Region 1

Hot Topics:

Region 1 Issues Access Order at Blackburn and Union Superfund Site in Walpole, Massachusetts
On May 8, EPA's access order to TMC 100 Elm, LLC, relating to the Blackburn and Union Privileges Superfund Site in Walpole, MA, became effective. The access order will facilitate the excavation of contaminated sediment and floodplain soil abutting a commercial parking lot owned by TMC.

Chinese Business Leaders Visit Region 1
On May 14, Region 1 hosted a delegation of Chinese business leaders from the Department of State's International Visitor Leadership Program. RA Dunn and Region 1 staff provided presentations on the federal role in regional renewable energy in effort to help the leaders meet their objective of learning more about U.S. green energy.

Region 1 Hosts Staffers from the New England Congressional Delegation
On May 16th EPA Region 1 hosted our 6th annual Congressional staff briefing. Staff from 25 offices in the six states attended the briefing either in person or on the phone. The annual briefing is an opportunity for staff to gather in Boston and hear from the Regional Administrator and Office Directors on national and regional issues and initiatives. The day consisted of a morning plenary session and afternoon, state-specific, break-out sessions. The event provided the opportunity for participants to hear EPA updates and discuss topics including PFAS/PFOA, lead in drinking water, permitting, nutrients, and LEAN. The afternoon sessions allowed time for state specific discussion on topics including Brownfields, Superfund, PFAS, and NPDES permitting.

Region 1 Discusses Priorities and Best Practices with New England Commissioners
On May 17, RA Dunn and DRA Szaro attended the Northeast Committee on Environment Spring Meeting. During the meeting environmental commissioners of New England and staff discussed current issues and initiatives in the region, shared information and best practices. Topics discussed included an EPA Region 1 update, obstacles and solutions with recycling glass, GHG, wetlands, and infrastructure resiliency.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

Draft NPDES Permit for Northfield Mount Herman School - Gill, Massachusetts
In the next two weeks, Region 1 anticipates issuing a draft NPDES permit for the Northfield Mount Herman School Wastewater Treatment Facility in Gill, MA, a 0.45 MGD wastewater treatment plant which discharges to the Connecticut River. The permit has been reviewed by MassDEP.

Region 1 Prepares for Superfund Site Closure – Strafford, Vermont
On May 23, EPA will hold public informational meeting to review planned remedial activities associated with the closure of the Elizabeth Mine South Mine and South Open Cut Mine planned for this summer. An updated Factsheet was prepared and a Save the Date postcard has been mailed to local residents.

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Region 2

Hot Topics:

Chemours, Deepwater, NJ
10 of the 15 residential wells had been sampled for HFPO-Dimer Acid (GenX), with 5 more to be sampled. Chemours is expecting sampling results in approximately 2-3 weeks and is awaiting receipt of the HFPO-Dimer Acid sample results for the on-site and off-site monitoring wells. Also, Chemours sent written requests to the Penns Grove and Pennsville public water systems, requesting to sample production wells and finished water for HFPO-Dimer Acid.

Filtration Avoidance Determination Land Acquisition Deliverable
On April 30th, 2018 DEP submitted the "Proposed Modifications to the Long-Term Acquisition Plan 2012-2022" FAD Deliverable which needs to be approved by NYSDOH per the 2017 FAD language. This report includes similar limitations on Land Acquisition Program (LAP) acquisitions and solicitations as the DEP drafted March 15th "Draft Proposal to Address EIS Projections and WOH Community Concerns on LAP Solicitation" and substantially shifts the program towards acquiring wetter lands further from the center of hamlets. DEP will continue to engage with all FAD Stakeholders and the deliverable includes language that additional discussions with Stakeholders concerning future FAD deliverables (Farms in Transition, NYC Funded Flood Buyout, assessing opportunities to swap LAP properties to facilitate relocation of development out of the flood plain, and increase Streamside Acquisition Program participation), as well as the National Academy of Sciences Expert Panel Review on Watershed Protection Programs Report, may result in further adjustments to the LAP solicitation goals, acreage, and methods. [HYPERLINK "http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/pdf/reports/fad_4.2_land_acquisition_program_-_proposed_modifications_to_the_long-term_strategy_2012-2022_04-18.pdf"].

