI), 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). Please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets> for additional submission methods; the full EPA public comment policy; information about CBI, PBI, or multimedia submissions; and general guidance on making effective comments.

II. General Information

A. Does this action apply to me?

EPA has developed an updated draft of existing guidance for the development of applications for vessel sewage no-discharge zones and seeks comment and technical input on issues associated with the guidance. The draft updated guidance will be of interest to state officials seeking to establish vessel sewage no-discharge zones, as well as the owners and operators of commercial and recreational vessels with installed toilets that may be impacted by vessel sewage no-discharge zone designations.

III. Background

CWA Section 312 establishes the statutory framework through which EPA and the U.S. Coast Guard regulate the discharge of sewage from vessels with installed toilets operating in U.S. navigable waters. EPA is responsible for establishing national standards of performance for marine sanitation devices (MSDs) to prevent inadequately treated sewage from polluting U.S. waters, while the U.S. Coast Guard is responsible for issuing regulations governing the design, construction, certification, installation, and operation of MSDs, consistent with EPA's standards. MSDs are equipment installed onboard vessels that either treat sewage prior to discharge or store sewage onboard for later disposal. If a state determines that some or all of the state's waters require greater protection, the CWA allows the state to apply to EPA for the establishment of a vessel sewage no-discharge zone.

Sewage no-discharge zones are designated areas where the discharge of both treated and untreated sewage from

vessels is prohibited. There are three different types of vessel sewage no-discharge zones under CWA Section 312. For each type, the state must submit an application to EPA pursuant to the regulatory requirements detailed in 40 CFR 140.4. The first type of designation (CWA Section 312(f)(3)) requires the state to obtain a determination from EPA that "adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels are reasonably available for the waters proposed for designation." Following an affirmative determination from EPA, the state may then proceed with the designation of the no-discharge zone through state regulations. The other two types of sewage no-discharge zones are established for the protection and enhancement of the quality of specified waters and drinking water intakes (under CWA Sections 312(f)(4)(A) and (f)(4)(B), respectively). These designations are applied for by a state but designated by EPA and promulgated through federal regulations.

In 1994, EPA published guidance, "Protecting Coastal Waters from Vessel and Marina Discharges: A Guide for State and Local Officials, Volume 1. Establishing No-Discharge Areas under § 312 of the Clean Water Act" (EPA 842-B-94-004, August 1994), to assist states in preparing applications based on the regulatory requirements. EPA is updating the 1994 guidance and, through this Notice, soliciting feedback from the public on the new draft, titled, "Guidance for Vessel Sewage No-Discharge Zone Applications (Clean Water Act Section 312(f))." The draft updated guidance will supersede the 1994 guidance once public comments have been considered and a notice of availability for the updated guidance is published in the **Federal Register**.

In developing the draft updated guidance, EPA sought to streamline the guidance, better clarify the required versus recommended information for inclusion in a state's application, and further describe the agency's processes for evaluating an application. Key updates related to the development of state applications include the addition of new guidance and sample applications for the two CWA Section 312(f)(4) designations, as well as updated introductory sections on the impact of sewage discharges and the regulatory framework in place to mitigate these impacts. The draft updated guidance also clarifies how to account for mobile pumpout facilities, such as boats and trucks, and provides additional information on how to demonstrate that sewage removed from

vessels is being treated in conformance with federal law. Finally, in the sections pertaining to CWA Section 312(f)(3) applications, the draft updated guidance distinguishes between recreational and commercial vessels in acknowledgement of differing vessel profiles and pumpout facility needs.

Other updates were made to the 1994 guidance to explain EPA's process for evaluating state applications. The most substantial update to EPA's review process is the novel inclusion of a cost analysis for applications submitted under CWA Section 312(f)(3). The agency's statutory responsibility to determine whether adequate facilities are "reasonably available" speaks to the cost of that availability, as affirmed by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (*see Memorandum Opinion and Order, American Waterways Operators v. EPA*, case no. 18-cv-2933 (APM), November 30, 2020). Because EPA must consider costs, the draft updated guidance contains new sections that propose how EPA would conduct cost analyses for CWA Section 312(f)(3) applications. These new sections are accompanied by a spreadsheet-based tool, the "No-Discharge Zone Cost Analysis Tool," that EPA could use in future determinations to help standardize the agency's approach to evaluating the costs associated with applications submitted under CWA Section 312(f)(3). The draft cost tool also incorporates a screening analysis to estimate if sewage generation may exceed reception capabilities. While the statute requires that EPA consider costs during the review of CWA Section 312(f)(3) applications, the agency welcomes comments on the proposed approach to the cost analysis. Another change is the removal of the "Boater Sanitary Waste Reception Facility Requirements Worksheet," which aggregated all vessel types, in favor of the new screening analysis described above for commercial vessels and a new "Recreational Vessel Worksheet" for recreational vessels.

