Region 1

Hot Topics:

Administrator Pruitt Visits NH and MA

- On February 13th and 14th Administrator Pruitt visited Region 1. During his visit he met with Governor Sununu in NH and discussed the Coakley Landfill Superfund Site, Great Bay NPDES permit issues, and the governor's intent to seek authorization to implement the NPDES program. The Administrator also visited the Mohawk Tannery Superfund Site, which is on his list of targeted sites for immediate action.
- On February 14th, the Administrator visited the regional office and was briefed by Region 1 staff on hot issues, then made remarks at the region's business review meeting. Later he visited Northfield Mountain Generating Station in Northfield, MA with Neal Chatterjee, FERC Commissioner.

Region 1, OW and OGC Coordination on Schiller Station, Portsmouth, NH

- Following a discussion with Administrator Pruitt about the Schiller Station power plant, Region 1 will continue to coordinate closely with OW and OGC to move the NPDES permit forward.

EPA, RIDEM, and Black & Decker Mediation Effectively Moves Centredale Manor Superfund Site Negotiations

- On February 14th, EPA and RIDEM held a third mediated negotiation session with Black & Decker. The meeting parties continue to move in a positive direction toward settlement and look to reach closure on several issues prior to the next meeting.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Event:s

Hathaway & Patterson Superfund Site in Mansfield, MA to be deleted from National Priorities List

- On February 13th, the Region 1 Hatheway & Patterson Superfund Site Case Team met with the new Mansfield Town Manager to discuss the deletion and possible redevelopment options for the site. The Site final deletion notice will be published in the Federal Register on February 16th, making the deletion final.

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Region 2

Hot Issues:

Long Island Sound Dredged Material Management: Rep. Suozzi's office (3rd District-NY) has requested an informational briefing on "open water disposal of dredged materials and beneficial reuse of dredged material" in the Long Island Sound (LIS). The affected states, CT and NY, are strongly divided on the disposal issue – NY is opposed to LIS disposal while CT is in favor. Region 1 and 2 representatives will teleconference with the Congressman's staff on 2/20/18. Region 1 has the lead on dredged material disposal in LIS, as all disposal sites lie within R1.

Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site: RA Pete Lopez met on 2/14/18 with representatives of Hudson Riverkeeper and Scenic Hudson, two environmental groups actively focused on this site. Later the same day he met with representatives of General Electric, the responsible party. The RA explained his decision to pause in EPA's schedule for issuance of the second Five Year Review while we work collaboratively with NYSDEC to review the data from a large number of additional sediment samples taken by NYSDEC in 2017.

DuPont-Pompton Lakes RCRA Corrective Action Site: This week Northjersey.com/Bergen Record published a 4-part series regarding the history of this site, and the ongoing cleanup efforts. (Chemours is now responsible for this site.) The series title is "Toxic Secrets: Pollution, Evasion and Fear in North Jersey." This large site was under the supervision of the NJDEP for many years; during the past decade EPA assumed the lead role on one major "operable unit" at the site, and took a more active role in the management of other operable units. Under EPA's direction Chemours carried out a major project involving removal of about 156,000 cubic yards of sediment contaminated with mercury and lead from a 36-acre area of the lake. The $43 million dredging work was successfully completed in 2017; final restoration work will take place in 2018.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

Feb. 26 - March 1: RA Pete Lopez will travel to PR and the USVI. The trip will focus on transitioning from hurricane response to recovery. The meetings with key local leaders, agencies and stakeholders will aid Region 2 in developing a Strategic Recovery Plan which will heavily focus on opportunities for tackling pre-existing environmental challenges. On 3/1 the RA will give the keynote address at the Inter-American Association of Sanitary and Environmental Engineering (AIDIS) Conference.

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Region 3

Hot Topics:

EPA to Hold Public Hearing on Brunner Island Petition
The public hearing for the petition will be held on Friday, February 23, 2018 in Washington, D.C. Connecticut's petition was submitted to EPA under section 126 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) and is typically called a 126 petition. Under section 126, any state can petition EPA if that state believes a particular source significantly contributes to their state's nonattainment status or interferes with their ability to maintain the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). CT believes that upwind sources, specifically Brunner Island, located in York County, PA, significantly contributes to the state's ozone problems and Brunner Island must be controlled further to alleviate CT's ozone problems. Should EPA grant CT's 126 petition, the source will be required to shutdown unless EPA proposes a lower emission limit that would be protective of CT's air quality. Region 3 staff plan to attend the hearing and anticipate participation from DE, MD, PA, NY, CT as well as NGOs and industry representatives.

Consent Decree Signed for [HYPERLINK "https://cumulis.epa.gov/supercpad/cursites/csitinfo.cfm?id=0301193"]**, Upper Merion Township, PA** O'Neill Property Group (O'Neill), the developer of the Quarry 1 and 2 parcels at the Crater Resources Superfund Site in Upper Merion Township, PA, has signed a Consent Decree to perform the Remedial Design and Remedial Action (RD/RA) on these parcels. The Decree also provides for the reimbursement of certain interim and future EPA oversight costs. O'Neill has received the final land use approval from Upper Merion Township to construct residential housing on the Quarry 1 parcel. The Site was included on the Superfund Task Force list of Superfund sites with the greatest redevelopment potential.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

Regional Administrator to Participate in CBP Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting
RA Servidio, Principals' Staff Committee (PSC) Chair Ben Grumbles, and CBPO Acting Director Jim Edward, will participate in the CBP Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting on February 22-23, 2018. Topics for discussion include the Phase III WIP local area planning goals, nutrient trading, and budget updates. The CAC advises the partnership on all aspects of restoration and is charged with the responsibility for representing residents and stakeholders of the watershed.

Regional Administrator to Meet with Chesapeake Bay Commission Director
Regional Administrator Cos Servidio and CBPO Acting Director Jim Edward will meet with Chesapeake Bay Commission Executive Director Ann Swanson and her staff on February 22, 2018.