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

National Grid signature of administrative order regarding Gowanus Canal
We expect that late in the week of May 14-18 or in the upcoming week, National Grid will sign the CERCLA administrative order on consent (AOC) for performance of a removal action at the Gowanus Canal Site. The work under the AOC is expected to cost about $120 million and will include soil excavation/solidification, bulkhead work, and construction of a temporary park. These actions are needed in order to prepare for the performance of the selected remedy for the site. Implementation of that remedy, in turn, will be covered in a later settlement or order. Once the AOC is signed by National Grid, it will be ready for signature by the ERRD director. ORC will work with ERRD and PAD on any public outreach information that is needed.

DC Visit to the Region
The Deputy Administrator is planning a visit to the Region on June 7.

PFAS National Leadership Summit and Engagement
Anahita Williamson will be attending the PFAS National Leadership Summit and Engagement in Washington, DC on May 22-23 with Chris Lyon and Mark Maddaloni. During the summit, participants will work together to: share information on ongoing efforts to characterize risks from PFAS and develop monitoring and treatment/cleanup techniques; identify specific near-term actions, beyond those already underway, that are needed to address challenges currently facing states and local communities; and develop risk communication strategies that will help communities to address public concerns with PFAS.

Quanta Superfund Site
On May 22, RA Pete Lopez will attend a public meeting at this site in Edgewater, NJ, where nearby residents have had concerns about vapors from site work. Region 2 will continue to aggressively maintain the site by controlling VOC emissions. Management and staff are challenged as they work to mitigate the site to protect the

residents from unavoidable emissions. We expect high media interest from outlets including a local paper and several local TV affiliates.

American Cyanamid Superfund Site
Region 2 is planning an event on 5/23 to announce the cleanup proposal for this site in Bridgewater, NJ. The site is on the Administrator's Emphasis List.

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Region 3

Hot Topics:

Nutrient Application and Management Field Demo Day in Queenstown, MD
On May 9, 2018, EPA Region 3 joined 70 colleagues from U.S. Department of Agriculture and EPA Headquarters at the University of Maryland's Wye Research and Education Center for demonstrations of modern nutrient application and management technology by the industry leaders. Participants cycled through seven 20-minute demonstrations that featured aerial seeding and aerial fertilizer application (both a plane and helicopter!), on-ground planting, fertilizer application, and tillage practices. The demonstrations showcased how the farm equipment is used to maximize nutrient use while minimizing nutrient losses to the environment. The lunch speaker was Dr. Nicole Fiorellino, the new Maryland State Agronomist, who spoke on phosphorus-saturated soils and how to effectively draw down phosphorus levels in the soil to ensure sustainable food production on the Eastern Shore. The Demo Day was hosted by the Association of Equipment Manufacturers, Ag Retailers Association, American Soybean Association, the National Corn Growers Association, and the National Agricultural Aviation Association

Oral Argument Held in EPA's Appeal of West Virginia Court Decision on TMDLs
Oral argument was conducted on May 8, 2018 before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, on EPA's appeal of a district court decision directing EPA to approve or disapprove the "constructive submission" of "no" Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for 573 biologically impaired waters in West Virginia, 177 of which are identified as impaired for ionic toxicity. When efforts to stay the effect of the district court's decision pending appeal were unsuccessful, EPA and the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) entered into a memorandum of agreement (MOA) in June 2017 that committed WVDEP to completing the necessary TMDLs by 2026, with a backstop to require EPA to develop those TMDLs should WVDEP fail to meet its schedule. The next step would be a decision by the Fourth Circuit on EPA's appeal.

