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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has submitted the following ICR to OMB for review and approval according to the procedures prescribed in 5 CFR 1320.12. On October 3, 2003 (68 FR 57441), EPA sought comments on this ICR pursuant to 5 CFR 1320.8(d). EPA has addressed the comments received.

EPA has established a public docket for this ICR under Docket ID No. ORD-2003-0010, which is available for public viewing at the Office of Environmental Information Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Office of Environmental Information Docket is (202) 566-1752. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA Dockets (EDOCKET) at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>. Use EDOCKET to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the docket ID number identified above.

Any comments related to this ICR should be submitted to EPA and OMB within 30 days of this notice. EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing in EDOCKET as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, CBI, or other information whose public disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in EDOCKET. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available in the public docket. Although identified as an item in the official docket, information claimed as CBI, or whose disclosure is otherwise restricted by statute, is not included in the official public docket, and will not be available for public viewing in EDOCKET. For further information about the electronic docket, see EPA's **Federal Register** notice describing the electronic docket at 67 FR 38102 (May

31, 2002), or go to <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>.

Title: Personal Exposure of High-Risk Subpopulations to Particles (Addition of Detroit Exposure and Aerosol Research Study (DEARS)).

Abstract: EPA's Office of Research and Development proposes to conduct a residential and personal exposure field monitoring study in the city of Detroit, Michigan, over a three-year period from 2004 to 2006. The primary goal of the study is to evaluate and describe the relationship between air toxics and PM constituents measured at a central site monitor and measurements of residential and personal concentrations. An emphasis is placed on understanding the impact of local sources (point and mobile) on outdoor residential concentrations and the impact of housing type and house operation on indoor concentrations. Personal air pollutant monitoring will be conducted to determine the impact of time spent in nonresidential locations and personal activities on exposure. Approximately 120 persons will voluntarily agree to wear certain personal air monitors and to allow their homes to be equipped with other monitors to measure indoor and outdoor residential air quality. Each home will be monitored for five consecutive days in the summer and five consecutive days in the winter. The study is a continuation and expansion of previous OMB-approved studies of human exposure to particles, undertaken in response to recommendations of the National Academy of Sciences.

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 OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations in 40 CFR are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and are identified on the form and/or instrument, if applicable.

Burden Statement: The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8 hours per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able

to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

Respondents/Affected Entities:

Residents of Wayne County, Michigan.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 40.

Frequency of Response: Semi-annually.

Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden: 300.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$2,880, includes \$0 annualized capital or O&M costs.

Dated: March 1, 2004.

Richard T. Westlund,

Acting Director, Collection Strategies Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7634-5]

Draft National Coastal Condition Report II

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Notice of availability is hereby given for a 90-day public comment period on the draft *National Coastal Condition Report II* describing the condition of the Nation's coastal waters. Coastal waters are valuable from both an environmental and economic perspective. These waters are vulnerable to pollution from diverse sources. EPA expects that this report on the condition of coastal waters will support more informed decisions concerning protection of this resource and will increase public awareness of the extent and seriousness of pollution in these waters. EPA seeks public input concerning the information in the report, the availability of additional data, and the appropriateness of conclusions drawn from the information presented.

DATES: Written comments must be received by June 7, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Address comments concerning this notice to Barry Burgan, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (4504 T), Office of Water, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 566-1242; fax (202) 566-1336 or Kevin Summers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research

and Development, 1 Sabine Island Drive, Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561; telephone (850) 934-9237; fax (850) 934-9201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barry Burgan, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (4504 T), Office of Water, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460 or Kevin Summers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, 1 Sabine Island Drive, Gulf Breeze, Florida 32561. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access and filing address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In 2001, the first National Coastal Condition Report was released, characterizing about 70% of the estuarine resources of the United States. Using available data from 1990-1996, EPA, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and U.S. Department of Agriculture determined that the Nation's estuarine resources were in fair condition and presented this information in the first Report. This second edition of the National Coastal Condition Report serves as a continuing foundation for the Nation's efforts to protect, manage, and restore coastal ecosystems. Four Federal agencies (EPA, NOAA, USGS and the USFWS) and several State and regional/local organizations have come together to report on the current condition of the Nation's coasts.