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Region 4

Hot Issues:

Southside Chattanooga Lead Superfund Site (Chattanooga, TN)
Key Message: During the week of February 19, 2018, Region 4 will work with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation on identifying a process for potential properties included in the scope of the superfund site to transfer to the Tennessee Voluntary Cleanup, Oversight and Assistance Program (VOAP). Participation in this program will help continue to spark economic development and We anticipate developing a strategy that will likely include a Memorandum of Understanding between the agencies will provide maximum flexibility to utilize both cleanup authorities, CERCLA and VOAP, to address industrial facilities with third party developers.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

Decisions
None

Events
February 21, 2018 – Regional Administrator Trey Glenn will participate in several stakeholder meetings in Florida: 1) Meeting with the five Executive Directors of the Water Management Districts; 2) Meeting with Florida Department of Environmental Protection staff on Everglades and 404 Assumption; and 3) a roundtable with representatives for trade and industry groups in Florida. Tallahassee, FL. Closed Press.

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Region 5

Hot Issues:

Federal District Judge Denies Citizens' Motion to Intervene as Untimely on the USS Lead Superfund Site
Key Message: On February 9, the motion to intervene brought by several residents of the USS Lead Superfund site seeking to intervene in the 2014 consent decree was denied. The judge determined that the motion was untimely and that EPA had taken all practical and necessary steps to provide notice to the community of both the record of decision and the consent decree. The United States opposed intervention because it was unclear what it would mean for citizens to be a party to the consent decree or enforcement matters, and because such participation would likely have confused technical matters and delayed implementation of the remedy.

Upcoming Events/Major Decisions:

RA Stepp to Meet with Wisconsin Paper Council, Tour Marinette Marine Shipyard
Key Message: On February 20, RA Stepp will travel to Madison, Wisconsin, to meet with the Wisconsin Paper Council, then travel on to Marinette to tour the Marinette Marine Shipyard. The shipyard visit will focus on future expansion at the shipyard and how it could be affected by cleanup work that EPA has done at the nearby Tyco site.

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Region 6

I traveled with staff for most of the week and had productive meetings in Washington, DC with HQ staff, members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives and their staffs, and with the Santa Clara Pueblo leaders. We look forward to having HQ executive management and staff in R6 next week for site visits.

Hot Topics:

Ozone Designation, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality plans to submit an exceptional event demonstration for September 14, 2017. The demonstration, if approved, would exempt the ozone reading for that day from the design value calculation and the area would qualify for ozone attainment status.

Reid Vapor Pressure, Louisiana
Region 6 is proceeding to process a proposed approval for the Louisiana's RVP SIP revision. The proposed approval is scheduled for [HYPERLINK "x-apple-data-detectors://0"].

Eagle Industries Superfund Site, Midwest City, Oklahoma
Oklahoma DEQ has expressed an interest in directing the clean up at the newly listed Eagle Industries NPL Superfund site and we are exploring options. The defunct facility has soil and groundwater that is contaminated with trichloroethylene. A public meeting will be held [HYPERLINK "x-apple-data-detectors://1"].

San Jacinto River Waste Pits Superfund Site, Harris County, Texas
Region 6, the Potentially Responsible Parties, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers continue negotiations on an administrative order on consent and statement of work for remedial design for the site. The next meeting is February 15, 2018.

Takata, Eagle Pass, Texas
The state of Texas and Takata reached a settlement in principle that would have over 2 million recalled airbag inflators removed from stored in Eagle Pass, Texas within the next four months.

St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana
Region 6 continues to work with Louisiana to develop an attainment demonstration state implementation plan for sulfur dioxide to prevent highway fund sanctions and Federal Implementation Plan from taking place in mid-April 2018. While we expect a short gap between the completion of this action and the FIP deadline, we are hopeful the highway sanction clock will not take effect.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

Texas Motor Vehicle Rule Revisions, El Paso, Texas
EPA intends to issue a direct final approval of Texas' SIP for Texas' motor vehicle air pollution rules and retail gasoline dispensing labeling requirements for El Paso.

[HYPERLINK "x-apple-data-detectors://7"] RA meeting with New Mexico Secretary Butch Tongate, Santa Fe, NM

[HYPERLINK "x-apple-data-detectors://8"] RA Idsal speaks at Baker Botts Environmental Law Seminar, Houston, TX

[HYPERLINK "x-apple-data-detectors://9"] RA Idsal meeting with Houston Mayor

Region 7

Hot Issues:

West Lake Landfill (Bridgeton, MO)

Key Message: Proposed Plan Public Comment Period & Preparation for OU3 RI/FS Continues

- This week marks the second week of the public comment period for the West Lake Landfill Proposed Plan and the region is in the final stages of planning for the March 6 public meeting as required by statute.
- In the interim the region has received requests from both the Technical Community Advisory Group and the Potentially Responsible Parties for meetings to clarify technical aspects of the Proposed Plan as they prepare to formulate comments. Dates have not been set for either meeting requests, but the region anticipates that these meetings will occur prior to the March 6 public meeting.
- The region continues preparation for Operable Unit 3 Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study negotiations and has drafted an Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent. Operable Unit 3 will characterize and determine the extent that radiologically impacted materials may have affected groundwater. A briefing on a proposed strategy for Operable Unit 3 for regional senior Superfund leadership is scheduled for next week.

Carter Carburetor Final Planned Site Work Begins (St. Louis, MO)

Key Message: Final plan of approach has been developed and site work planned to begin in mid-March

- The Final Plan of Approach (FPA) for the In Situ Thermal Desorption/Soil-Vapor Extraction (ISTD/SVE) system at the Carter Carburetor Superfund Site in St. Louis, MO was approved this week.
- The system will be ready to operate and site work is expected to begin in mid-March. The ISTD/SVE system will be used to address TCE contaminated soils that resulted from historic releases from on-site storage of TCE.
- Previous actions at Carter Carburetor included removal of asbestos, PCB contaminated soils, and building debris. The ISTD/SVE system is planned to be the final remediation action on-site and is scheduled to be completed in 2019.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

Senior Leadership Meeting with NDEQ

Key Message: Regional Administrator Jim Gulliford and Region 7 senior managers will be meeting February 22, 2018 in Lincoln, NE with NDEQ Director Jim Macy and senior managers to discuss FY 18 work planning.

