

Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. Commenters are also requested to submit an original and 3 copies of their written comments as well as an original and 3 copies of any attachments, enclosures, or other documents referenced in the comments. EPA will also accept comments electronically. Comments should be addressed to the following e-mail address: [bradley.patrick@epa.gov](mailto:bradley.patrick@epa.gov). Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII, WordPerfect format file and avoid the use of special characters or any form of encryption.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the guidance from the Water Permits Division's Web site (<http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/wqbasedpermitting/wspermitting.cfm>).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick Bradley, Telephone: (202) 564-0729. Facsimile Number: (202) 564-6392. E-mail: [bradley.patrick@epa.gov](mailto:bradley.patrick@epa.gov). Also visit the Water Permits Division's Web page at <http://www.epa.gov/npdes>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For nearly a decade, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has supported and encouraged a watershed approach to addressing water quality problems. Awareness and understanding of this approach has grown over time, but with demonstrated gaps in implementation. In fall 2002 the EPA Office of Water Assistant Administrator issued a policy memo entitled "Committing EPA's Water Program to Advancing the Watershed Approach." This policy memo not only reaffirms EPA's commitment to the watershed approach but also reenergizes efforts to ensure that EPA as a whole fully integrates the approach into program implementation. The memo calls for the creation of a Watershed Management Council (WMC) that will, among other activities, accelerate efforts to develop and issue NPDES permits on a watershed basis.

Following the watershed approach policy memo, EPA's Assistant Administrator for Water released the "Watershed-Based NPDES Permitting Policy Statement." This statement communicates EPA's policy on implementing NPDES permitting activities on a watershed basis, discusses the benefits of watershed-based permitting, presents an explanation of the process and several mechanisms to implement watershed-based permitting, and outlines how EPA will encourage watershed-based permitting. It serves as both a formal commitment and a strategy for fully integrating the watershed approach into the NPDES permitting program and accelerating these efforts, as called for in

the watershed approach policy memo. Both the policy memo on advancing the watershed approach and the watershed-based permitting policy statement are available on EPA's Web page at <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/wqbasedpermitting/wspermitting.cfm>.

Dated: August 14, 2003.

**James Hanlon,**

*Director, Office of Wastewater Management.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7547-6]

### Preliminary Listing of Additional Waters to Ohio's 2002 List of Waters Under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act

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

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the EPA decision identifying water quality limited segments and associated pollutants in Ohio to be listed pursuant to the Clean Water Act section 303(d)(2), and requests public comment. Section 303(d)(1) requires that states submit lists of waters for which existing technology-based pollution controls are not stringent enough to attain or maintain state water quality standards and for which total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) must be prepared. Section 303(d)(2) requires EPA to review and approve or disapprove the lists submitted by the states. If EPA disapproves a state list of waters pursuant to section 303(d)(2), EPA must then identify the impaired waters.

On July 17, 2003, EPA partially approved and partially disapproved Ohio's 2002 section 303(d) list of waters still requiring TMDLs. Specifically, EPA approved Ohio's section 303(d) list of impaired waters at Table 6 of the Ohio 2002 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report, including associated pollutants and associated priority rankings. EPA disapproved Ohio's decision not to identify 17 additional waters on the 2002 section 303(d) list based upon sport fish consumption advisories. In a July 17, 2003 decision document, EPA identified these additional water bodies and associated pollutants for inclusion on the Ohio 2002 section 303(d) list.

EPA is providing the public the opportunity to review its decision to add the 17 additional water bodies and

pollutants to Ohio's 2002 section 303(d) list, as required by EPA's Public Participation regulations. EPA will consider public comments in reaching its final decisions on the additional water bodies and pollutants identified for inclusion on Ohio's final list.

**DATES:** Comments on this document must be received in writing by September 24, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on today's notice may be submitted to Jo Lynn Traub, Director, Water Division, Attn: Ohio 303 (d) list, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. As an alternative, EPA will accept comments electronically. Comments should be sent to the following Internet e-mail address: [keclik.donna@epa.gov](mailto:keclik.donna@epa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donna Keclik, Watersheds and Wetlands Branch, at the EPA address noted above or by telephone at (312) 886-6766.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) requires that each state identify those waters for which existing technology-based pollution controls are not stringent enough to attain or maintain state water quality standards. For those waters, states are required to establish TMDLs according to a priority ranking.

EPA's Water Quality Planning and Management regulations include requirements related to the implementation of section 303(d) of the CWA (40 CFR 130.7). The regulations require states to identify water quality limited waters still requiring TMDLs every two years. The lists of waters still needing TMDLs must also include priority rankings and must identify the waters targeted for TMDL development during the next two years (40 CFR 130.7). On March 31, 2000, EPA promulgated a revision to this regulation that waived the requirement for states to submit section 303(d) lists in 2000, except in cases where a court order, consent decree, or settlement agreement required EPA to take action on a list in 2000 (65 FR17170).