The *National Coastal Condition Report II* describes the condition of coastal waters based on several available data sets from different agencies and areas of the country and summarizes them to present a continuing picture of the condition of coastal waters. Although the data sets presented do not cover all coastal areas (e.g., no data for Alaska and Hawaii), they do provide a multi-regional assessment of coastal condition in the conterminous United States and Puerto Rico. For example, EPA's National Coastal assessment is conducting estuarine monitoring in all 23 coastal States and Puerto Rico, accounting for 99.8% of estuarine acreage in the continental U.S. and Puerto Rico. Data from several regional and national programs conducted by NOAA, USGS and the USFWS are included in this assessment of coastal condition. This report serves as a useful tool for analyzing the progress of coastal programs implemented since the first Report and as a benchmark for the future. This report will be followed in

subsequent years by reports focusing on continuing assessments of ecological condition, examinations of the trends in coastal condition, and assessments of more specialized coastal issues.

II. Electronic Access and Filing

You may view and download the draft Report on EPA's Internet site at the Office of Water homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/owow/oceans/nccr2/index.html> under *Recent Additions*. Comments may be sent to Barry Burgan or Kevin Summers via U.S. Postal Service, electronic mail (e-mail) or fax. Please send comments to Barry Burgan at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (4504 T), Office of Water, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460 (mail), burgan.barry@epa.gov (e-mail), or (202) 566-1336 (fax); or Kevin Summers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, 1 Sabine Island Drive, Gulf Breeze, FL 32561 (mail), summers.kevin@epa.gov (e-mail), or (850) 934-9201 (fax). Submit electronic comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

Dated: March 4, 2004.

Benjamin H. Grumbles,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Water.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-OW-7633-4]

Notice of Availability of Draft Aquatic Life Criteria Document for Copper and Request for Scientific Views; Reopening the Period To Submit Scientific Views

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for scientific views; reopening the period to submit scientific views.

SUMMARY: Due to requests from the public, EPA is reopening the period for submitting scientific views on the draft document containing updated aquatic life criteria for copper. EPA announced the availability of the draft criteria on December 31, 2003 (68 FR 75552). The period for submission of scientific views ended on March 1, 2004. Today, the Agency is reopening the period to submit scientific views for an additional 30 days.

DATES: EPA will accept scientific views on the 2003 Draft Updated of Ambient

Water Quality Criteria for Copper document on or before April 8, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Scientific views may be submitted electronically, by mail or through hand-delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in Section I.C. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of the December 31, 2003, **Federal Register**. Electronic files may be e-mailed to: OW-Docket@epa.gov. Scientific views may be mailed to the Water Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code: 4101T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, Attention Docket ID No. OW-2003-0079. Instructions for couriers and other hand delivery are provided in section I.C.3 of the December 31, 2003, **Federal Register**. The Agency will not accept facsimiles (faxes).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. What Are Water Quality Criteria?

Water quality criteria are scientifically-derived concentrations of a pollutant that protect aquatic life or human health from the harmful effects of pollutants in ambient water. Section 304(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act requires EPA to develop and publish and, from time to time, revise criteria for water quality to accurately reflect the latest scientific knowledge. Water quality criteria developed under section 304(a) are based solely on data and scientific judgments on the relationship between pollutant concentrations and environmental and human health effects. Section 304(a) criteria do not consider economic impacts or the technological feasibility of meeting the chemical concentrations in ambient water. Section 304(a) criteria help States and authorized Tribes adopt water quality standards that ultimately provide a basis for controlling discharges or releases of pollutants. The criteria also help EPA promulgate federal regulations under section 303(c) when such action is necessary.

Once established, an EPA water quality criterion does not substitute for the CWA or EPA regulations; nor is it a regulation. It cannot impose legally binding requirements on the EPA, States, authorized Tribes or the regulated community. State and Tribal decision-makers have the discretion to adopt approaches that differ from EPA's guidance on a case-by-case basis.