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Updates from the Office of Water....

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Most of this is still relevant, and couple have some immediate impending completion dates (ie. within the next day or two) and one has passed.

From: Gude, Karen
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Subject: Time-Sensitive U.S. EPA Office of Water Information and Tribal Participation Opportunities - July 2019

Dear Tribal Partners,

The EPA Office of Water would like to share some time-sensitive information and important participation opportunities and activities related to the Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act. This information and these events may be of interest to tribes and provides tribes an opportunity to engage with EPA on water-related topics. Please feel free to forward this information, as appropriate.

I. **Tribal Consultation Opportunity: Forthcoming Proposal to Revise EPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineer's Regulations, Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources. Consultation Deadline: August 9.**
The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the EPA are initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized tribal governments on a forthcoming proposal to revise the jointly-promulgated regulations titled "Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources" (Mitigation Rule) (40 CFR Part 230, Subpart J and 33 CFR Part 332).

This action is intended to implement a legislative principle in the Administration's February 2018 Legislative Outline for Rebuilding Infrastructure in America, entitled "Remove Duplication in the Review Process for Mitigation Banking by Eliminating the Interagency Review Team." This legislative principle is aimed at improving the efficiency of the process by which federal, state, local agencies, and tribal nations review proposed mitigation banks or in-lieu fee programs and provide comments to the Corps. Consistent with this principle, the agencies are considering removing the Interagency Review Team (IRT) process for proposed mitigation bank and in-lieu fee program evaluation and seek suggestions for rule changes that continue to provide opportunities for federal, tribal, state, and local input, while making the review process more efficient. The agencies also seek suggestions for retaining the IRT process while identifying efficiencies in the instrument review process. The Agencies thus intend to propose and amend the Mitigation Rule to ensure the review process for mitigation banks and in-lieu fee programs are timely and efficient, while protecting the environment. The Agencies are also seeking input on whether modifications to the rule text are needed to: better address compliance with the Miscellaneous Receipts Act (31 U.S.C. 3302(b)); clarify the requirements of in-lieu fee program accounts; address credit accounting for multipurpose mitigation banks and in-lieu fee programs; and facilitate state assumption of Section 404 Program. The Agencies are also seeking input on approaches to quantify stream mitigation credits that better reflect the total amount of stream ecosystem restored, enhanced, or preserved in rivers and larger streams, or stream-wetland complexes, while maximizing available credits and opportunities for larger compensatory mitigation projects within a given watershed. (For example, whether linear feet, square feet, or some other metric that considers stream length, width, order, and/or flow regime should be the preferred credit metric.)

The tribal consultation materials for this action, including a copy of the June 26, 2019 tribal informational webinar presentation, are available on EPA's Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System (TCOTS) website located at: https://tcots.epa.gov. **Tribes will have until August 9, 2019, to provide comment on this action.**

II. **Tribal Consultation Opportunity: Forthcoming Proposed Rulemaking to Develop Uniform National Standards of Performance for Discharges Incidental to the Normal Operations of Vessels under the Clean Water Act, as amended by the Vessel Incidental Discharge Act. Consultation Deadline: September 11. Tribal Informational Webinar: July 11.**
The EPA, in coordination with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), is initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized Indian tribes on a proposed rulemaking to develop uniform national standards of performance for discharges incidental to the normal operations of vessels under the Clean Water Act, as amended by the Vessel Incidental Discharge Act (VIDA) on December 4, 2018. The standards to be developed in the proposed rulemaking will be technology-based and may be in the form of numeric standards, best management practices, or a combination of both. Once in place, the intent is to streamline the patchwork of federal, state, and local requirements for the commercial vessel community.

Clean Water Act subsection 312(p) directs the EPA and the USCG to develop new regulations for discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel, including ballast water, into waters of the United States or the contiguous zone from regulated vessels (which are, for the most part, commercial vessels greater than 79 feet in length). In addition, Clean Water Act subsection 312(p) requires that regulations be developed for ballast water discharges alone from small vessels (vessels less than 79 feet in length) and fishing vessels of all sizes. Once complete, these new regulations will replace existing requirements for incidental discharges from primarily commercial vessels established under the USCG regulations and the EPA's 2013 Vessel General Permit.