IV. Paperwork Reduction Act

The information collections associated with the vessel sewage no-discharge zone program have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act through August 2022. The approved Information Collection Request (OMB control number 2040-0187) estimates both the burden to state respondents to apply for vessel sewage no-discharge zones and the burden to EPA to review state applications. Finalization of this draft updated guidance is not expected to result in

increased burden to state applicants, since the required elements of a state's application are defined by regulation and have not been changed. However, increased burden is anticipated for EPA due to the inclusion of a cost analysis for applications submitted under CWA Section 312(f)(3). EPA does not anticipate that the expected number of applications will change if this draft updated guidance is finalized, since preparation and submission of an application is entirely voluntary and driven by the state applicant's need to protect some or all of the state's waters from vessel sewage discharges.

EPA is currently in the process of requesting a renewal for this information collection. If finalization of this draft updated guidance results in a change to paperwork burden, EPA will revise the Information Collection Request.

V. Request for Comment

EPA is seeking public comment on both the draft updated guidance document and the associated draft cost tool. While EPA welcomes information and comments on all issues related to the guidance, this Notice requests specific comment, relevant information, or data on the following topics, as appropriate: (1) the types and availability of data and information being requested from state applicants, (2) whether additional clarifications are needed in any of the state application sections, (3) the appropriateness, use, and accuracy of default values and assumptions used in the draft cost tool, and (4) how frequently the agency should update the default values used in the draft cost tool.

The draft updated guidance document and draft cost tool are available for review in EPA's docket and on EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/vessels-marinas-and-ports/guidance-vessel-sewage-no-discharge-zone-applications>.

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Deputy Assistant Administrator.

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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

[File No. 211 0140]

JAB/SAGE Veterinary; Analysis of Agreement Containing Consent Orders To Aid Public Comment

AGENCY: Federal Trade Commission.

ACTION: Proposed consent agreement; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The consent agreement in this matter settles alleged violations of federal law prohibiting unfair methods of competition. The attached Analysis of Proposed Consent Orders to Aid Public Comment describes both the allegations in the complaint and the terms of the consent orders—embodied in the consent agreement—that would settle these allegations.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 27, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties may file comments online or on paper, by following the instructions in the Request for Comment part of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. Please write: “JAB/SAGE Veterinary; File No. 211 0140” on your comment and file your comment online at <https://www.regulations.gov> by following the instructions on the web-based form. If you prefer to file your comment on paper, please mail your comment to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite CC-5610, (Annex D), Washington, DC 20580.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Barnett (202-326-2362), Bureau of Competition, Federal Trade Commission, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20024.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 6(f) of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and FTC Rule 2.34, 16 CFR 2.34, notice is hereby given that the above-captioned consent agreement containing a consent order to cease and desist, having been filed with and accepted, subject to final approval, by the Commission, has been placed on the public record for a period of thirty (30) days. The following Analysis of Agreement Containing Consent Orders to Aid Public Comment describes the terms of the consent agreement and the allegations in the complaint. An electronic copy of the full text of the consent agreement package can be obtained from the FTC website at this web address: <https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/commission-actions>.

You can file a comment online or on paper. For the Commission to consider your comment, we must receive it on or before July 27, 2022. Write “JAB/SAGE Veterinary; File No. 211 0140” on your comment. Your comment—including your name and your state—will be placed on the public record of this proceeding, including, to the extent practicable, on the <https://www.regulations.gov> website.

Due to protective actions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the

agency's heightened security screening, postal mail addressed to the Commission will be delayed. We strongly encourage you to submit your comments online through the <https://www.regulations.gov> website.

If you prefer to file your comment on paper, write “JAB/SAGE Veterinary; File No. 211 0140” on your comment and on the envelope, and mail your comment to the following address: Federal Trade Commission, Office of the Secretary, 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite CC-5610, (Annex D), Washington, DC 20580.

Because your comment will be placed on the publicly accessible website at <https://www.regulations.gov>, you are solely responsible for making sure your comment does not include any sensitive or confidential information. In particular, your comment should not include sensitive personal information, such as your or anyone else's Social Security number; date of birth; driver's license number or other state identification number, or foreign country equivalent; passport number; financial account number; or credit or debit card number. You are also solely responsible for making sure your comment does not include sensitive health information, such as medical records or other individually identifiable health information. In addition, your comment should not include any “trade secret or any commercial or financial information which . . . is privileged or confidential”—as provided by Section 6(f) of the FTC Act, 15 U.S.C. 46(f), and FTC Rule 4.10(a)(2), 16 CFR 4.10(a)(2)—including competitively sensitive information such as costs, sales statistics, inventories, formulas, patterns, devices, manufacturing processes, or customer names.

Comments containing material for which confidential treatment is requested must be filed in paper form, must be clearly labeled “Confidential,” and must comply with FTC Rule 4.9(c). In particular, the written request for confidential treatment that accompanies the comment must include the factual and legal basis for the request and must identify the specific portions of the comment to be withheld from the public record. See FTC Rule 4.9(c). Your comment will be kept confidential only if the General Counsel grants your request in accordance with the law and the public interest. Once your comment has been posted on <https://www.regulations.gov>—as legally required by FTC Rule 4.9(b)—we cannot redact or remove your comment from that website, unless you submit a confidentiality request that meets the