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#### E. Notice of Decision

I hereby provide public notice that EPA has taken final action authorizing Arizona to implement the NPDES program in all areas of the State except for Indian Country.

**Authority:** This action is taken under the authority of section 402 of the Clean Water Act as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1342.

Dated: December 5, 2002.

**Wayne Nastri,**

*Regional Administrator, Region IX.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7432-1]

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

**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 National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is revising its approved Public Water System Supervision Program. Pennsylvania has adopted an Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (IESWTR) to improve control of microbial pathogens in drinking water, including specifically the protozoan *Cryptosporidium*, and a Stage 1 Disinfectants/Disinfection Byproducts Rule (DBPR), setting new requirements to limit the formation of chemical disinfection byproducts in drinking water. EPA has determined that these revisions are no less stringent than the corresponding Federal

regulations outside of two minor omissions to their regulations. The two items concern turbidity monitoring reporting requirements under IESWTR for systems that use alternative filtration technologies and selection of disinfection byproduct monitoring locations under the DBPR for surface water systems serving at least 10,000 people. These omissions are being addressed through an EPA/Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection signed letter agreement that includes required interim actions to cover the deficiencies and a schedule for correcting the deficiencies. Therefore, EPA has decided 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 January 29, 2003. This determination shall become effective on January 30, 2003 if no timely and appropriate request for a hearing is received and the Regional Administrator does not elect to hold a hearing on his own motion, 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. All documents relating to this determination are available for inspection between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following offices:

- Drinking Water Branch, Water Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029.
- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Supply and Wastewater Management, 11th Floor Rachael Carson State Office Building Harrisburg, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8467.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jason Gambatese, Drinking Water Branch (3WP22) at the Philadelphia address given above; telephone (215) 814-5759 or fax (215) 814-2318.

**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, and, 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 January 29, 2003, 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: December 11, 2002.

**Donald S. Welsh,**

*Regional Administrator, Region III.*

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#### FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1446-DR]

#### Guam; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the Territory of Guam, (FEMA-1446-DR), dated December 8, 2002, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 19, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Magda Ruiz, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705 or [Magda.Ruiz@fema.gov](mailto:Magda.Ruiz@fema.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster declaration for the Territory of Guam is hereby amended to include Individual Assistance for The Territory of Guam determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of December 8, 2002:

The Territory of Guam for Individual Assistance (already designated for debris removal (Category A) and emergency protective measures (Category B) under the Public Assistance program, including direct Federal assistance at 75 percent Federal funding.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537,

Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.556, Fire Management Assistance; 83.558, Individual and Household Housing; 83.559, Individual and Household Disaster Housing Operations; 83.560 Individual and Household Program-Other Needs, 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

**Joe M. Allbaugh,**

*Director.*

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## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1448-DR]

### North Carolina; Amendment No. 1 to Notice of a Major Disaster Declaration

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice amends the notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of North Carolina, (FEMA-1448-DR), dated December 12, 2002, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 20, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Magda Ruiz, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705 or [Magda.Ruiz@fema.gov](mailto:Magda.Ruiz@fema.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of a major disaster declaration for the State of North Carolina is hereby amended to include the following areas among those areas determined to have been adversely affected by the catastrophe declared a major disaster by the President in his declaration of December 12, 2002:

Caldwell, Davie, Edgecombe, Johnston, Northampton, Polk, Warren, Wayne and Wilson Counties for Public Assistance.

All counties in the State of North Carolina, including the Cherokee Indian Reservation, are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.556, Fire Management Assistance; 83.558, Individual and Household Housing; 83.559, Individual and Household Disaster Housing Operations; 83.560 Individual and Household Program-Other Needs, 83.544, Public Assistance

Grants; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

**Joe M. Allbaugh,**

*Director.*

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## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1448-DR]

### North Carolina; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of North Carolina (FEMA-1448-DR), dated December 12, 2002, and related determinations.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 12, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Magda Ruiz, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20472, (202) 646-2705 or [Magda.Ruiz@fema.gov](mailto:Magda.Ruiz@fema.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that, in a letter dated December 12, 2002, the President declared a major disaster under the authority of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act), as follows:

I have determined that the damage in certain areas of the State of North Carolina resulting from a severe ice storm on December 4-6, 2002, is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a major disaster declaration under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act).

I, therefore, declare that such a major disaster exists in the State of North Carolina.

In order to provide Federal assistance, you are hereby authorized to allocate from funds available for these purposes, such amounts as you find necessary for Federal disaster assistance and administrative expenses.

You are authorized to provide Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation in the designated areas, and any other forms of assistance under the Stafford Act you may deem appropriate. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs. If Other Needs Assistance under Section 408 of the Stafford Act is later requested and warranted, Federal funds provided under that program will also be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs.

Further, you are authorized to make changes to this declaration to the extent allowable under the Stafford Act.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority vested in the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency under Executive Order 12148, I hereby appoint Michael Bolch of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to act as the Federal Coordinating Officer for this declared disaster.

I do hereby determine the following areas of the State of North Carolina to have been affected adversely by this declared major disaster:

Alamance, Alexander, Anson, Burke, Cabarrus, Catawba, Chatham, Cleveland, Davidson, Durham, Franklin, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Iredell, Lee, Lincoln, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rowan, Rutherford, Stanly, Union, Vance, and Wake Counties for Public Assistance.

Alamance, Alexander, Anson, Burke, Cabarrus, Caldwell, Catawba, Chatham, Cleveland, Davidson, Durham, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Granville, Guilford, Halifax, Harnett, Iredell, Lee, Lincoln, McDowell, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Moore, Nash, Orange, Person, Randolph, Rowan, Rutherford, Stanly, Union, Vance, and Wake Counties are eligible to apply for assistance under the Hazard Mitigation grant program.

(The following Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers (CFDA) are to be used for reporting and drawing funds: 83.537, Community Disaster Loans; 83.538, Cora Brown Fund Program; 83.539, Crisis Counseling; 83.540, Disaster Legal Services Program; 83.541, Disaster Unemployment Assistance (DUA); 83.556, Fire Management Assistance; 83.558, Individual and Household Housing; 83.559, Individual and Household Disaster Housing Operations; 83.560 Individual and Household Program-Other Needs, 83.544, Public Assistance Grants; 83.548, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.)

**Joe M. Allbaugh,**

*Director.*

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## FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

[FEMA-1447-DR]

### Northern Mariana Islands; Major Disaster and Related Determinations

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (FEMA-1447-