EPA is holding an informational webinar for tribes on **July 11, 2019, from 2:00 – 3:30 PM Eastern Time.** To connect to the webinar, please visit: https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/vida_tribal_consultation/. For audio, please use the follow conference line: phone number: (866) 299-3188, and conference code: 2025661288. For additional information, please see the attached consultation plan.

The tribal consultation letter and consultation and coordination plan for this action are available on EPA's Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System (TCOTS) website located at: https://tcots.epa.gov. **The EPA 's anticipated timeline for the consultation and coordination period on this action is expected to extend from July 11, 2019 to September 11, 2019.**

III. Tribal Consultation Opportunity: Development of the Fifth Proposed Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5) for Public Drinking Water Systems. Consultation Deadline: September 1. Tribal Informational Webinar: August 6.

The EPA is initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized Indian tribes on the development of the fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5) for public drinking water systems (PWSs). The Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) program collects data for contaminants suspected to be present in drinking water, but which do not have health-based standards set under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). The SDWA requires the EPA to issue a new list of unregulated contaminants for monitoring every five years. The data collected during monitoring serve as a primary source of occurrence and exposure information that support the Agency's decision regarding whether or not to regulate particular contaminants in drinking water.

Your tribe may be interested in UCMR 5 if you own or operate a public drinking water system. If your tribe does not own or operate a PWS, UCMR 5 may still be of interest to your tribe. The UCMR program's goal is to identify and monitor the drinking water contaminants that present the greatest public health concern. The EPA welcomes your comments on the selection of contaminants and any other aspects of the rule design and implementation.

The tribal consultation letter and consultation and coordination plan are available on EPA's Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System (TCOTS) website located at: https://tcots.epa.gov. **Tribes will have until September 1, 2019, to provide comment on this action.**

EPA is holding an **informational webinar for tribes on August 6, 2019, from 2:30– 4:00 PM Eastern Time** to share information and provide an opportunity for input and questions on the action. Please call or email Brenda Bowden at (513) 569-7961 or bowden.brenda@epa.gov; or Melissa Simic at (513) 569-7864 or simic.melissa@epa.gov to register.

Tribes are also invited to participate in a **July 16, 2019 public meeting and webinar** to discuss potential approaches to developing the proposal for UCMR 5 and allow for early stakeholder engagement. Those interested in participating in the public meeting and webinar should register in advance by going to: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/public-meeting-and-webinar-development-of-the-proposed-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule-ucmr-tickets-60889170147. **The registration deadline is July 11, 2019.**

IV. Tribal Consultation Opportunity: Proposed Renewal of the Multi-Sector General Permit. Consultation Deadline: September 9. Tribal Informational Webinar: August 1.

The EPA is initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized Indian tribes on the renewal of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP) for stormwater discharges associated with industrial activities under the Clean Water Act (CWA). The EPA renews this permit every five years.

Under the CWA stormwater program, specific categories of industrial activities must obtain coverage under a NPDES permit for stormwater discharges. With limited exceptions, the EPA directly implements the NPDES program in Indian country as no tribe has yet obtained EPA approval to administer the NPDES program. As a result, almost all eligible facilities with stormwater discharges from industrial activities in Indian country fall

under the EPA MSGP or may be covered under an individual NPDES permit issued by EPA. Industrial facilities intending to seek coverage under the EPA's MSGP must submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) certifying that they have met the permit's eligibility conditions and that they will comply with the permit's requirements. More information about the MSGP can be found at https://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-discharges-industrial-activities

The tribal consultation letter and consultation and coordination plan are available on EPA's Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System (TCOTS) website located at: https://tcots.epa.gov. **Tribes will have until September 9, 2019, to provide comment on this action.**

EPA is holding an informational webinar for tribes on August 1, 2019, from 1:00 – 2:30 PM Eastern Time. To register for the webinar, please visit: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8391415968053613313. Audio will be available via telephone number: (562) 247-8422; telephone code: 425-586-932.

V. Tribal Consultation Opportunity: Allocating Funding for the Multipurpose Grant Program to Tribes. Consultation Period Ends July 12.