Consistent with EPA's regulations, Ohio submitted to EPA its listing decision under section 303(d)(2) on October 3, 2002. On July 17, 2003, EPA approved Ohio's 2002 section 303(d) list of impaired waters and associated priority rankings. EPA disapproved Ohio's decision not to list 17 additional waters and associated pollutants on the 2002 section 303(d) list based upon sport fish consumption advisories. EPA solicits public comment on its identification of 17 additional waters

and associated pollutants for inclusion on Ohio's 2002 section 303(d) list.

Dated: August 14, 2003.

**Anthony Carrollo,**

*Acting Director, Water Division, Region 5.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7548-9]

### Public Water System Supervision Program Revision for the State of Oklahoma

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

**ACTION:** Notice of tentative approval.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the State of Oklahoma is revising its approved Public Water System Supervision Program. Oklahoma has adopted an Arsenic Rule, Radionuclides Rule, Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule, Filter Backwash Recycling Rule, Public Notification Rule, Lead and Copper Rule Minor Revisions, and a revised Public Water Supply Definition. The Arsenic Rule is adopted to improve public health by reducing the maximum contaminant level of Arsenic in drinking water from 50 micrograms/Liter to 10 micrograms/Liter. The Radionuclides Rule is adopted to improve public health protection and reduce the risk of cancer by reducing the exposure to radionuclides in drinking water. The Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule will improve control of microbial pathogens, specifically the protozoan *Cryptosporidium*, in drinking water and address risk trade-offs with disinfection byproducts. The Filter Backwash Recycling Rule is adopted to further protect public health by requiring public water systems, where needed, to institute changes to the return of recycle flows to a plant's treatment process that may otherwise compromise microbial control. The Public Notification Rule is adopted to notify the public anytime a water system violates national primary drinking water regulations or has other situations posing a risk to public health. The Lead and Copper Rule Minor Revisions will eliminate unnecessary requirements, streamline and reduce reporting burden, and promote consistent national implementation of the Lead and Copper Rule. Finally, the revised Public Water Supply Definition will now include other constructed conveyances. EPA has determined that

these revisions are no less stringent than the corresponding federal regulations. Therefore, EPA intends to approve these program revisions.

**DATES:** All interested parties may request a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be submitted by September 24, 2003, to the Regional Administrator at the EPA Region 6 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 September 24, 2003, 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 September 24, 2003. Any request for a public hearing shall include the following information: The name, address, and telephone number of the individual, organization, or other entity requesting a hearing; a brief statement of the requesting person's interest in the Regional Administrator's determination and a brief statement of the information that the requesting person intends to submit at such hearing; and the signature of the individual making the request, or, if the request is made on behalf of an organization or other entity, the signature of a responsible official of the organization or other entity.

**ADDRESSES:** All documents relating to this determination are available for inspection between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following offices: Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, Water Quality Division, Public Water Supply Section, 707 North Robinson, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73101 and United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Drinking Water Section (6WQ-SD), 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200, Dallas, Texas 75202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dawn D. Ison, EPA Region 6, Drinking Water Section at the Dallas address given above or at telephone (214) 665-2162.

**Authority:** Section 1413 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (1996), and 40 CFR part 142 of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations.

Dated: August 18, 2003.

**Lawrence E. Starfield,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### Public Information Collections Approved by Office of Management and Budget

August 18, 2003.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has received Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the following public information collections pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Laurenzano, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554, (202) 418-1359 or via the Internet at [plarenz@fcc.gov](mailto:plarenz@fcc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*OMB Control No.:* 3060-0859.

*OMB Approval date:* 06/03/2003.

*Expiration Date:* 06/30/2006.

*Title:* Suggested Guidelines for Petitions for Ruling Under Section 253 of the Communications Act.

*Form No.:* N/A.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 80 responses; 6,280 total annual hours; 78.5 hours per respondent.

*Needs and Uses:* The attached Public Notice establishes various procedural guidelines related to the Commission's processing of petitions for preemption pursuant to Section 253 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. The Commission will use the information to discharge its statutory mandate relating to the preemption of state or local statutes or other state or local legal requirements.

*OMB Control No.:* 3060-0876.

*OMB Approval date:* 06/24/2003.

*Expiration Date:* 06/30/2006.

*Title:* USAC Board of Directors Nomination Process (47 CFR Section 54.703) and Review of Administrator's Decision (47 CFR Sections 54.719-54.725).

*Form No.:* N/A.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 1312 responses; 41,840 total annual hours; approximately 32 hours per respondent.

*Needs and Uses:* Pursuant to 47 CFR Section 54.703 industry and non-industry groups may submit to the Commission for approval nominations for individuals to be appointed to the USAC Board of Directors. 47 CFR Sections 54.719-54.725 contain the procedures for Commission review of USAC decisions, including the general filing requirements pursuant to which