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Region 8

Hot Issues:

Wyoming Mining Association. The RA attended Wyoming Mining Association's annual meeting in Cheyenne this past week. He held roundtable discussions with its Regulatory Committee, the Uranium Committee, and the Board of Directors. The key issues they addressed were:

1. A rule that was proposed January, 2017 that addressed requirements surrounding in-situ uranium recovery. Among other things the proposed rule would address groundwater protection and monitoring requirements. The rule is opposed by the NRC and Senator Barrasso has sent a letter requesting that the agency withdraw the rule. The Mining Association reasserted their support of the Senator's request and asked that we also reexamine the MOU we have with the NRC that provides that the EPA's role in uranium mining regulation is that of establishing standards and not prescribing specific controls. The RA told them that the review of the proposal was underway and that we would examine discussing with the NRC the existing MOU to make it more clear and binding.
2. Air emission standards for mill tailings. A rule was finalized in January, 2017 that established air emissions standards for uranium byproduct material. The uranium industry opposes these rules because it is very difficult to demonstrate compliance and they have concerns with the process for justifying the rule. They asked that we consider initiating a rulemaking to repeal this rule. They had considered going through the Congressional Review Act but were not successful.
3. They are very concerned about NEPA and its implementation. The RA discussed the Region 8 review of NEPA that is currently underway.

U.S. Bureau of Land Management may decide to shut in the only well providing drinking water during winter months to Park Center Water District (1300 service connections) in Canon City, CO. BLM provides drinking water to Park Center via this well, which is the sole supply during winter months, and BLM is required to provide flow to Fourmile Creek from the well due to water law. If treatment is required to meet NPDES permit limits to discharge to Fourmile Creek, BLM has indicated they will shut in the well. We are continuing to work with BLM on solutions.

Region 8, the State of South Dakota, and Agnico Eagle Mines, Ltd. Finalized a Bona Fide Prospective Purchaser Agreement on Consent for Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Work at the Gilt Edge Mine Site near Lead, South Dakota. On February 12, 2018, EPA, the State of South Dakota, and Agnico Eagle Mines, Ltd. finalized an agreement for certain remedial investigation work at the Gilt Edge Mine Site (Site). Pursuant to the agreement, Agnico will conduct studies to help define the nature and extent of contamination within groundwater at the Site, and pay certain oversight costs. Agnico will use the information gathered during remedial investigation work to study whether potential re-mining of the Site is feasible and/or economical.

R8 Refers an Enforcement Case to DOJ for a Significant Oil Spill by the Belle Fourche Pipeline Company in Billings County, North Dakota. R8 is referring the Belle Fourche Pipeline Company crude oil pipeline discharge to the DOJ for violations of section 311(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act. The discharge impacted miles of Ash Coulee Creek, and caused more than ½-mile-long sheen on the Little Missouri River. Belle Fourche estimates 12,600 barrels (529,200 gals.) of crude oil were discharged.

Upcoming Decisions/Events **- None**

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Region 9

Hot Topics:

Mexican Border: following our establishment of a much-needed email notification system, the IBWC alerted us of two very large sewage spills to the Tijuana River late last week, caused by electrical failures at the pump station at the Tijuana River diversion structure in Mexico. Mexico is installing some new electrical equipment this week to help the situation. The February 9 spill was estimated at 560,000 gallons, and the Feb 10 – 11 spill at 665,000 gallons, leading to beach closures in Imperial Beach, CA.

Clean Air Act mobile source rules: I proposed approval of four mobile source rules into the California State Implementation Plan. The rules affect commercial harbor craft, diesel-fueled transport refrigeration units, on-road heavy-duty diesel engines, and off-highway recreational vehicles. All have received waivers or authorizations but must be approved as SIP revisions in order for CAA attainment plans to credit their emission reductions. Since 2015, we have approved 28 mobile source rules into CA's SIP.

World Ag Expo: our Agriculture Liaison/Chief of Staff Amy Miller represented EPA at the nation's largest farm exposition in Tulare, CA, attended by over 1,500 exhibitors. The event is a remarkable venue to connect with growers, cutting-edge farm equipment innovators, and a diverse group of farm organizations. She met with NRCS and CDFA leaders to plan for our meeting of Region 9 State agriculture departments in San Francisco a few months hence.

American Samoa cyclone update: recovery continues, with 70% of customers receiving power, 97% of customers receiving water (many with low pressure, all on boil-water orders), and various water and wastewater systems operating with standby generators. A landfill is taking green waste, a scrap metal yard is taking metal wastes, and municipal solid waste collection is underway. FEMA is on-island conducting damage assessments.

Anaconda: per EPA's Tribal Consultation Policy, we'll be providing the Walker River and Yerington Paiute tribal chairmen with our explanation of how tribal input was considered in reaching our EPA decision to defer NPL listing of this mine site, and to document our extensive consultation to date.

Major Decisions And Events: none.

FYI:
Environmental Justice training: next week, we'll host four training sessions for our workforce with various speakers addressing land use, brownfields, citizen science, monitoring and other topics.

National Honor Awards: next Thursday, we'll host an awards ceremony for the Region 9 recipients of the national honor awards.

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Region 10

Hot Topics:

None this week.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

Region 10 Officially Re-Affirms Idaho's Implementation of Two Clean Air Act Authorities: This week Region 10 approved the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality's Request for Updated Delegation of Authority for National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) and New Source Performance Standards (NSPS). The approval updates new standards EPA promulgated since IDEQ's last delegation.

$1 Million Amazon Pesticide Agreement and News Conference: This week, in coordination with OECA and OPA, Region 10 concluded and announced a settlement with Amazon Services LLC (Amazon), for multiple violations of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act. The violations involve thousands of distributions of six foreign pesticides that were never registered with EPA as required by law. Amazon distributed these pesticides from fulfillment centers throughout the United States. Two of the products, "Miraculous Insecticide Chalk" and "R.B.T.Z. Highly effective Cockroach killing Bait Powder" were also misbranded—the labeling for these products falsely claimed the products were "Harmless to Human Being and Animal" or "CHILD & PET SAFE: Safe to use around children and pets." Amazon agreed to pay a penalty of $1.2 million and conduct a training program for entities seeking to sell pesticides on their site. This training program and supplemental environmental project will cost approximately $1,648,094. The region hosted a successful news conference on February 15 with eight major Seattle news outlets and national news services.