EPA's American Indian Environmental Office has announced that it has initiated consultation and coordination with federally recognized tribes on allocating funding for the Multipurpose Grant (MPG) program to tribes. The MPG program began under the FY16 Consolidated Appropriations Act (P.L. 114-113) and was continued in FY18 (P.L. 115-141) and FY19 (P.L. 116-6)[1]. EPA is consulting on this action to allocate both FY18 and FY19 MPG appropriations as a single action for a combined total amount of $3,062,100 to tribes. These flexible grants support efforts to implement mandatory statutory duties delegated by EPA under pertinent environmental laws. The MPG program will fund only those tribes who have been delegated federal regulatory authority through the treatment in a similar manner to a state (TAS) provisions found in federal environmental statutes.

EPA's tribal consultation period started June 17, 2019 and ends on July 12, 2019. Tribes may submit written comments via email to besougloff.jeff@epa.gov. The tribal consultation letter, consultation and coordination plan, and draft Multipurpose Grant Guidance for Tribes are available on EPA's Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System (TCOTS) website located at: https://tcots.epa.gov.

VI. EPA Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Options for Regulating Perchlorate in Drinking Water. Comment Period Closes August 26.

On May 23, 2019, the EPA released a notice of proposed rulemaking that seeks public input on a range of options regarding the regulation of perchlorate in public drinking water systems. **EPA will accept public comment on the proposal until August 26, 2019.** Those wishing to submit comments must do so through docket EPA-HQ-OW-2018-0780 at www.regulations.gov.

The agency is seeking comment on a proposed National Primary Drinking Water Regulation (NPDWR) for perchlorate to establish a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) and a health-based Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) at 56 micrograms per liter. In addition, the agency is seeking comment on three alternative regulatory options:

- An MCL and MCLG for perchlorate set at 18 micrograms per liter.
- An MCL and MCLG for perchlorate set at 90 micrograms per liter.
- Withdrawal of the agency's 2011 determination to regulate perchlorate in drinking water.

The agency is requesting comment on all relevant aspects of the proposed rule but is especially interested in the perchlorate monitoring and reporting requirements for public water systems and a list of treatment technologies that would enable water systems to comply with the MCL, including affordable compliance technologies for small systems serving 10,000 persons or less. EPA is also requesting comment on its methodology for deriving the MCLG, the underlying assumptions and analysis of its cost and benefit estimates, and other specific items listed in the proposed rule.

Perchlorate is commonly used in solid rocket propellants, munitions, fireworks, airbag initiators for vehicles,

matches, and signal flares. Perchlorate may occur naturally, particularly in arid regions such as the southwestern United States and is found as an impurity in hypochlorite solutions used for drinking water treatment and nitrate salts used to produce nitrate fertilizers, explosives, and other products. For more information, please visit https://www.epa.gov/dwstandardsregulations/perchlorate-drinking-water.

VII. Applications for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Grants Accepted until July 12.

On May 31, the EPA announced that it will accept applications for Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) grants until July 12. EPA expects to award a total of approximately $14 million for about 30 projects in five categories addressing excess nutrients and stormwater runoff. This year, EPA is including a category to provide funding for innovative water quality trading projects. Approximately $1.5 million is available for four projects in this category which promotes cost-effective and market-based approaches to reducing excess nutrients to surface waters. Another $12.5 million is available to fund projects that target the following priorities:

- Riparian restoration to reduce runoff to the Maumee River
- Green infrastructure to reduce stormwater runoff
- Manure management to reduce nutrient runoff from farms
- Accelerating adoption of nutrient management through farmer-led outreach and education

Non-federal governmental entities, including state agencies, interstate agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations, local governments, institutions of higher learning (i.e., colleges and universities), and non-profit organizations are eligible to apply for funding.

- For more information on how to apply: https://www.glri.us/.
- To view the press release announcement: https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-14-million-reduce-excess-nutrients-and-stormwater-pollution-great-lakes-0.
- For more information on EPA's efforts to address excess nutrients, visit: https://www.epa.gov/nutrient-policy-data.

VIII. EPA's Announces New Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) Funding for Water Infrastructure Projects. Deadline for Letters of Interest is July 5.

The Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program recently announced that it has approximately $6 billion available for water and wastewater infrastructure loans. Eligible borrowers include both private and public entities, including tribes. Prospective borrowers can submit letters of interest until July 5, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. EDT. This selection round, EPA announced four priorities:

- Readiness for a project to proceed toward development;
- Provide for clean and safe drinking water, including reducing exposure to lead and emergent contaminants in the nation's drinking water systems;
- Repair, rehabilitate, and replace aging infrastructure and conveyance systems; and
- New or innovative approaches including water reuse and recycling.

To learn more about the WIFIA program, visit www.epa.gov/wifia or contact wifia@epa.gov.

IX. 2019 Tribal Lands and Environment Forum Scheduled for August 19-22, 2018, in Palm Springs, CA. Online Registration Ends August 5.

The 9th annual Tribal Lands and Environment Forum (TLEF) will be taking place at the Palm Springs Renaissance Hotel and Palm Springs Convention Center in Palm Springs, California, August 19-22, 2019. This year's TLEF will feature special trainings, field trips, and breakout sessions focused on the conference theme: *A National Conversation on Tribal Land and Water Resources.* Topics highlighted at the TLEF include solid/hazardous waste management, brownfields, UST/LUSTs, Superfund sites, and emergency response. Tribal water program topics – water quality, drinking water, and habitat restoration (including wetlands, streams and fisheries) will also be included with breakout sessions, trainings and field trips. Please visit the TLEF conference website at: https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_tlef for additional information and to register.

X. **Water Quality Analysis Simulation Program (WASP) Water Quality Modeling Workshop Scheduled for July 15 – 19, 2019 in Atlanta, GA.**

U.S. EPA Region 4 and the National Water Quality Modeling Work Group are proud to sponsor a 5-day workshop on water quality principles/modeling using the Water Quality Analysis Simulation Program (WASP). WASP is one of the most widely used water quality models in the US and throughout the world. With an estimated 15,000+ installed user base, the model is continually being enhanced to meet the needs of the user community. WASP can be applied to streams, rivers, lakes/reservoirs, and estuaries in 1, 2 or 3 dimensions. WASP is used routinely throughout the United States in the development of TMDLs and waste load allocations. More information can be found at: http://epawasp.twool.com/resources/WASP/WASP-Course-Announcement-2019.pdf. The workshop provides an excellent overview of major water quality processes including how they are implemented in the model. The training sessions are broken into theory lecture sessions and hands-on sessions. The majority of the workshop is hands-on using real world examples. The instructors encourage interaction and discussion to meet everyone's concerns.

- **Attendees:** Registration is open to personnel from EPA, federal agencies, states, and tribes. This course is designed to train the beginner to the most advanced user. The participants will be given PowerPoint presentations and other materials to make it easy to follow along in the course.
- **Registration & Agenda:** Available at: http://epawasp.twool.com/registration/
- **Point of Contact:** Tim Wool, EPA R4; wool.tim@epa.gov, 404-562-9260

XI. **EPA Training Workshop: Exploring and Applying Surface Water Quality Modeling Tools to Achieve Program Goals Scheduled October 29-November 1, 2019 at the EPA R6 Regional Office, Dallas, TX**

This four-day workshop is for program staff from EPA, states, tribes, and territories who want to learn more about surface water quality modeling and how these tools can be used to support their program activities. The workshop will provide an opportunity to learn about a variety of surface water quality modeling tools through case study presentations, advanced hands-on training opportunities, and updates on anticipated advances and changes to models. Attendees will also assist in identifying information technology enhancements for user interfaces, architecture, and maintenance for key models.

- **Attendees:** Registration is open to personnel from EPA, territories, states, and tribes.
- **Registration & Agenda:** Please email the Water Modeling Workgroup to add your name to receive registration and hotel information when it becomes available. Water_Modeling_Workgroup@epa.gov
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XII. **July 30 EPA Monthly Small Systems Webinar on Legionella and Premise Plumbing in Buildings.**

As part of the EPA Office of Research and Development (ORD) and Office of Water's *Monthly Small Systems Webinar Series: Challenges and Treatment Solutions for Small Drinking Water Systems*, the offices will be hosting a webinar on July 30 on Legionella and Premise Plumbing in Buildings. For information and to register, please visit: https://www.epa.gov/water-research/small-systems-monthly-webinar-series.

