

this action to a particular entity, consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit this information to EPA through regulations.gov or e-mail. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD-ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for preparing your comments.* When submitting comments, remember to:

i. Identify the document by docket ID number and other identifying information (subject heading, **Federal Register** date and page number).

ii. Follow directions. The Agency may ask you to respond to specific questions or organize comments by referencing a Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part or section number.

iii. Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.

iv. Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.

v. If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.

vi. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns and suggest alternatives.

vii. Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.

viii. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

II. Background

A. What is a TSCA Section 21 Petition?

TSCA section 21 allows citizens to petition EPA to initiate a proceeding for the issuance, amendment, or repeal of a rule under TSCA sections 4, 6, or 8 or of an order under TSCA sections 5(e) or 6(b)(2). A TSCA section 21 petition must set forth facts that the petitioner

believes establish the need for the action requested. EPA is required to grant or deny the petition within 90 days of its filing. If EPA grants the petition, EPA must promptly commence an appropriate proceeding. If EPA denies the petition, EPA must publish its reasons for the denial in the **Federal Register**. Within 60 days of denial, or expiration of the 90-day period if no action is taken, the petitioner may commence a civil action in a U.S. district court to compel initiation of the requested rulemaking proceeding.

B. What Action is Requested Under this TSCA Section 21 Petition?

On June 6, 2007, the Sierra Club, the Environmental Law & Policy Center, the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association, the Washington Toxics Coalition, Physicians for Social Responsibility, and UNITE HERE petitioned EPA to take action under TSCA sections 4 and 6(a). The petitioners requested that EPA exercise its authority under TSCA section 4 to require manufacturers and importers to conduct specific health and safety studies and under TSCA section 6(a) to require labeling on all products containing NP and NPE and to limit the use of NP and NPE in certain circumstances.

Specifically, the petition requested that EPA require testing under TSCA section 4 for:

- "filling the gaps for chronic toxicity of NPE oligomers;"
 - "filling the gaps regarding the additive toxicity of NP and NPE oligomers to [aquatic] species;"
 - "research on individual endocrine disruption impacts and on the relationship between individual endocrine disruption impacts and pollution-level impacts;"
 - "testing for vitellogen gene expression;"
 - "testing related to levels of NP and NPE in humans and estrogenic effects in humans;"
 - "testing for health impacts on workers handling the chemicals at industrial laundries;" and
 - "testing for determine[ing] exposure to NPE in residential indoor air."
- The petition also requested that EPA take action under TSCA section 6(a) to:
- "require labeling on all products containing the chemical;"
 - "restrict the use of the chemicals where the user cannot verify that the chemical will receive proper treatment from an activated sludge treatment process designed to nitrify;"
 - "ban the use of the chemicals in industrial and consumer detergents;" and

- "require pollution prevention planning by facilities that use 2000 kg or more of NP or NPEs."

C. EPA Seeks Public Comment

Under TSCA section 21, which is applicable to requests for rulemaking proceedings under TSCA sections 4 and 6(a), EPA must either grant or deny a petition within 90 days. Because EPA must respond to the requests for action under TSCA sections 4 and 6(a) by September 4, 2007, EPA will allow the public until July 25, 2007 to reply with any additional information relevant to the issues identified in the petition, a copy of which can be obtained from the public docket (see **ADDRESSES**).

In assessing the usability of any data or information that may be submitted, EPA plans to follow the guidelines in EPA's "A Summary of General Assessment Factors for Evaluating the Quality of Scientific and Technical Information" (EPA 100/B-03/001), referred to as the "Assessment Factors Document." The "Assessment Factors Document" published in the **Federal Register** of July 1, 2003 (68 FR 39086) (FRL-7520-2) and is available on-line at: <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-GENERAL/2003/July/Day-01/g16328.htm>. That document is also available on-line at: <http://www.epa.gov/osa/spc/assess.htm>.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Hazardous substances.

Dated: July 2, 2007.

James B. Gulliford,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8338-2]

Extension of Public Notice Comment Period for the Re-proposal of the Reissuance of Two General NPDES Permits (GPs), One for Aquaculture Facilities in Idaho Subject to Wasteload Allocations Under Selected Total Maximum Daily Loads (Permit Number IDG-13-0000) and One for Fish Processors Associated With Aquaculture Facilities in Idaho (Permit Number IDG-13-2000)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Extension of Public Comment Period on two draft general NPDES

permits for Idaho aquaculture facilities and associated fish processors.

