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**Title:** National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Modification and Variance Requests.

**ICR numbers:** EPA ICR No. 0029.09, OMB Control No. 2040-0068.

**ICR Status:** This ICR is scheduled to expire on November 30th, 2006. Under OMB regulations, the Agency may continue to conduct or sponsor the collection of information while this submission is pending at OMB. 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 title 40 of the CFR, after appearing in the **Federal Register** when approved, are listed in 40 CFR

part 9, are displayed either by publication in the **Federal Register** or by other appropriate means, such as on the related collection instrument or form, if applicable. The display of OMB control numbers in certain EPA regulations is consolidated in 40 CFR part 9.

**Abstract:** This ICR calculates the burden and costs associated with modifications and variances made to NPDES permits and to the National Sewage Sludge Management Program permit requirements. The regulations specified at 40 CFR 122.62 and 122.63 specify information a facility must report in order for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to determine whether a permit modification is warranted. A NPDES permit applicant may request a variance from the conditions that would normally be imposed on the applicant's discharge. An applicant must submit information so the permitting authority can assess whether the facility is eligible for a variance, and what deviation from Clean Water Act (CWA) provisions is necessary. In general, EPA and authorized States use the information to determine whether: (1) The conditions or requirements that would warrant a modification or variance exist, and 2) the progress toward achieving the goals of the (CWA) will continue if the modification or variance is granted. Other uses for the information provided include: Updating records on permitted facilities, supporting enforcement actions, and overall program management, including policy and budget development and responding to Congressional inquiries.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 11.9 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 which have subsequently changed; 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:** NPDES permit applicants that request a variance or modification of the NPDES or sewage sludge management conditions.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 11,785.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 280,224 hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Cost:** \$10,423,930, which includes \$0 capital or O&M costs.

**Changes in the Estimates:** The estimated decrease in burden is 23,773 hours compared to the total estimated burden hours currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. This change is primarily the result of (1) Changes and adjustments in the number and types of permits administered by the states and EPA under the NPDES program. Non-NPDES authorized states continue to apply for NPDES program authorization. (2) EPA's continuous effort to improve the quality of data in its PCS database. This change may reflect more accurate data rather than a significant change in the number of permits actually administered. (3) EPA does not anticipate Variance Requests for Fundamentally Different Factors.

Dated: November 9, 2006.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8244-9]

### Meeting of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council—Notice of Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under Section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-423, "The Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWAC), established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 300f *et seq.*). The primary topics to be discussed and considered by the Council are the issues and challenges facing the thousands of small drinking water systems nationwide. Status reports on other national drinking water program issues, such as the approach to a draft rule for drinking water supplies on airlines; the

early implementation of the rules protecting drinking water supplies from microbial contaminants; the recently-promulgated Ground Water Rule; revisions to the existing Total Coliform Rule; and implementation recommendations for the Contaminant Candidate List 3 will be presented. If time permits, the Council will also focus on continuing efforts to propose performance measures and indicators for the national drinking water protection program.

**DATES:** The Council meeting will be held on December 14, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and December 15, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Central Standard Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Renaissance Worthington Hotel, which is located at 200 Main Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Members of the public who would like to attend the meeting, present an oral statement, or submit a written statement, should contact Daniel Malloy, by e-mail at [malloy.daniel@epa.gov](mailto:malloy.daniel@epa.gov), by phone 202-564-1724, or by regular mail at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (MC 4601M), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public. The Council encourages the public's input and will allocate one hour (4:30-5:30 p.m.) on December 14, 2006, for this purpose. Oral statements will be limited to five minutes. It is preferred that only one person present the statement on behalf of a group or organization. To ensure adequate time for public involvement, individuals or organizations interested in presenting an oral statement should notify Daniel Malloy by telephone at 202-564-1724 no later than December 1, 2006. Any person who wishes to file a written statement can do so before or after a Council meeting. Written statements received by December 1, 2006, will be distributed to all members of the Council before any final discussion or vote is completed. Any statements received December 2, 2006, or after the meeting will become part of the permanent meeting file and will be forwarded to the Council members for their information.