Region III Signs Proposed Rule to Authorize Revisions to the District of Columbia Hazardous Waste Management Program
On May 2, 2018, the Regional Administrator signed a Proposed Rule to authorize the District of Columbia's revisions to its hazardous waste program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The District initially received final authorization in March 1985 to implement its hazardous waste management program in lieu of the federal program. This revision application proposes to transfer the authority to administer the approved program from the District's Department of Health to the District's Department of Energy and Environment, and also includes statutory and regulatory changes to the District's hazardous waste program. EPA believes that the revised statutes and regulations are equivalent to, and no less stringent than, the analogous Federal requirements.

U.S. Requests Court to Enter Consent Decree on Cleanup of Crater Resources Site, Upper Merion Township, PA
On May 9, 2018, the Department of Justice requested that the Federal Court sign and enter a consent decree with O'Neill Property Group (O'Neill) regarding the cleanup of the Crater Resources Site in Upper Merion PA. Under this Consent Decree, O'Neill will take over responsibility for the RD/RA on the Quarry 1 & 2 parcels, and pay EPA for certain interim and future oversight costs. On a related matter, EPA will meet with O'Neill and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection this week to discuss O'Neill's application for clean-up financing through the Pennsylvania Industrial Sites Reuse Program (ISRP). The ISRP is managed by the Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development.

Region 3 Seeks Community Input for [HYPERLINK "https://response.epa.gov/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=12080"] **Sampling, Minden, West Virginia**
On May 15-16, 2018, two Community Involvement Coordinators (CICs), Site Assessment Manager and the WV Liaison will be available at Community Center in Minden, WV to again solicit community input on additional

sampling locations near the Shaffer Equipment Co. Site. The Site Assessment Team will conduct one final round of sampling in June 2018 to support the Hazardous Ranking System package. Community recommended locations, not previously sampled, will be included in EPA's sampling plan. The maps provided by the Region will have marker flags and GPS to pinpoint exactly where community members want a sample to be collected. Additionally, EPA contractors will be conducting a wetlands survey along Arbuckle Creek, and CICs will provide support with community interaction and access agreements as needed.

Superconducting Magnetic Levitation (SCMAGLEV) Transit Project
On May 10, 2018, EPA Region 3 met with representatives from Maryland Department of Transportation on the SCMAGLEV transit project being proposed for the Baltimore-Washington Metropolitan area. The SCMAGLEV technology is an advance high-speed ground transportation system. Currently, the project is going through an environmental review process under NEPA. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the project's alternative analysis which have been narrowed to two alternatives, east or west of I-295 Baltimore-Washington Parkway corridor, potentially impacting Fort Meade, the Patuxent Research Refuge and other sensitive Federal facilities. Modifications have been made from the initial design: approximately 80% of the railway system will now be underground, potentially reducing impacts. It is anticipated that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be released in May 2019 and 7-year construction start date will be sometime in 2020. The SCMAGLEV is capable of operating speeds of over 300 miles per hour. This multi-billion-dollar project will be the first of this scale to be constructed in the U.S. and if successful, SCMAGLEV could be expanded to other national centers.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

Regional Administrator Cosmo Servidio has the following meetings scheduled:

- May 21, 2018 – Choose Clean Water Steering Committee Meeting, Lancaster, PA
- May 22, 2018 – National PFAS Leadership Summit, Washington, DC

Region 4

Hot Topics:

Lake Ocoee Oil Spill Ocoee (Polk County, TN)
Key Message: On Tuesday, May 15, 2018, two tanker trucks collided and rolled over into Lake Ocoee in the area of US-64 and TN-30; near the outfall to the Ocoee River. One tanker truck was hauling 4000 gallons of gasoline and the other was hauling 4000 gallons of diesel fuel. One of the tanker trucks became completely submerged in the Lake. In response, Region 4 deployed an On-Scene Coordinate to assist in the response. The United States Department of Interior (USDOI) was notified and a threatened and endangered species consult was requested and received. The accident site is within the Cherokee National Forest. The Tennessee Valley Authority was notified as they have numerous power generation resources in the potential spill path. Multiple sets of containment and absorbents booms were deployed, as well as oil skimmers deployed at three collection points. As of Thursday, May 17, 2018, the tanker was successfully offloaded and removed from the Ocoee River. Approximately 1000 gallons of diesel fuel and 4000 gallons of gasoline was offloaded from the tanker. It is estimated that 3000 gallons of diesel fuel was released to the Ocoee River. The released fuel was captured and recovered from containment boom sets deployed on the Ocoee River. Recreational use advisories have been issued for nearby beaches on the Lake Ocoee

Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (*McCracken County, KY*)
Key Message: On May 16, 2018, the Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection (KDEP) issued a non-concurrence letter regarding the Site Management Plan, thus initiating informal dispute. EPA and KDEP are in agreement that the Site Management Plan is not in compliance with the Federal Facility Agreement to include enforceable milestones for certain Operational Units and not responsive to comments submitted by the Agencies.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

Decisions
Daicel permit termination – The Region's position if Kentucky terminates the hazardous waste permit.

Grenada – The Region's position based on the information and proposed remedy submitted by the PRP.

Events
None

Region 5

Hot Topics:

EPA to Respond to City of Flint's Request for Intervention
Key Message: Next week the Region expects to send letter urging the City and State to determine the most effective way to move forward with holding Flint Water Interagency Coordination Committee (FWICC) meetings.

On April 27, 2018, the city of Flint requested that EPA intervene in the state's decision to postpone the continuation of the state-led FWICC meetings. The city's request was in response to an April 20, 2018, notification from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality that future FWICC meetings would be postponed until the city's legal intentions were made clear.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

EPA to Host May 23 Federated Metals Public Meeting in Whiting, Indiana
Key Message: EPA personnel will provide a brief history of the site, an update on current status and answer questions.

The mayor of Whiting will participate in the meeting. The mayor of Hammond has not yet responded to EPA's invitation to participate. Administrator Pruitt signed the action memo for the site during a visit in April.

Region 6

Hot Topics:

Bird Creek, Osage County, Oklahoma
DOJ will ask the Court to for a 90 day stay to allow settlement to continue. The Respondents continue to assess their technical path forward and the next technical call is scheduled for the week of May 21, 2018. The current Court deadline is June 4.

Homestake Mining Company Site, Milan, Cibola County, New Mexico
On May 23, 2018, EPA plans to brief congressional staff from New Mexico Senators Udall and Heinrich's offices regarding the Homestake Mining Site and ongoing groundwater re-assessment. This briefing is in response to the community group Bluewater Valley Downstream Alliance's request to have a groundwater forum at the New Mexico senators' office in Albuquerque in June 2018.

Exxon Mobil, Belleview, Texas
TCEQ informed EPA of its intent to submit on May 17 a draft TPDES permit for review which would authorize a water quality variance for the Exxon Mobil Belleview facility. The draft permit would be the first in Texas to propose a variance from the "sub-lethal whole effluent toxicity" water quality standard. In addition, since the existing permit already includes a limit for sub-lethal whole effluent toxicity, the proposed permit potentially raises backsliding concerns. EPA has 45 days to respond to the draft permit.

Monarch Waste Technologies, Nambe Pueblo, New Mexico
Monarch Waste Technologies will not complete the required testing and report submittal by the May 19 deadline. EPA is working with the company to ensure it can come into compliance as soon as possible under the circumstances. Since the facility is located on the Nambe Pueblo, EPA will also be responsible for permitting the facility, in accordance with the NSPS Subpart Ec requirement for permitting such facilities.

