

## II. What Action is EPA Taking?

EPA is extending the public comment period on the proposal for a public participation process for pesticide tolerance reassessment and reregistration. This proposed public participation process was developed with USDA.

Public comment received as a result of this notice will be considered by EPA and USDA and a final public participation process will be developed and released to the public in a notice published in the **Federal Register**. Implementation of the final public participation process will begin according to a schedule established and published in the final notice.

## III. Do Any Regulatory Assessment Requirements Apply to this Action?

No. This action is not a rulemaking, it merely extends the date by which public comments must be submitted to EPA on a proposed pesticide public participation process that previously published in the **Federal Register** of March 15, 2000 (65 FR 14199) (FRL-6496-2).

### List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Pesticides and pests.

Dated: April 21, 2000.

**Joseph J. Merenda Jr.,**

*Acting Director, Office of Pesticide Programs.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Draft General NPDES Permit for Seafood Processors in Alaska in Waters of the United States; General NPDES Permit No. AK-G52-0000

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10.

**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, published a document in the **Federal Register** of April 21, 2000, concerning a notice of a draft general NPDES permit. The document contained an incorrect number for the total allowable residues of offal to be discharged.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Florence Carroll, 206-553-1760.

### Correction

In the **Federal Register** issue of April 21, 2000, in FR Doc. 00-10037, on page 21432, in the third column, correct the

last sentence in the third paragraph of the **SUMMARY** section to read:

The total allowable residues of offal for permittees covered under the proposed permit must not exceed ten million pounds per year (based on deposition modeling using EPA's Water Quality Analysis Simulation Program).

Dated: April 21, 2000.

**Randall F. Smith,**

*Director, Office of Water.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6586-9]

### Notice of Availability of Letter From EPA to the State of New York Pursuant to Section 118 of the Clean Water Act and the Water Quality Guidance for the Great Lakes System

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of a letter written from Region 2 of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to the State of New York finding that for the most part the State has adopted water quality standards and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits program revisions which are consistent with section 118(c) of the Clean Water Act and 40 CFR part 132. However, there are certain provisions adopted as part of the State's water quality standards and NPDES permits programs that are inconsistent with section 118(c) of the Clean Water Act and 40 CFR part 132. EPA's findings are described in a letter dated April 11, 2000 to New York State. EPA invites public comment on all aspects of this letter, particularly on the findings in the letter and on the course of action that EPA proposes to take if the State fails to adequately address EPA's findings.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing by June 12, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be submitted to Wayne F. Jackson, Community and Ecosystems Protection Branch, Division of Environmental Planning and Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2, 290 Broadway, New York, New York, 10007. In the alternative, EPA will accept comments electronically. Comments should be sent to the following Internet E-mail address: [jackson.wayne@epa.gov](mailto:jackson.wayne@epa.gov). Electronic comments must be submitted in an ASCII file avoiding the use of special

characters and any form of encryption. EPA will print electronic comments in hard-copy paper form for the official administrative record. EPA will attempt to clarify electronic comments if there is an apparent error in transmission. Comments provided electronically will be considered timely if they are submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. (Eastern time) June 12, 2000.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wayne F. Jackson, Community and Ecosystems Protection Branch, Division of Environmental Planning and Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2, 290 Broadway, New York, New York, 10007, or telephone him at (212) 637-3807.

Copies of the April 11, 2000 letter described above are available upon request by contacting Mr. Jackson. The April 11, 2000 letter and materials submitted by New York in support of its submission that EPA relied upon in preparing the letter (*i.e.*, the docket) are available for review by appointment at: EPA, Region 2, 290 Broadway, New York, New York (telephone 212-637-3807); and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 50 Wolf Road, Room 310 C, Albany, New York. To access the docket material in New York, call Mr. Jackson at (212) 637-3807 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Eastern time) (Monday-Friday); in Albany, New York, call Teresa Deihnsner at 518-457-7937 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Eastern time) (Monday-Friday).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 23, 1995, EPA published the Final Water Quality Guidance for the Great Lakes System (Guidance) pursuant to section 118(c)(2) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1268(c)(2). (March 23, 1995, 60 FR 15366). The Guidance, which was codified at 40 CFR part 132, requires the Great Lakes States to adopt and submit to EPA for approval water quality criteria, methodologies, policies and procedures that are consistent with the Guidance. 40 CFR 132.4 & 132.5. EPA is required to approve of the State's submission within 90 days or notify the State that EPA has determined that all or part of the submission is inconsistent with the Clean Water Act or the Guidance and identify any necessary changes to obtain EPA approval. If the State fails to make the necessary changes within 90 days, EPA must publish a notice in the **Federal Register** identifying the approved and disapproved elements of the submission and a final rule identifying the provisions of Part 132 that shall apply for discharges within the State.