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Yes – and thanks. Haven't had a chance to look at it. Hope I get to glance at it before the public comment closes! Anything specific that you want to draw our attention to? Thanks, C.

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FYI – Hopefully you already saw this.

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EPA is requesting public comment on a draft updated national recommended aquatic life criterion for the pollutant selenium. The draft document is an update to EPA's 1999 chronic aquatic life criterion for selenium and reflects the latest scientific information, which indicates that selenium toxicity to aquatic life is primarily driven by organisms consuming selenium-contaminated food rather than by being directly exposed to selenium dissolved in water. The draft updated criterion has four parts, including two fish tissue-based and two water column-based elements. EPA recommends that states and tribes adopt all four elements of the selenium criterion into water quality standards.

EPA is now accepting written scientific views from the public on the document for 30 days. Following closure of the public comment period, the draft document will undergo an independent, contractor-led, external expert

peer review. After considering public and expert peer review feedback, EPA will revise and publish the criterion document and request public comment for another 30 days. Once finalized, EPA's water quality criterion for selenium will provide recommendations to states and tribes authorized to establish water quality standards under the Clean Water Act.

More information: http://water.epa.gov/scitech/swguidance/standards/criteria/aqlife/selenium/

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