Lake Ralph Hall, Ladonia, Fannin County, Texas
EPA has reviewed the Administrative Draft Environmental Impact Statement (ADEIS) for the Lake Ralph Hall water supply project. The project is expected to impact a total of approximately 501, 058 linear feet of ephemeral and intermittent streams. Comments are due to the Corps on May 21, 2018.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

Reid Vapor Pressure Fuel Blending, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Region 6 intends to sign the final approval of Louisiana's Maintenance Plan Revision and Relaxation Request of the Low Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) SIP revision. No comments were received during the comment period for the proposed action. Following the Region 6 final action, OTAQ will take the next step in the process to propose approval of the State's request to remove the requirement to use Low RVP gasoline in the Baton Rouge area. OTAQ anticipates proposing in June with a final action in August.

2008 Ozone NAAQS Attainment Demonstration, Houston, Texas
Region 6 intends to propose approval of the Houston 2008 ozone NAAQS attainment demonstration SIP. Publication in the Federal Register will start a 30-day comment period.

May 22-23 PFAS National Summit, Washington, DC

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Region 7

Hot Topics:

West Lake Landfill (Bridgeton, MO)
Key Message: Region 7 is continuing to coordinate with the community and potentially responsible parties and is completing the work needed to issue a ROD amendment.

- Following up from the regional administrator's courtesy visits to St. Louis stakeholders last week, the West Lake Community Advisory Group is seeking to meet with the region's air experts in order to gain a better understanding of historical, present, and future monitoring activities. Although a date is yet to be set, coordination efforts have begun and could potentially include the Missouri Department of Natural Resources which enforces the air permit for Bridgeton Landfill.
- On Wednesday, May 16, the region participated in the scheduled biweekly call with the PRP. The Department of Energy, which is a PRP, has now requested to be a part of these conversations and a representative was present during the Wednesday discussion.

Motion to Enter Filed for Amendment to St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District CSO/SSO Consent Decree
Key Message: This amendment to the consent decree gives MSD a 5-year extension of time to complete two large tunnel projects.

- MSD asked for the extension of time based on affordability concerns.
- OECA, DOJ, and the Region all agreed the extension is appropriate.
- We received one public comment, from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, and it was favorable.

Missouri Congressional Delegation Writes Administrator Pruitt Regarding Kansas City, MO CSO/SSO Issues
Key Message: Letter urges EPA to work with city on consent decree modifications to address affordability concerns.

- Region 7 met with Kansas City, MO on May 2, at the city's request, to have initial discussions about a possible CD modification.
- The city has not yet provided any proposals for EPA to consider.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

Per-and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) National Leadership Summit
Key Message: On May 22-23, Regional Administrator Jim Gulliford and Regional Science Liaison Amy Shields will attend the PFAS National Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C.

- Representatives from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources will also be attending.

Region 8

Hot Topics:

Region 8 Issues SDWA Emergency Administrative Order (EAO) to Northern Cheyenne Tribe (Tribe)
On May 16, 2018, EPA issued a 1431 Order in response to a potential imminent and substantial endangerment at Lame Deer Public Water System located in Montana. A waterline broke on May 15, 2018, and a large portion of the system, serving 3160 residents, is without water. The system issued an advisory to the homes impacted and is in the process of performing corrective actions with assistance from the IHS.

CERCLA Response / Cost Recovery Legal Enforcement Unit Negotiates Proposed AOC with Good Samaritan for Boulder County, Colorado Project
EPA has negotiated a proposed CERCLA administrative order on consent (AOC) for a Good Samaritan to conduct a removal action under EPA oversight at the Black Swan Site, an orphan mine site in Boulder County, Colorado. Good Samaritans Fourmile Watershed Coalition (FWC) and the Four Mile Fire Protection District (FMFPD) have requested that EPA enter into a Good Samaritan AOC, which would provide the parties with a CERCLA covenant not to sue from the United States as well as contribution protection from third party suits. This is the third Good Samaritan AOC that Region 8 has negotiated over the past decade. The proposed must be signed by the ARA for ECEJ and the Acting AAG for ENRD, and is subject to public comment.