#### Special Accommodations

For information on access or services for individuals with disabilities, please contact Dan Malloy at 202-564-1724 or by e-mail at [malloy.daniel@epa.gov](mailto:malloy.daniel@epa.gov). To request accommodation of a disability,

please contact Dan Malloy, preferably at least 10 days prior to the meeting to give EPA as much time as possible to process your request.

Dated: November 16, 2006.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

**[FRL-8245-1]**

#### **Draft Grant Guidelines for States Regarding: Inspection Provision and State Compliance Report on the Government Underground Storage Tanks Provision; Solid Waste Disposal Act, Subtitle I, as Amended by Title XV, Subtitle B of the Energy Policy Act of 2005**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** By this notice, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Underground Storage Tanks (OUST) is advising the public of the future availability of draft grant guidelines for states regarding the inspection provision and state compliance report on the government underground storage tanks (USTs) provision. EPA is developing these two grant guidelines to help states comply with requirements for receiving funding under Subtitle I of the Solid Waste Disposal Act as established in Title XV, Subtitle B of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. EPA is asking the public to review and comment on the guidelines as they become available. EPA encourages interested stakeholders to regularly check EPA's Web site at: [http://www.epa.gov/oust/fedlaws/epact\\_05.htm#Drafts](http://www.epa.gov/oust/fedlaws/epact_05.htm#Drafts) where we will post the draft guidelines as they become available over the next several months. You also may send an e-mail to [OUST\\_Energy\\_Policy\\_Act\\_Email\\_List@epa.gov](mailto:OUST_Energy_Policy_Act_Email_List@epa.gov) requesting that we notify you when the drafts are posted on EPA's Web site. If you previously e-mailed a request to be included on this list, there is no need for you to do so again.

**DATES:** EPA anticipates the draft grant guidelines will become available between November 21, 2006 and March 31, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** EPA will post the draft grant guidelines on our Web site at: [http://www.epa.gov/oust/fedlaws/epact\\_05.htm#Drafts](http://www.epa.gov/oust/fedlaws/epact_05.htm#Drafts) as they become available

over the next several months. You also may send an e-mail to [OUST\\_Energy\\_Policy\\_Act\\_Email\\_List@epa.gov](mailto:OUST_Energy_Policy_Act_Email_List@epa.gov) requesting that we notify you when the drafts are posted on EPA's Web site. If you previously e-mailed a request to be included on this list, there is no need for you to do so again. After the draft grant guidelines are posted on EPA's Web site, paper copies will be available from the National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP), EPA's publications distribution warehouse. You may request copies from NSCEP by calling 1-800-490-9198; writing to U.S. EPA/NSCEP, Box 42419, Cincinnati, OH 45242-0419; or faxing your request to NSCEP at 513-489-8695.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For draft grant guidelines regarding inspection provision: Tim Smith, EPA's Office of Underground Storage Tanks, at [smith.timr@epa.gov](mailto:smith.timr@epa.gov) or 703-603-7158. For draft grant guidelines regarding State compliance report on government USTs provision: Steven McNeely, EPA's Office of Underground Storage Tanks, at [mcneely.steven@epa.gov](mailto:mcneely.steven@epa.gov) or 703-603-7164.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 8, 2005, President Bush signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Title XV, Subtitle B of this act, entitled the Underground Storage Tank Compliance Act of 2005, contains amendments to Subtitle I of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, the original legislation that created the underground storage tank program. This is the first federal legislative change for the UST program since its inception over 20 years ago. The UST provisions of the law significantly affect federal and state UST programs; require major changes to the programs; and are aimed at further reducing UST releases to our environment. Some of the UST provisions of the Energy Policy Act were implemented by August 2006; other provisions will need to be implemented in subsequent years. See EPA's Web site at: [http://www.epa.gov/oust/fedlaws/epact\\_05.htm](http://www.epa.gov/oust/fedlaws/epact_05.htm) for more information about the UST provisions of the Energy Policy Act.

Among other things, the UST provisions of the Energy Policy Act require that states receiving funding under Subtitle I comply with certain requirements contained in the law. Following enactment of the new law, OUST worked, and is continuing to work, with its partners to develop grant guidelines which EPA regional tank programs will incorporate into States' grant agreements. The guidelines will provide states, which receive UST funds, with specific requirements based