XIII. EPA Issues Memo to Increase the Agency's Compliance with Clean Water Act Deadlines

On June 3, in a memorandum to regional administrators, EPA Office of Water Assistant Administrator David Ross directed regional offices to comply with statutory deadlines for acting on state and tribal CWA submittals while improving responsiveness in the agency's oversight role. This policy applies to EPA 's review of all CWA program submittals.

- To view the press release announcing the memo: https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-issues-memo-increase-agencys-compliance-clean-water-act-deadlines.
- To view a copy of the *Memorandum: Policy for EPA Review and Action on Clean Water Act Program Submittals*: https://www.epa.gov/wqs-tech/memorandum-policy-epa-review-and-action-clean-water-act-program-submittals.

XIV. EPA Signs MOU with FEMA to Support Rapid Recovery and Restoration of Water Infrastructure After Disaster Strikes

On June 4, EPA announced a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to streamline coordination between FEMA and the EPA-funded State Revolving Fund (SRF) programs. The MOU establishes a framework for the EPA funded Clean Water SRF and Drinking Water SRF programs to assist and collaborate with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) disaster assistance grant programs. The SRFs have worked cooperatively with FEMA and state, local, tribal, and territorial governments to allow local entities to quickly recover and restore their vital infrastructure after a Presidentially-declared major disaster. The proposed activities in this MOU are intended to streamline coordination between FEMA and the SRFs to enable funding to support essential infrastructure projects to be made available as quickly as possible.

- To view a press release announcing the MOU: https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-signs-mou-fema-support-rapid-recovery-and-restoration-water-infrastructure-after.
- For additional information about the MOU: https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/memorandum-understanding-between-environmental-protection-agency-and-department-homeland.

XV. EPA Issues Guidance on Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification

As directed under Executive Order 13868, *"Promoting Energy Infrastructure and Economic Growth,"* on June 7, EPA released updated Clean Water Action Section 401 guidance for federal agencies, states, and authorized tribes. The guidance is intended to help streamline the Section 401 certification process to promote timely action on important federal permits and licenses, while the agency works to modernize its Section 401 implementing regulations.

- To view the press release announcement: https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-issues-guidance-clean-water-act-water-quality-certification.
- For additional information and to view the guidance: https://www.epa.gov/cwa-401.

XVI. EPA Releases New Resource to Help States and Tribes Improve Water Quality Standard Public Hearings

On June 13, EPA released a document titled *Modernizing Public Hearings for Water Quality Standard Decisions Consistent with 40 CFR 25.5.* This document outlines suggestions for states and water quality standard (WQS)-authorized tribes to incorporate modern technologies into their WQS public hearing process to maximize participation in, simplify implementation of, and reduce cost of WQS public hearings. The suggestions are consistent with federal public hearing requirements at 40 CFR 25.5. The document does not impose any requirements on states or WQS-authorized tribes. It makes clear that states and WQS-authorized tribes have the discretion to decide whether and to what extent to use technology in their public hearings, as appropriate.

- To view the Press Release about this document, visit: https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-releases-new-resource-help-states-and-tribes-improve-water-quality-standard-public.
- To read the document, visit: https://www.epa.gov/wqs-tech/options-modernizing-public-hearings-water-quality-standard-decisions-consistent-40-cfr-255.
- From February 12 - April 20, 2018, EPA consulted with federally recognized tribal governments on its draft informational document Modernizing Public Hearings for Water Quality Standard (WQS) Decisions Consistent with 40 CFR 25.5. ***The report summarizing the tribal consultation actions taken by EPA and the major themes that emerged from the consultation discussions and comments letters that were submitted is attached to this email.***

XVII. EPA Releases Final FY 2020-2021 National Program Guidances And Responses to Comments

EPA's Final FY 2020 – 2021 National Program Guidance and Responses to Comments are now available at: https://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/national-program-guidances.

- To view the ***Final FY 2020-2021 Office of Water (OW) National Program Guidance***, please visit: https://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/final-fy-2020-2021-national-water-program-guidance.

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