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Acting Assistant Administrator of Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Availability of National List of Beaches under the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act.

SUMMARY: This notice informs the public of the National List of Beaches pursuant to section 406(g) of the Clean Water Act as amended by the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health (BEACH) Act. Section 406(g) requires EPA to publish a list of discrete coastal recreation waters adjacent to beaches or similar points of access that are used by the public. EPA is publishing this list under the title National List of Beaches. The list contains information the States made available to EPA as of December 31, 2003. The National List of Beaches provides a national baseline of the extent of monitoring of waters adjacent to beaches or similar points of access, which will allow EPA to measure state program performance in implementing the monitoring and notification provisions of the BEACH Act.

ADDRESSES: Address all inquiries concerning this document to Beth LeaMond, Environmental Scientist, Office of Science and Technology, Mail Code 4305T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Beth LeaMond, (202) 566-0444, leamond.beth@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Interested Entities

This notice may be of interest to State and local beach managers, the general public, and environmental organizations concerned with public health at beaches.

B. What Is the Statutory Authority for the National List of Beaches?

The BEACH Act, signed into law on October 10, 2000, incorporated new provisions in the Clean Water Act to reduce the risk of illness to users of the

nation's coastal recreation waters.

Section 406(g) of the Clean Water Act, as amended by the BEACH Act, Pub. L. 106-284, 114 Stat. 970 (2000), states:

“(g) LIST OF WATERS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 18 months after the date of publication of performance criteria under subsection (a), based on information made available to the Administrator, the Administrator shall identify, and maintain a list of, discrete coastal recreation waters adjacent to beaches or similar points of access that are used by the public that—

“(A) specifies any waters described in this paragraph that are subject to a monitoring and notification program consistent with the performance criteria established under subsection (a); and

“(B) specifies any waters described in this paragraph for which there is no monitoring and notification program (including waters for which fiscal constraints will prevent the State or the Administrator from performing monitoring and notification consistent with the performance criteria established under subsection (a)).

“(2) AVAILABILITY.—The Administrator shall make the list described in paragraph (1) available to the public through—

“(A) publication in the **Federal Register**; and

“(B) electronic media.

“(3) UPDATES.—The Administrator shall update the list described in paragraph (1) periodically as new information becomes available.”

C. How Did EPA Obtain This Information?

EPA provided Federal grant funds to assist States in the development and implementation of their beach monitoring and notification programs. As part of this effort, States were to develop their State-specific lists that identify the coastal recreation waters, including those waters adjacent to beaches and other similar points of access, and identify whether there is a monitoring program for each beach. EPA assisted States through workshops and telephone contact with Regional Beach Coordinators and Headquarters personnel. States then submitted their lists to EPA. EPA compiled the submissions into the National List of Beaches and is now making the information available to the public, pursuant to section 406(g) of the CWA.

D. How Will EPA Use This National List of Beaches?

The *National List of Beaches* provides EPA a national baseline of the extent of monitoring of waters adjacent to beaches or similar points of access, which will allow EPA to measure improvements in monitoring and notification at all coastal and Great Lake beaches. It will also help EPA determine how to improve implementation of the

BEACH Act. The list provides information to the public identifying the beaches in their State and whether they are monitored and the public notified when the water quality standards are exceeded. States identified a total of 6099 beaches, the waters of 3472 of those beaches were monitored and the waters of 2627 of those beaches were not monitored. EPA will work with states to compile additional information and integrate the National List of Beaches with other program information such as frequency of monitoring and beach location and length.

E. How May You Look at or Get a Copy of This List?

The National List of Beaches is available on EPA's Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/beaches/>. Copies of the document can also be obtained by writing, calling, or e-mailing: Office of Water Resources Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 4100T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. (Phone: 202-566-1731 or e-mail: center.water-resource@epa.gov).

F. How Do I Find More Information About My State's List of Beaches?

The 35 States subject to the BEACH Act amendments to the Clean Water Act provided the information that EPA used to compile the National List of Beaches. State contacts are identified along with each State's list.

G. How Will This List Change?

EPA intends to update this list periodically, no sooner than one year from date of today's **Federal Register** notice, based on information received from States. EPA will publish notice in the **Federal Register** of any revisions to the National List of Beaches.

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Benjamin H. Grumbles,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Public Water System Supervision Program Revision for the State of Arkansas

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of tentative approval.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the State of Arkansas is revising its

approved Public Water System Supervision Program. Arkansas has adopted the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule to improve control of microbial pathogens in drinking water, including specifically the protozoan *Cryptosporidium* at public water systems that serve 10,000 people or less. EPA has determined that these revisions are no less stringent than the corresponding federal regulations. Therefore, EPA intends to approve these program revisions.

DATES: All interested parties may request a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be submitted by June 3, 2004 to the Regional Administrator at the EPA Region 6 address shown below. 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 June 3, 2004, a public hearing will be held. 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, this determination shall become final and effective on June 3, 2004. Any request for a public hearing shall include the following information: The name, address, and telephone number of the individual, organization, or other entity requesting a hearing; a brief statement of the requesting person's interest in the Regional Administrator's determination and a brief statement of the information that the requesting person intends to submit at such hearing; and 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.

ADDRESSES: 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: Arkansas Department of Health, Division of Engineering—Slot #37, 4815 West Markham, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205 and United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Drinking Water Section (6WQ-SD), 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200, Dallas, Texas 75202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: José G. Rodriguez, EPA Region 6, Drinking Water Section at the Dallas address given above or at telephone (214) 665-8087.

Authority: (Section 1413 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (1996), and 40 CFR Part 142 of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations)

Dated: April 26, 2004.

Richard E. Greene,

Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

National Science and Technology Council; Committee on Science; Interagency Working Group on the Physics of the Universe

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a workshop sponsored by the National Science and Technology Council/Committee on Science/Interagency Working Group on the Physics of the Universe to discuss the emerging field of High Energy Density Physics.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: The Interagency Working Group will hold one three-day workshop on Monday, May 24, 2004, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (EDT); Tuesday, May 25, 2004, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Wednesday, May 26, 2004, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. All sessions of the workshop will be held at the Marriott Gaithersburg Washingtonian Center, 9751 Washingtonian Boulevard, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20878, USA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding this Notice, please contact Michael Holland, Office of Science and Technology Policy. Telephone: (202) 456-6069. Email: mholland@ostp.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The workshop is being held to solicit input to the Interagency Working Group (IWG) on the Physics of the Universe about scientific opportunities in the emerging area of High Energy Density Physics (HEDP). This topic was featured in a recent National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) report, *A 21st Century Frontier for Discovery: Physics of the Universe* (available at <http://www.ostp.gov>), and in three other recent reports:

- Connecting Quarks with the Cosmos: Eleven Science Questions for the New Century, National Research Council, 2003;
- Frontiers in High Energy Density Physics: The X-Games of Contemporary Science, National Research Council, 2003 (both are available through http://www7.nationalacademies.org/bpa/BPA_Reports.html); and
- The Science and Applications of Ultrafast, Ultraintense Lasers: Opportunities in Science and Technology Using the Brightest Light