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Cross-Media Electronic Reporting: Authorized Program Revision Approval, State of Indiana

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces EPA's approval of the State of Indiana's request to revise its EPA-authorized programs to allow electronic reporting.

DATES: EPA's approval is effective **[Insert date of publication in the Federal Register].**

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On October 13, 2005, the final Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (CROMERR) was published in the *Federal Register* (70 FR 59848) and codified as Part 3 of title 40 of the CFR. CROMERR establishes electronic reporting as an acceptable regulatory alternative to paper reporting and establishes requirements to assure that electronic documents are as legally dependable as their paper counterparts. Under Subpart D of CROMERR, state, tribe or local government agencies that receive, or wish to begin receiving, electronic reports under their EPA-authorized programs must apply to EPA for a revision or modification of those programs and obtain EPA approval. Subpart D also provides standards for such approvals based on consideration of the electronic document receiving systems that the state, tribe, or local government will use to implement the electronic reporting. Additionally, in §3.1000(b) through (e) of 40 CFR part 3, subpart D provides special procedures for program revisions and modifications to allow electronic reporting, to be used at the option of the state, tribe or local government in place of procedures available under existing program-specific authorization regulations. An application submitted under the Subpart D procedures must show that the state, tribe or local government has sufficient legal authority to implement the electronic reporting components of the programs covered by the application and will use electronic document receiving systems that meet the applicable Subpart D requirements.

On July 20, 2011, the Indiana Department of the Environmental Management (IDEM) submitted an application for its Network Discharge Monitoring Report (NetDMR) electronic document receiving system for revision of its EPA-authorized programs under title 40 CFR. EPA reviewed IDEM's request to revise its EPA-authorized programs and, based on this review, EPA determined that the application met the standards for approval of authorized program revisions set out in 40 CFR part 3, subpart D. In accordance with 40 CFR 3.1000(d), this notice of EPA's decision to approve Indiana's request for revision to its 40 CFR Part 123—National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) State Program Requirements and Part 403—General Pretreatment Regulations for Existing and New Sources of Pollution EPA-authorized programs for electronic reporting of information submitted under 40 CFR Parts 122 and 403 is being published in the *Federal Register*.

IDEM was notified of EPA's determination to approve its application with respect to the authorized programs listed above.

Dated: December 1, 2011.

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