Region 10 to Issue News Release for Alaska Seafood Processor Clean Water Act Agreement: Next week Region 10 will issue a news release to announce a consent decree with Trident Seafoods which resolves Clean Water Act discharge violations at two of the company's Alaska seafood processing facilities. Seafood waste piles that accumulate on the seafloor in the vicinity of the outfalls exceeded the one-acre "zone of deposit" limit in each facility's NPDES permit. The Sand Point facility's waste pile exceeded the one-acre limit by several acres. Other permit violations included failure to comply with permit requirements for waste conveyance, grind size, best management practices, and monitoring. As part of this settlement, Trident has agreed to remove the 3.47-acre waste pile at Sand Point, and has already altered operations at Wrangell to virtually eliminate solids discharges in the nearshore environment. Trident will also implement a state-of-the art screening system at Sand Point to reduce production of surface foam, conduct a third-party audit of its environmental monitoring system, and pay a penalty of $297,000.

Re-Proposal of Phosphorus Limits for the City of Sandpoint, Idaho NPDES Permit: Region 10 intends to issue a new draft discharge permit which addresses the effluent limits for total phosphorus for the City of Sandpoint's Waste Water Treatment Plant. The EPA withdrew those limits from the final permit for this facility, which was issued by EPA and became effective on December 1, 2017. The withdrawal was in response to a Petition for Review filed by the Idaho Conservation League. In this new draft permit, EPA is re-proposing only the limits for total phosphorus, and therefore is only accepting comments on these effluent limits at this time.

Region 10 Recognizes Public Drinking Water Systems Innovations: In the next few weeks, Region 10 will attend events to recognize the Pelican Bay Heights Water District in southern Oregon and the City of Port Townsend, Washington with Drinking Water State Revolving Fund WATERS awards. WATERS stands for Well-planned, Affordable, Transferable, Efficient, Resilient, Sustainable. The projects are being recognized for their efficiency and affordability. The region will publicize these events in local media outlets and on social media.

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Issuance of Final NPDES Permit to Sorrento Cheese Facility in Nampa, Idaho: Next week Region 10 plans to issue a final NPDES permit for the Sorrento Cheese facility, located in Nampa, Idaho. The facility discharges to Purdam Drain which flows to Mason Creek and the Boise River. The permit contains technology-based effluent limits consistent with EPA's national cheese processing effluent limitation guidelines and water quality-based limits to protect Purdam Drain for agricultural uses and downstream waters for fishable/swimmable uses, consistent with the State of Idaho's Clean Water Act 401 Certification. The permit also includes limits consistent with the facility's waste load allocation contained in the Boise River Nutrient TMDL developed by the State of Idaho.

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Office of Administration and Resources Management

Hot Topics:

None

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

Active Shooter Response Drill

On February 21, OARM Facilities Management and EPA Federal Agents will conduct an Active Shooter Response Drill from 3:00-3:30PM on the 5th floor of William Jefferson Clinton North. Public announcements will be made at the start and conclusion of the drill, which will begin with simulated gunfire from an EPA Federal Agent. Personnel not interested in participating in the drill should vacate the 5th floor by 2:00PM, or make alternative work arrangements with their supervisor.

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Office of Air and Radiation

Hot Topics:

- **Tracking SIP Actions:**
  - Total Number of SIPs submitted to Regions in FY 2018: 102
  - Total Number of SIP Submittals with Final Action taken by the Regions in FY 2018: 61
  - Total Number of Backlogged and Non-backlogged SIPs: 744
    - Backlogged: 399
    - Non-backlogged: 345

- **Upcoming Packages for the Administrator's Signature:**
  - Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Revision to Reference for Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Sector to Incorporate Latest Edition of Certain Industry, Consensus-Based Standards – Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule
  - Oil & Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, & Modified Sources; Amendments – Final Rule
  - Implementation of the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone: Nonattainment Area Classifications – Final rule
  - National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Leather Finishing Operations Residual Risk and Technology Review – Proposed Rule
  - Revisions to Method 301: Field Validation of Pollutant Measurement Methods from Various Waste Media – Final Rule

- **OAR actions under review (or soon to be under review) at OMB:**
  - Notice of Proposed Withdrawal of the Control Techniques Guidelines for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry
  - Final Guidance on Significant Impact Levels for Ozone and Fine Particles in the Prevention of Significant Deterioration Permitting Program

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

- **Repeal of the Clean Power Plan (CPP):** The first of the three listening sessions is February 21 in Kansas City, Missouri. (The other two are February 28 in San Francisco and March 27 in Gillette, Wyoming. The comment period closes April 26).
- **Connecticut 126 Petition Public Hearing:** The EPA is holding a public hearing on the EPA's response to the June 1, 2016, CAA section 126(b) petition from Connecticut on Friday, February 23, 2018. It will be held from 9am-6pm in WJC West 1153. Additional information for this public hearing is available in a separate Federal Register notice published on February 14, 2018 (83 FR 6490).

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Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Row	Determination Type	Pending on 2/13/2018	Determinations Completed[1] as 2/13/2018	Determinations Posted on the Website as of 2/13/2018[6]
1	# of "not likely" determinations	**1**	**116[4]**	**116[4]**
2	# of §5(e) Orders signed by both EPA and the submitter	**-**	**325**	**325**
3	# of §5(e) Orders signed by EPA and awaiting submitter signature	**43**	**-**	**-**
4	# of non-Order SNURs/"not likely" determinations	**0**	**0**	**0**
5	# of cases in post-FOCUS final determination development[5]	**344[3, 5]**	**-**	**-**
6	# of cases flagged for in-depth review	**41**	**-**	**-**
7	# of PMNs, SNUNs and MCANs awaiting FOCUS (within 90-day review)	**14**	**-**	**-**
8	# of LVE/LOREX exemption grants	**-**	**532**	**531**
9	# of LVE/LOREX exemption denials	**-**	**120**	**120**
10	**Total number of cases**	**443**	**1093**	**-**
11	Normal active workload for the New Chemicals Program	300	**-**	**-**
12	Number of cases undergoing testing or data development by submitter	74[3]	**-**	**-**
13	**Backlog[2]**	69	**-**	**-**

[1] "Determinations Completed" means that EPA has completed its reviews on these cases and that final determinations have been made by EPA under TSCA section 5(a)(3).