EPA Receives Over $400,000 in CERCLA Settlement at the Parish Chemical Superfund Site in Vineyard, Utah
After ten years of EPA-led cleanup and legal efforts, EPA's involvement in the Parish Chemical Superfund Site is coming to a close. In 2012, EPA and Parish reached a settlement requiring Parish to transfer the Site property to a trust for cleanup and sale of the property. EPA is the beneficiary of the trust. On Friday, May 11, the sale closed. EPA will receive $438,674.22. The property will be redeveloped and returned to beneficial industrial use.

Region 8 Settles a Clean Air Act Enforcement Action with Colorado Interstate Gas Company (CIG), LLC for Violations of Leak Detection and Repair Requirements
CIG, a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan, has agreed to an administrative settlement to resolve violations of leak detection and repair (LDAR) requirements at the Rawlins NGL Plant and Compressor Station located near Sinclair, Wyoming. The settlement requires CIG to pay a $250,000 penalty and to implement certain measures to assure compliance with the LDAR requirements should the NGL Plant once again become operational. Air Enforcement briefed AA Susan Bodine regarding this settlement on February 15, 2018. The administrative combined consent complaint and consent agreement has been routed to the RJO for approval.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

Silver Bow Creek/Butte Area Superfund Site
On May 17, 2018 the U.S. Department of Justice on behalf of EPA and the Atlantic Richfield Company filed a motion to formally request a modification of the confidentiality order with the United States District Court for the District of Montana *U.S. v. Atlantic Richfield Company et al.*

Region 9

Hot Topics:

Kilauea Volcano
With two FEMA mission support assignments, Region 9 is on the Big Island of Hawaii with staff and contractors, focused on air monitoring and associated data management. We are supported by Edison and ORD, and will likely be asked to expand the air-monitoring capacity. The County is trying to manage limited water supplies, curtailing some local business operations. FEMA has yet to secure an operations base on island with WI-FI, a critical next step in the response.

Mexican Border
The California Regional Water Quality Control Board filed a Notice of Intent to Sue the International Boundary and Water Commission under the Clean Water Act, alleging permit violations at the International Wastewater Treatment Plant, which treats and discharges flows from Tijuana, Mexico to the Pacific Ocean. Several San Diego County cities sent a similar Notice of Intent to Sue last September and filed a complaint in March 2018. The USIBWC recently filed a motion to dismiss the cities' complaint.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

Agriculture
Chief of Staff/Ag Advisor Amy Miller will address the Spring Conference of the California Association of Agriculture Commissioners next Wednesday and Thursday in So. California.

Guam
On Thursday, Guam Governor Eddie Calvo will meet with Acting RA Alexis Strauss on issues of environmental concern in Guam, including military build-up, water, and solid waste. His environment director will attend the PFOA/PFOS meeting in HQ.

Cal EPA
On Friday, Cal EPA Secretary Matthew Rodriguez will meet with the Region 9 senior managers on California environmental issues.

CAA Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) Rescission
Next week, Acting RA Alexis Strauss will sign a proposed action rescinding the FIP for the Reid Gardner Generating Station. The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection requested that we rescind the FIP as sources subject to the FIP have been shut down and decommissioned. The units were shut down to comply with Nevada Senate Bill 123 and by order of the Nevada Public Utilities Commission.

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Region 10

Hot Topics:

Portland Harbor Notification of Deficiency - Pre-RD Group Response
As reported last week, EPA issued a Notification of Deficiency to the Pre-RD Group on May 1, 2018 for performing sampling activities not in accordance with EPA approved sampling procedures. In response to the NoD, the Pre-RD group held a meeting with EPA and all of their contractors to address protocols for sampling procedures. On May 16th the Pre-RD group requested EPA withdraw or rescind the Notification, or provide written acknowledgement that the concerns have been addressed.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

Region 10 Signs Wyckoff Superfund Site ROD Amendment (WA)
On May 14, Region 10 signed the first of two ROD amendments for the Wyckoff Superfund site on Bainbridge Island, WA. The RODA signed this week covers the offshore-beach perimeter wall and beach cleanup work, which will begin this year at a cost of $36.4M. On or before May 24, EPA will issue a press release and public notice regarding this RODA and will make stakeholder and congressional notifications as appropriate. Public outreach will include a fact sheet, a newspaper public notice and a web page update. The 2nd ROD amendment is expected by end of this year, and will address upland and groundwater contamination.

