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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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IRIS Needs Assessment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of a report titled, *Needs Assessment for U.S. EPA's Integrated Risk Information System* (EPA/635/R-02/004), prepared by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Research and Development, National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA). The purpose of this report is to characterize the needs of users for new or updated health effect assessments provided on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) data base.

ADDRESSES: The document is available electronically on the IRIS Web site at www.epa.gov/iris, under the *What's New* menu. A limited number of paper copies are available through the IRIS Hotline, c/o ASRC, 6301 Ivy Lane, Suite 300, Greenbelt, MD 20770; Telephone: 301-345-2870, E-mail: hotline.iris@epa.gov. Please provide your name and mailing address and the title and EPA number of the requested publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the IRIS Needs Assessment, please contact the IRIS Hotline, c/o ASRC, 6301 Ivy Lane, Suite 300, Greenbelt, MD 20770; telephone: 301-345-2870, E-mail: hotline.iris@epa.gov, or Susan Rieth, National Center for Environmental Assessment (8601D), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; Telephone: 202-564-1532, Facsimile: 202-565-0075; E-mail: rieth.susan@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EPA's IRIS is a data base containing Agency consensus scientific positions on potential adverse health effects that may

result from chronic (or lifetime) exposure to chemical substances found in the environment. The IRIS data base contains qualitative and quantitative health effects information for more than 500 chemical substances in support of the first two steps of the risk assessments process, *i.e.*, hazard identification and dose-response evaluation. The information in IRIS is used in combination with site- or situation-specific exposure information to develop estimates of potential public health risk.

In October 2000, the U.S. Senate Appropriations Committee requested that EPA conduct a needs assessment, with public input, to determine whether the current annual rate of updating the existing IRIS files should be increased and to assess the extent of need for information on chemicals not now included. EPA's needs assessment report responds to the Senate's request by summarizing the needs expressed by EPA and the public for new and updated IRIS files, and discussing general approaches to meeting those needs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Proposed Issuance of General NPDES Permits for Small Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs) and Other Small Treatment Works Treating Domestic Sewage in Alaska (NPDES Permits Nos. AKG-57-0000, and AKG-57-1000)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10.

ACTION: Notice of proposed issuance of two general NPDES permits.

SUMMARY: The Director, Office of Water, EPA Region 10, proposes to issue general National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for small POTWs and other small treatment works treating domestic sewage in Alaska pursuant to the provisions of the Clean Water Act (CWA) 33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.* One general permit is applicable to those facilities discharging to marine waters (NPDES Permit Number AKG-57-1000) while the second general permit is applicable to facilities

discharging to fresh waters (Number AKG-57-0000).

When issued, the proposed general permits will establish effluent limitations, standards, prohibitions and other conditions on discharges from covered facilities. These conditions are based on existing national effluent guidelines (40 CFR part 133 Secondary Treatment Regulations), and the State of Alaska's Water Quality Standards (18 AAC 70). The general permits contain conditions applicable to three categories of treatment: Treatment works where a mechanically aerated waste stabilization pond (aerated lagoon) is used as the principal process; treatment works where a passive waste stabilization pond (non-aerated lagoon) is used as the principal process; and other treatment works treating domestic sewage. The fact sheet describes the basis for the conditions and requirements of the proposed general permits.

The proposed permits will authorize discharge to waters of the United States in and contiguous to the State of Alaska. Sewage treatment plants meeting any of the following conditions will be excluded from coverage under the general permits: The design flow or actual discharge flow exceeds 1.0 million gallons per day; a total maximum daily load (TMDL) analysis is approved for the receiving water and includes waste load allocations for the facility; the receiving water is listed as impaired (*i.e.* 303(d) listed) for failure to meet a water quality standard and the facility discharges a pollutant that contributes to the impairment; and/or the facility receives a significant contribution from a non-domestic industrial user(s). Dischargers meeting any of the above criteria are required to apply for and obtain an individual NPDES permit.

DATES: Interested persons may submit comments on the proposed issuance of the general permits to EPA, Region 10 at the addresses below. Comments must be postmarked by November 10, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed issuance of the general permits should be sent to the attention of the Director, Office of Water, 1200 Sixth Avenue OW-130, Seattle, Washington 98101. Comments may also be submitted electronically to lidgard.michael@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Copies of the proposed general permits and fact sheet are available upon request. Requests may be made to Audrey Washington at (206) 553-0523 or to Mike Lidgard at (206) 553-1755. Requests may also be electronically