[2] (Total number of cases) – (Normal active workload for the New Chemicals Program) - (Number of cases undergoing testing or data development) = Backlog

[3] Of these cases, approximately 73 are "active" lung toxicity cases that are suspended while submitters either conduct or are deciding whether to conduct testing to develop data on pchem properties, exposures and toxicity.

[4] "Not Likely" determinations are not posted until the final signed determination document is prepared and has been shared with submitter.

[5] These cases are those for which Post-FOCUS work is underway to develop: not likely determinations; non-Order SNURS coupled with not likely determinations; or section 5(e) or 5(f) Orders. When the OPPT Office Director decides which of these regulatory paths to follow, the case is moved to: Row 3 when the section 5(e) or 5(f) Order is sent to the submitter for signature; Row 4 when the SNUR is published and the not likely determination document is signed; and Row 1 when the determination document is sent to the OPPT OD for signature.

[6] These are all only final determinations posted on the web: grants and denials

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Hot Issues:

Fees Rule. On February 8th, EPA announced that it is proposing a rule to require certain fees to defray 25% of the costs of administering certain sections of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The rule, if finalized, will secure sustainable funding to defray costs of implementation of new responsibilities under the amended law and to review chemicals for safety with the highest scientific standards. Under the proposed rule, affected businesses would begin incurring fees on October 1, 2018. The fees rule is the final of four framework rules under amended TSCA.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

Minor Crop Farmer Alliance Water Monitoring Workshop – On February 21, Office of Pesticide Programs staff, Mark Corbin and Dana Spatz (Environmental Fate and Effects Division), will present at the annual meeting of the Minor Crop Farmer Alliance (MCFA) in Washington, DC. Topics they plan to present on include: Overview of Drinking Water Assessments, Models and Monitoring Data Use in DWA, and Future Developments in the Use of Monitoring Data for Risk Assessments for Pesticides. MCFA members include national, regional, state and local associations representing specialty crop producers. Other meeting attendees may include non-specialty crop organizations, registrants, and USDA.

World Trade Organization's International Government-Industry on Maximum Residue Levels – On February 26-27, Office of Pesticide Program Director, Rick Keigwin will participate in the World Trade Organization's International Government-Industry discussion on the trade implications of the lack of pesticide maximum residue limits (MRLs) in Geneva, Switzerland

Global Chemical Regulations Conference (GlobalChem) - Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics Director, Jeff Morris, and members of his staff will present at the GlobalChem Conference and Exhibition, occurring February 28 - March 2. Jeff will present on OPPT's 2018 priorities and lessons learned from the first year and a half of amended TSCA implementation. Other OPPT staff will be speaking to other TSCA implementation issues, including new chemicals and the "framework rules." The meeting will be held in Washington DC

Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Hot Topics:

- With this past week's release of the FY 2019 Budget to Congress, OCFO provided hard copies of the agency's Congressional Justification to Congressional staff and OMB. OCFO also provided copies of the Budget Information for the States to Congress (this documents provides a state by state breakdown of funding for grants). These documents are also available on the internet. OCFO is also assisting the press office in answering media inquiries about the FY 2019 President's Budget.
- As part of the roll out activities OCFO briefs Congressional staff on the FY 2019 budget. This year, OCFO is working with OCIR and the NPMs to pilot a Budget Symposium for the Congressional authorizing committee staffers on February 20.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

- NPMs are scheduled to provide by February 21 revised draft FY 2018-2019 Agency Priority Goal (APG) Action Plans that address OMB comments and include Q1 results which reflects NPM policy team review and concurrence.
- I am scheduled to speak with the Environmental Finance Advisory Board on February 20, with my comments focusing primarily on the EPA Strategic Plan and Budget. The event is open to the public and press. OW is the coordinating office for this Federal Advisory Committee.
- As previously mentioned, the inaugural E-Enterprise Bulletin will be released on February 16 to EPA, states and tribes. The EPA Strategic Plan, which includes an objective focused on shared governance/cooperative federalism, will be highlighted. The first Bulletin also includes a statement by EELC co-chair, Henry Darwin, and the state and tribal co-chairs, regarding the value of E-Enterprise.

Other:

- OCFO is working with OGC and NPMs to plan the financial tracking and management of disaster supplemental funding and to respond to OMB's questions.

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Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations

Hot Issues:

None to report.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

None to report.

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Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Hot Issues:

Clean Air Act Settlement with Shell Chemical for Failure to Properly Operate Industrial Flares: On February 12, 2018, EPA, DOJ, and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality reached a settlement with Shell that will reduce air pollution from a chemical plant in Norco, Louisiana. The settlement requires Shell to spend approximately $10 million to reduce the volume and frequency of flaring, to flare at a high combustion efficiency, and to monitor for the presence of benzene on the fenceline of the facility. Compliance with the settlement will reduce volatile organic compounds by 159 tons per year and hazardous air pollutants by 18 tons per year.

Court Enters Settlement Requiring S.H. Bell Company to Reduce Manganese Emissions: On February, 14, 2018, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio entered a consent decree between EPA and S.H. Bell that resolves claims of imminent and substantial endangerment to the residents of East Liverpool, OH and Glasgow, PA from prolonged exposure to high levels of manganese.

