



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Tentative Approval and Solicitation of Request for a Public Hearing for Public Water System Supervision Program Revision for the Commonwealth of Virginia

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of tentative approval and Solicitation of Requests for a Public Hearing.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provision of section 1413 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended, and the requirements governing the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation, 40 CFR Part 142, that the Commonwealth of Virginia is revising its approved Public Water System Supervision Program. The Commonwealth has adopted the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule and the Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule which will provide for better public health protection by reducing potential cancer and reproductive and developmental health risks from disinfection byproducts in drinking water and by reducing illness linked with Cryptosporidium and other pathogenic microorganisms in drinking water. EPA has determined that these revisions are no less stringent than the corresponding Federal regulations. EPA is taking action to tentatively approve these program revisions. All interested parties are invited to submit written comments on this determination and may request a public hearing.

DATES: Comments or a request for a public hearing must be submitted by [insert date 30 days from publication in the Federal Register]. This determination shall become effective on [insert date 30 days from publication in the Federal Register] if no timely and appropriate request for a hearing is received and the Regional Administrator does not elect on his own to hold a hearing,

and if no comments are received which cause EPA to modify its tentative approval.

ADDRESSES: Comments or a request for a public hearing must be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029. Comments may also be submitted electronically to Hoover.Michelle@epa.gov. All documents relating to this determination are available for inspection between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following offices:

- Drinking Water Branch (3WP21), Water Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029.
- Office of Drinking Water, Virginia Department of Health, Madison Building, 6th Floor, 109 Governor Street, Room 632, Richmond, VA 23219.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Hoover at the Philadelphia address given above, telephone (215) 814-5258, fax (215) 814-2302, or email Hoover.Michelle@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All interested parties are invited to submit written comments on this determination and may request a public hearing. All comments will be considered; if necessary, EPA will issue a response. 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 [insert date 30 days from publication in the Federal Register], a public hearing will be held. A request for public hearing shall include the following: (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 of information that the requesting person intends to submit at such a hearing;

and (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.

DATED: February 22, 2012

Signed: W.C. Early, Acting
Regional Administrator
EPA, Region III.

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