

Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Regulations (40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22) to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues and alternatives to be considered in preparation of the DSEIS.

DATES: As an opportunity for interested persons to comment on the issues and alternatives of the DSEIS, a public scoping meeting is scheduled as follows: Wednesday, May 24, 2000, 5:30 to 8 P.M. at Rogers Elementary School, 7700 Fine Road, Mehlville, MO 63129.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding the scope of the DSEIS should be addressed to Mr. Joseph E. Cothorn, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 901 N. 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101. Comments should be received on or before June 15, 2000, at the above address. Written comments may also be sent by facsimile to 913/551-8752 or e-mail at cothorn.joe@epa.gov. Comments received will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday) at the above office; please call (913) 551-7148 for an appointment. All comments received will become part of the administrative record and may be released.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact Joseph E. Cothorn at the above address and telephone number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Lower Meramec River Basin drainage area lies in the southern and southwestern portions of St. Louis County within the chartered jurisdiction of the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD). Areas in adjacent northern Jefferson County are also tributary. The MSD is empowered to enter into contractual agreements with other authorities, and has provided contract wastewater treatment for the City of Arnold (located in Jefferson County) since 1982 at the Lower Meramec Interim Treatment Lagoons at the site of the proposed regional plant, near (Meramec) river mile 1.5. This facility currently treats an average of 3.6 MGD.

Other MSD treatment facilities in the service area, (which are being considered for decommissioning in this regionalization project), include (proceeding upstream):

- Baumgartner Treatment Lagoons, near river mile 5.5, acquired in the purchase of a private sewer company in 1977, and upgraded by MSD, with average daily flows of 7.95 MGD.
- Fenton Wastewater Treatment Plant, near river mile 15.5, acquired from a

private sewer company in 1979, and upgraded by MSD, presently providing secondary treatment for average daily flows of 4.0 MGD.

- Grand Glaize Wastewater Treatment Plant, near river mile 20, constructed by MSD in 1983 to provide secondary treatment for 20 MGD, and currently receiving average daily flows of 17.7 MGD.

Dated: May 2, 2000.

William Rice,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 7.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Chesapeake Bay Program Activities Grants

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is issuing a request for proposals that will assist the Chesapeake Bay Program in meeting its goals and commitments. Approximately \$2 million is available through the RFP. Subjects addressed in the RFP include air quality, nutrients, sediments, best management practices, chemical contaminants, communication, exotic species, fish, habitat restoration, oysters, student engagement, submerged aquatic vegetation, water quality, local government and community engagement, and sound land use. Functional categories that proposals should fall under include implementation and technical assistance; workshops, seminars, and training; monitoring and assessment; research and analysis; and education and outreach. Applicants must be a non-profit organization, local government, state agency, interstate agency, college, or university institution. Funding will be provided to an organization under the authority of the Clean Water Act, section 117.

The RFP is available starting May 5, 2000 at the following web-site: <http://www.epa.edu/r3chespk/> You may request a paper copy by calling Carol Cochran at 215-815-2986 or by e-mail cochran.carol@epa.gov or by calling Lori Mackey at 410-267-5715 or e-mail at mackey.lori@epa.gov. All proposals must be received by the Chesapeake Bay Program Office by close of business June

9, 2000. Any late, incomplete, or faxed proposals will not be considered.

Peter J. Marx,

Acting Director, Chesapeake Bay Program.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Public Stakeholder Meeting on the National Strategy To Develop Regional Nutrient Criteria

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public stakeholder meeting on the National Strategy to Develop Regional Nutrient Criteria.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is holding a stakeholder meeting on May 25, 2000, to stimulate an information exchange with stakeholders on issues related to the National Strategy to Develop Regional Nutrient Criteria.

DATES: The public stakeholder meeting will start at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on May 25, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert Cantilli (4304), U.S. EPA Headquarters, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW (MC 4304), Washington, DC 20460 (Telephone: (202) 260-5546).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public stakeholder meeting will be held at the Hilton—Crystal City, 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA for the purpose of conducting an information exchange with stakeholders on issues related to the National Strategy to Develop Regional Nutrient Criteria. The public stakeholder meeting will provide an opportunity for interested persons to discuss the issues and process for developing and implementing regional nutrient criteria. Specifically, EPA will discuss progress it has made in developing draft ecoregional nutrient criteria as well as recommended procedures for implementing these criteria. The stakeholder meeting will also be an opportunity for substantive input and dialogue with the primary authors of the Nutrient Waterbody Type Guidance Documents as well as EPA Regional Nutrient Coordinators who are supporting the development and adoption of regional nutrient criteria at the State and ecoregional level. Participants for the stakeholders meeting who wish to make comments or ask questions are strongly encouraged to