FIFRA Settlement with Amazon Services for Distribution of Illegal Pesticides: On February 14, 2018, Region 10 reached a settlement with Amazon that resolves over two thousand illegal distributions of unregistered imported pesticide products. As a result of this action, Amazon has initiated a vendor screening program to prevent these kinds of illegal distributions and sales from occurring in the future. Under the settlement, Amazon will pay a fine of $1,215,700 and implement a supplemental environmental project to educate online pesticide vendors on FIFRA requirements.

FIFRA Settlement with Syngenta Seeds for Farmworker Safety Violations: On February 7, 2018, Region 9 reached a settlement with Syngenta Seeds that resolves misuse of a restricted use pesticide at a farm in Kauai, Hawaii. Under the settlement, Syngenta will pay a civil penalty of $150,000 and spend at least $400,000 implementing a supplemental environmental project to train growers in Hawaii, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands on the Worker Protection Standard requirements.

Clean Water Act Settlement with the City of Middletown, Ohio to Prevent Sewage Discharge: On February 9, 2018, EPA, DOJ, and the state of Ohio reached a settlement with Middletown, Ohio to resolve Clean Water Act violations. The settlement requires the City to promptly begin implementation of an approved Long Term Control Plan and complete wastewater treatment plant upgrades within 25 years. The City will pay a civil penalty and complete a supplemental environmental project to eliminate exposure of benthic organisms to cadmium and to minimize potential erosion and entrainment of impacted sediment downstream.

OECA Concurrence on the First Amendment to the CERCLA Interagency Agreement for the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard: On February 12, 2018, OECA AA Susan Bodine concurred on Region 10's request to sign the First Amendment to the Puget Sound Interagency Agreement. At the request of the state of Washington, the First Amendment designates EPA as a "joint lead" oversight agency with the state of Washington for Operable Unit-B.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

On February 22, 2018, OECA AA Susan Bodine will join the ECOS Monthly All-Member call to discuss OECA priorities per the agency Strategic Plan, interim guidance on state/regional planning, and SRF.

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Office of Environmental Information

Upcoming Major Decisions and Public Events

2018 Tribal Exchange Network Conference

- **Brief description:** The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals will host the 2018 Tribal Exchange Network Conference, February 27-28, in Tucson, AZ. [HYPERLINK "http://www.exchangenetwork.net"] is a partnership among co-regulators from states, tribes, territories and the EPA that drives innovation and efficiency in environmental management through information technology and information management (IT/IM).
    - The conference provides tribes and those working with tribes an opportunity to meet, share and learn about initiatives and technical topics related to the Exchange Network.
    - The agenda is heavily focused on peer-to-peer learning opportunities and interactive discussions to improve communication, cooperation and partnership.
    - Steve Fine, Deputy Chief Information Officer, will give opening remarks.
- **Who benefits or cares:** States, Tribes, Territories, Citizens, EPA and the Environment.
- **Why this is important:** The Exchange Network supports exchange of essential information among all states, more than 100 tribes, some territories, and EPA.
- **Additional information:**
    - The meeting is sponsored and organized by the [HYPERLINK "https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/neien/"] through a cooperative agreement with EPA.
    - ITEP anticipates around 100 attendees.

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Office of General Counsel

Hot Topics:

- *Sierra Club v. EPA,* No. 18-1040 (D.C. Cir.). New development: On Feb. 9, 2018, plaintiffs filed a petition for review of the 2018 Renewable Fuels Standards alleging that EPA failed to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service to ensure that the 2018 standards did not jeopardize any federally listed endangered or threatened species or destroy or adversely modify their designated critical habitat.

- *Pulliam v. EPA, et al.,* No. 15-01405 (D.D.C.). Plaintiff alleged that EPA OIG failed to respond to a FOIA request seeking documents related to a possible investigation of Christine Todd Whitman in 2004 (Plaintiff also sued DOD and DOJ). The Court denied Defendants' May 12, 2016, Motion for Summary Judgment and on May 26, 2017, all three Defendants filed a renewed Motion. New development: On Feb. 13, 2018, the Court granted in part and denied in part EPA's Renewed Motion for Summary Judgment (In the same order, the Court denied summary judgment for DOD and DOJ). The Court denied summary judgment on one aspect of EPA's search, holding that EPA's description of the search of OIG's Office of Congressional and Public Liaison (OCPL) did not fully explain how the search was conducted. The Court, however, also held that EPA explained in reasonable detail the scope and methods of its searches of the other OIG offices.

- *Center for Biological Diversity v. U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service,* No. 1:18-cv-342 (D.D.C.). New development: On Feb. 13, 2018 plaintiff filed a FOIA lawsuit alleging that EPA and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service separately failed to respond to FOIA requests by the statutory deadline. The EPA FOIA request seeks "all records mentioning, including and/or final biological evaluation of" chlorpyrifos, diazinon, carbaryl, and methomyl.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

02/22 Preliminary injunction hearing in *Texas v. EPA* and *American Farm Bureau Federation v. EPA* (S.D. Tex.), requesting the 2015 Waters of the United States Rule (WOTUS) be preliminarily enjoined.

02/23 Status report due in *National Parks Conservation Association, et al. v. EPA* (D.D.C.), alleging EPA's failure to perform a non-discretionary duty to issue regional haze FIPs for 39 states for which EPA made a finding of failure to submit, and to take action on 10 regional haze SIPs.

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Office of International and Tribal Affairs

Hot Issues:

G7 Environment Ministerial Preparatory Meeting: Canada convened the first preparatory session, held by remote videoconference, to prepare for this year's G7 Environment Ministers Meeting. The NSC, State Department, EPA and NOAA participated in the call which was hosted at the White House. Canada has proposed climate, sustainable finance, and circular economy, including marine debris and food waste and loss, as topics for the G7 meeting.

Meeting with Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma: EPA (OITA, OAR, OW, OGD, and Region 6) met with senior leadership from the Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma to discuss environmental concerns and issues. The issues discussed included the tribe's improved relationship with oil and gas industry, the importance of meaningful tribal consultation in matters affecting the tribe, and concerns with diminishing EPA funding.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

Israel Mission – The Administrator will be traveling to Israel on February 19 to 22 to discuss bilateral cooperation on rule of law, water quality management and wastewater recycling, site remediation, and environmental technology and innovation.