SUMMARY: On June 7, 2007, EPA Region 10 re-proposed to reissue two general permits to cover aquaculture facilities and associated fish processors in Idaho (72 FR 31574). In response to a request from the regulated community, EPA is extending the end of public comment period from July 9, 2007, to July 23, 2007.

DATES: The end of the public comment period in now extended to July 23, 2007. Comments must be received or postmarked by that date.

Public Comment: Interested persons may submit written comments on the draft permits to the attention of Sharon Wilson at the address below. All comments should include the name, address, e-mail address (if applicable), and telephone number of commenter and a concise statement of comment and the relevant facts upon which it is based. Comments of either support or concern, which are directed at specific, cited permit requirements, are appreciated. After the expiration date of the public notice on July 23, 2007, the Director of the EPA Region 10 Office of Water and Watersheds will make a final determination with respect to issuance of the general permits. Response to comments from both the 2006 and 2007 public comment periods will be published with the final permits. The requirements proposed in the draft general permits or modified as a result of comments will become final at least 30 days after publication of the final permits in the **Federal Register**.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed general permits should be sent to Sharon Wilson, USEPA Region 10, 1200 6th Avenue, OWW-130, Seattle, Washington 98101 or by e-mail to wilson.sharon@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Carla Fromm at 208-378-5755 or fromm.carla@epa.gov or Sharon Wilson at 206-553-0325 or wilson.sharon@epa.gov. The supplemental fact sheet for this public comment period, as well as the draft permits and fact sheet for the 2006 public comment period, may be found on the Region 10 Web site at: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/WATER.NSF/NPDES+Permits/General+NPDES+Permits#Aquaculture>. They are also available upon request from Audrey Washington at (206) 553-0523 or at washington.audrey@epa.gov. For information on physical locations in Idaho and Seattle where the documents may be viewed, see the June 7, 2007, notice at 71 FR 31574.

Dated: July 2, 2007.

Michael F. Gearheard,

*Director, Office of Water and Watersheds,
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8337-8]

Public Water Supply Supervision Program; Program Revision for the State of Alaska

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of tentative approval.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the State of Alaska has revised its approved State Public Water Supply Supervision (PWSS) Primacy Program. The state has revised its PWSS program with respect to administrative penalty authority and has adopted a revised definition of public water system. It has also adopted regulations for variances and exemptions, the Consumer Confidence Report, the Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule, the Stage 1 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule, the Lead and Copper Rule Minor Revisions, the Public Notification Rule, the Radionuclides Rule, the Filter Backwash Recycling Rule, the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule, and the Arsenic Rule. EPA has determined that these revisions are no less stringent than the corresponding federal regulations. Therefore, EPA intends to approve these State program revisions. By approving these rules, EPA does not intend to affect the rights of Federally recognized Indian tribes within "Indian country" as defined by 18 U.S.C. 1151, nor does it intend to limit existing rights of the State of Alaska.

All interested parties may request a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be submitted by August 9, 2007, 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 August 9, 2007, 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 her own motion, this determination shall become final and effective on August 9, 2007. 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 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; (3) 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 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following offices: Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC), 410 Willoughby, Suite 303, Juneau, Alaska 99801; ADEC South Central Regional Office, 555 Cordova Street, Anchorage, Alaska 99501; ADEC Northern Regional Office, 610 University Avenue Fairbanks, Alaska 99709-3643; and between the hours of 9 a.m.—noon and 1—2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 Library, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wendy Marshall, EPA Region 10, Drinking Water Unit, at the Seattle address given above; telephone (206) 553-1890, e-mail marshall.wendy@epa.gov.

Authority: Section 1420 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (1996), and 40 CFR Part 142 of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations.

Dated: June 25, 2007.

Elin D. Miller,

Regional Administrator, Region 10.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

Aeronautics Science and Technology Subcommittee Committee on Technology; National Science and Technology Council

ACTION: Notice of Meeting—Public Consultation on the National Aeronautics Research and Development Plan and Related Infrastructure Plan.

SUMMARY: The Aeronautics Science and Technology Subcommittee (ASTS) of the National Science and Technology Council's (NSTC) Committee on Technology will hold a public meeting to discuss development of the National