Final NPDES permit for Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
The week of May 21st Region 10 plans to issue the Pacific NW Laboratory permit, which will cover a tracer injection study on the Columbia River. EPA expects a final 401 certification from the Washington Department of Ecology this week. The permit effective date will be June 1st, 2018. No comments were received during the public notice period.

Draft NPDES Permit City of Kendrick (ID)
EPA issued a public notice for the City of Kendrick, ID Waste Water Treatment Plant draft permit for public comment through June 15, 2018. The Region is coordinating with the Idaho DEQ on this project and plans to issue the final permit before the final transfer of the NPDES program to Idaho, scheduled to occur on July 1, 2018.

Routing of Idaho Pollution Discharge Elimination System Program Approval
On May 17, RA Hladick sent via email requests for concurrence to the Office of Water, the Office of General Counsel, the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance and the Office of Environmental Information. After several years of strong work by the state of Idaho and various offices within the EPA, we are requesting concurrence on our recommendation that the Administrator approve of Idaho's application to take on wastewater permitting authorities under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act. Upon receipt of the requested concurrences, Region 10 will forward the recommendation to the Administrator. We continue to aim towards a signing event in Boise, Idaho, with Governor Otter on June 6. The state would then officially assume permitting authority on July 1 for the first of four phases (municipal facilities), with the full transfer of permitting authority expected to be complete in 2021.

Stakeholder Meeting to Discuss Beaufort Sea Oil & Gas Exploration NPDES General Permit Reissuance (AK)
On May 22, EPA Region 10 staff will host a meeting in Anchorage with the regulated community to discuss the upcoming reissuance of the Beaufort Sea NPDES general permit for offshore oil and gas exploration. The purpose of the meeting is to (1) provide an overview of potential changes to the permit, (2) discuss the project timeline and opportunities for public engagement, and (3) confirm the accuracy of the assumptions (i.e. level of activity) that will inform the permit and environmental analyses. Confirmed attendees from the regulated community include: the Alaska Oil and Gas Association, ConocoPhillips, Eni Petroleum, and the Arctic Slope

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Regional Corporation. The Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation may also participate in this meeting.

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Meet at Yakama Nation (WA)
Region 10 Senior Tribal Policy Advisor, Wenona Wilson will participate in the Mid-Year Convention of ATNI on May 21-23, at Yakama Nation. ATNI, as a non-profit regional organization, provides a forum for member tribes to share information and work together to develop policy. The conventions are well attended by tribal leadership. Wenona has been asked to introduce herself and provide remarks during the Natural Resources Committee portion of the meeting.

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Office of Administration and Resources Management

Hot Topics:

OARM Issues Notice of Proposed Debarment
On May 10, 2018, the EPA Suspension and Debarment Official (SDO) issued a notice of proposed debarment to Mr. Wayne Powell, the former government relations analyst for Suzuki Motor of America, Inc. This was for causes based on his federal criminal conviction for knowingly making, and causing to be made, false material statements and representations in a report required to be filed under the Clean Air Act. The criminal conviction stems from submissions Mr. Powell made to the EPA regarding Suzuki's compliance with motorcycle emissions standards. Because Mr. Powell's criminal conduct occurred in connection with his performance of duties for or on behalf of employer, the EPA SDO also issued a show cause notice to Suzuki Motor of America, Inc., a government contractor, requesting the company to show cause as to why it should not be proposed for debarment.