Mexican Ambassador – The Administrator and the Mexican Ambassador to the U.S. will have a call on February 26 to discuss bilateral and regional cooperation with Mexico and environmental issues along the border.

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Office of Land and Emergency Management

Hot Topics:

1. **Emergency Responses to Hurricanes and Wildfires.**
2. **Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR).**
   a. **State permit programs.** The public comment period for Oklahoma's proposed program approval is being extended to March 19. This is the first State CCR Permit Program to be proposed for approval. Approximately 20 other states have expressed an interest in developing an application for a CCR State Permit Program.
   b. **Remand rule.** It is with OMB for review.
3. **Clean Air Act 112(r) Risk Management Program (RMP).**
4. **Ongoing major Superfund NPL sites (including East Chicago, West Lake, Bonita Peak, Hudson River, Portland Harbor, Mississippi Phosphates).**
5. **CERCLA 108(b) Financial Assurance.**
   a. **Hard Rock Mining.** The final rule is expected to publish in the Federal Register on February 21. A corrections package was signed by the Administrator.
   b. **Other Three Sectors**. We are working closely with OGC and the AO to develop an analysis plan.
6. **CERCLA-EPCRA AFO-CAFO Rule**. The RQ Adjustment of Ammonia and Hydrogen Sulfide for Air Releases at Farms NPRM is expected to be sent to OMB for review by March 1. On February 14, OLEM received OMB's comments on the emergency ICR for the Continuous Releases Form.
7. **FY 2018 Discretionary Addbacks.** We are working with OCFO regarding the potential additional FY 18 funding for the Superfund and Leaking Underground Storage Tank programs.
8. **Infrastructure.** The President's Legislative Outline includes several Superfund and Brownfields Reforms, and eligibility for Private Activity Bonds and in some cases WIFIA.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

1. **LEAN Kaizen Events.** OLEM is preparing for our first two LEAN Kaizen events (Superfund sites Ready for Anticipated Use, Brownfields Ready for Anticipated Use).
2. **Tribal Waste Response and Assistance Program (TWRAP).** OLEM will meet with the TWRAP Steering Committee on February 20 – 22 in Potomac Yard.
3. **Underground Storage Tank (UST) Meeting.** On February 27, the EPA regional UST program managers will meet in Washington, D.C.
4. **Emergency Response On-Boarding Sessions for New HQ Senior Leaders**. We are inviting new headquarters senior leaders to two sessions to orient everyone to their responsibilities in the event of a National Emergency Response Incident. The two briefings will be held in March, and new senior leaders can attend either one.

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Office of Policy

Hot Topics:

Next week, Joel Scheraga, EPA Senior Advisor for Climate Adaptation, will travel to San Ramon, CA to meet with Chevron Corporation. Joel will discuss ways in which EPA can help states, communities and businesses cope with the costly impacts of extreme weather events. He was invited by Chevron's Climate Working Team following the release of a Chevron report in March 2017 entitled "Managing Climate Change Risks". Chevron is interested in benefitting from EPA's expertise in helping partners build and strengthen resilience and in learning more about the agency's Climate Adaptation Resource Center (ARC-X) [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/arc-x"].

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Number of Actions to OFR this Year:

- Signed by Regions:
  - Notices: 7
  - Proposed Rules: 26
  - Direct Final Rules: 2
  - Withdrawal of Proposed Rule: 1
  - Withdrawal of Direct Final: 3
  - Final Rules: 23
- Signed by HQ:
  - Notices: 41
  - Proposed Rules: 5
  - Final Rules: 20

Number of Actions to OFR this Week (Feb 9 – Feb 15):

- Signed by Regions:
  - Notices: 0
  - Proposed Rules: 5
  - Direct Final Rules: 0
  - Withdrawal of Proposed Rule: 0
  - Withdrawal of Direct Final: 0
  - Final Rules: 6
- Signed by HQ:
  - Notices: 5
  - Proposed Rules: 0
  - Final Rules: 2

Documents Submitted to OFR from February 8 -13, 2018

FRL	Title	Date Submitted to OFR
9973-41-OW	Clean Water Act Coverage of "Discharges of Pollutants" via a Direct Hydrologic Connection to Surface Water	2/13/2018

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9974-43-Region 1	National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List: Deletion of the Hatheway & Patterson Superfund Site	2/13/2018
9973-19-Region 1	Air Plan Approval; New Hampshire; Rules for Open Burning and Incinerators	2/13/2018
9974-49-OLEM	Oklahoma: Approval of Coal Combustion Residuals State Permit Program; Extension of Comment Period	2/13/2018
9973-03-OCSPP	Poendimethalin; Pesticide Tolerances	2/13/2018
9973-18-Region 1	Air Plan Approval; Connecticut; Nonattainment New Source Review Permit Requirements for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard	2/13/2018
9974-58-Region 9	Air Plan Approval; Douglas, Arizona; Second 10-Year Sulfur Dioxide Maintenance Plan	2/13/2018
9974-59-Region 10	Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Alaska; Regional Haze Progress Report	2/13/2018
9974-48-OAR	Allocations of Cross-State Air Pollution Rule Allowances from New Unit Set-Asides for 2017 Control Periods	2/12/2018
9974-47-Region 2	Approval and Revision of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of New York; Regional Haze State and Federal Implementation Plans	2/12/2018
9974-55-OAR	Response to June 1, 2016, Clean Air Act Section 126(b) Petition from Connecticut	2/12/2018
9974-53-ORD	Availability of the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Assessment Plan for Uranium; Correction	2/12/2018
9974-45-Region 4	Air Plan Approval; KY: Removal of Reliance on Reformulated Gasoline in the Kentucky Portion of the Cincinnati-Hamilton Area	2/9/2018
9974-46-Region 4	Air Plan Approval; SC; VOC Definition	2/9/2018
9974-31-OCSPP	User Fees for the Administration of the Toxic Substances Control Act	2/8/2018
9974-29-OARM	Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Background Checks for Contractor Employees (Renewal)	2/8/2018
9974-23-OECA	Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Recordkeeping Requirements for Producers, Registrants and Applicants of Pesticides and Pesticide Devices under Section 8 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA); EPA ICR Number 0143.13, OMB Control Number 2070-0028	2/8/2018
9973-23-Region 6	Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Arkansas; Infrastructure State Implementation Plan Requirements for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards	2/8/2018

9973-42-Region 6	Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Interstate Transport Requirements for the 1997 and 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS	2/8/2018
9973-43-Region 6	Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Withdrawal of Proposed Disapproval of Interstate Transport State Implementation Plan Revision for the 2006 24-hour PM2.5 NAAQS	2/8/2018
9973-35-Region 6	Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions to Permitting and Public Participation for Air Quality Permit Applications	2/8/2018

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Office of Research and Development

ORD convened a meeting of its senior leaders this week. We discussed a wide variety of topics including how to create a more sustainable organization that is solution-oriented and client-centric. Among the specifics deliberated were next steps to creating a lean management system in ORD and refreshing our Strategic Research Action Plans. Next week we're convening a ORD-wide Town Hall where we will recognize Agency Honor Award recipients in ORD, discuss the President's budget and EPA's new Strategic Plan.

Hot issues:

ORD, EPA Regions 2 and 8, and DOD Collaborate on Remediating PFAS-Contaminated Soils
ORD recently met with staff from Region 8 and the research arm of the U.S. Air Force to discuss a newly initiated Regional Applied Research Effort (RARE) project that aims to identify a remediation approach capable of immobilizing PFAS in soil. PFAS-contaminated soils are thought to act as long-term sources of contamination to groundwater and surface water, and technologies for PFAS remediation in soil are in their infancy. The RARE project, began as a project for Region 2 but has expanded to include Region 8, which has interest because of PFAS-contaminated soils at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota. ORD researches biochar, a specialized form of charcoal that is used as a soil amendment (material added to soil to change its physical and chemical properties) in remediation of metal-contaminated soils, which is one of several sorbents to be evaluated in this RARE study of materials that are highly effective at absorbing and immobilizing PFASs.

Upcoming Major Decisions and events:

SBIR Phase II Awards
ORD is coordinating an announcement on the recent 2017 SBIR Phase II contracts awarded to six small businesses. These contracts help companies to focus on technology commercialization in the areas of wastewater treatment, homeland security, and cookstoves. Recipients are receiving up to $300,000 to fund 2-year projects as they work to bring their environmental technologies to the marketplace.

Washington State Invites ORD to Help Determine Effectiveness of Agricultural Management Practices
ORD is participating at the request of the Washington Department of Ecology in its Clean Water Guidance for Agriculture Advisory Group. ORD's scientific expertise with nutrient cycling in agricultural watersheds will contribute to a guidance document recommending agricultural best management practices that those in the farming community can implement to help achieve state water quality standards. This type of ORD technical support helps EPA better support states in managing the impacts of different practices on nutrients, while enabling EPA to learn about the gaps in scientific information and research needed to understand the effectiveness of nutrient best management practices in the region.

Phoenix Air Sensor Monitoring Project
On February 27, Richard Yamada and staff from ORD, Region 9, and OAR-OAQPS will travel to Phoenix to meet with representatives from AZ DEQ, Maricopa County, Arizona State University, local stakeholders and potential funders to scope out an air sensors project in Phoenix. The project aims to advance understanding on the quality of data from sensor technologies and how they can be used to address air quality priorities.

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Office of Water

Hot Issues:

Waters of the U.S.: Next week, the agencies will host two webinars, one for states and one for tribes. These webinars will provide an important opportunity to set the stage for the upcoming in-person meetings scheduled for early March.

Steam Electric FOIA II Litigation: Next week, OW and OGC will initiate senior leadership review of an interim release for the Waterkeeper Alliance II FOIA litigation regarding EPA's reconsideration of the Steam Electric Effluent Limit Guideline (ELG) Rule. In December 2017, the district court granted EPA's proposed schedule and entered an order requiring the Agency to make three interim document productions on February 28, March 31, and April 30, and a final production on May 31.

Hydrologic Connection Request for Comment: This week, the agency sent to the Federal Register a notice requesting comment on the Agency's previous statements interpreting the CWA that discharges of pollutants from point sources to jurisdictional surface waters that occur via groundwater or other subsurface flow that has a direct hydrologic connection to the surface water are subject to CWA regulation. We are requesting comments on whether the Agency should consider clarification or revision of this interpretation and if so, comments on how clarification or revision should be provided. The comment period will remain open for 90 days after it is posted in the Federal Register.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

Conservation Technology Information Center Meeting: Next week, Benita and I will be meeting with the CTIC Board of Directors to provide an update on how OW is working with the agricultural community to encourage sustainability. We will use the meeting to explore additional avenues of collaboration between CTIC and OW.

National Stormwater Roundtable: Next week, OW staff are participating in the Association of Clean Water Administrator's 2018 National Stormwater Roundtable in Atlanta, Georgia. The Stormwater Roundtable is organized by state and federal regulators for EPA and state program staff representatives. The Roundtable supports implementation of federal and state municipal, industrial, and construction stormwater programs nationwide by sharing best management practices, showcasing innovative state programs and initiatives, highlighting new technologies, facilitating discussion on national program enhancements and improvements, identifying state resource needs including tools, training and guidance, and proposing solutions to challenges and barriers faced by the regulators and other stakeholders.

EFAB Spring Meeting: Next week, the Spring Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB) meeting will be held in DC. EFAB is an EPA advisory committee chartered under the FACA to provide advice and recommendations to EPA on creative approaches to funding environmental programs, projects, and activities. The purpose of this meeting is to hear from informed speakers on environmental finance issues, proposed legislation, and EPA priorities; to discuss activities, progress, and preliminary recommendations with regard to current EFAB work projects; and to consider request for assistance from EPA program offices. Andrew Sawyers, Director of the Office of Wastewater Management, will serve as the temporary Designated Federal Officer during the meeting. Speakers include David Bloom and Alex Herrgott (CEQ). The meeting is open to the press.

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