Early Employee Viewpoint Survey Results
As of May 16, 2018, EPA's agency-wide Employee Viewpoint Survey response rate was 22.1 percent, greater than the government-wide response rate of 17.7 percent. Due to an agency-wide server outage on May 1, the Office of Environmental Information estimates over 700 employees still have not received the survey. OARM and OEI are working with the Office of Personnel Management to resolve the issue.

OARM Consolidates EPA Office Space
This month, OARM is moving EPA functions within the Norwood office to the Andrew W. Breidenbach Environmental Research Center facility in Cincinnati, OH. This consolidation will save the agency over $663,000 annually in rent and also include savings from reduced security costs and improved efficiencies in other operations. While the staff transition is slated through this month, the decommissioning of the Norwood office will occur on August 31, 2018 when the lease ends.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

None.

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Office of Air and Radiation

Hot Topics:

- **Tracking SIP Actions:**
  - Total Number of SIPs submitted to Regions in FY 2018: 171
  - Total Number of SIP Submittals with Final Action taken by the Regions in FY 2018: 138
  - Total Number of Pending SIPs: 754

- **Packages at OMB for Review:**
  - Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources Reconsideration (Proposed Rule)
  - NESHAP: Surface Coating of Large Appliances; Printing, Coating, and Dyeing of Fabrics and Other Textiles; and Surface Coating of Metal Furniture RTR (Proposed Rule)
  - Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Revisions to the Refrigerant Management Program's Extension to Substitutes (Proposed Rule)
  - Renewable Fuel Standard Program: Standards for 2019 and Biomass-Based Diesel Volume for 2020 (Proposed Rule)
  - Review of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Sulfur Oxides (Proposed Rule)

- **Packages that will move soon to OMB for Review:**
  - Repeal of Emission Requirements for Glider Vehicles, Glider Engines, and Glider Kits (Final Rule)

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

Port Everglades Case Study
As early as May 29, 2018, EPA will issue a report that will provide a baseline and future year emission inventories at Broward County's Port Everglades which is then used to evaluate available technology and operational strategies and scenarios for emission reductions at seaports. This report documents methods and lessons learned from these efforts, and has practical examples that may be shared with other ports, related agencies, and other stakeholders to better understand and reduce port-related emissions.

NACAA Meeting
Bill and Clint will be travelling early next week to Chattanooga, TN to attend the National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA) meeting.

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Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Row	Determination Type	Pending on 5/15/2018	Determinations Completed[1] as 5/15/2018	Determinations Posted on the Website as of 5/15/2018[6]
1	# of "not likely" determinations	**1**	**122[4]**	**122[4]**
2	# of §5(e) Orders signed by both EPA and the submitter	-	**372**	**370**
3	# of §5(e) Orders signed by EPA and awaiting submitter signature	**69**	-	-
4	# of non-Order SNURs/"not likely" determinations	**0**	**0**	**0**
5	# of cases in post-FOCUS final determination development[5]	**312[3, 5]**	-	-
6	# of cases flagged for in-depth review	**44**	-	-
7	# of PMNs, SNUNs and MCANs awaiting FOCUS (within 90-day review)	**24**	-	-
8	# of LVE/LOREX exemption grants	-	**594**	**590**
9	# of LVE/LOREX exemption denials	-	**121**	**120**
10	**Total number of cases**	**450**	**1209**	-
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]**	**76**	-	-
14	Pre-notice activities - # of meeting requests rec'd - # of other communications rec'd	 1 23		

[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 72 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

Hot Topics:

Methylene Chloride
On Thursday, May 10, EPA announced a number of upcoming actions on methylene chloride, a chemical that can be used for paint stripping. EPA will be finalizing a January 2017 proposed rule prohibiting the consumer and commercial paint stripping uses for methylene chloride; OCSPP will send that finalized rulemaking to OMB shortly. Methylene chloride is also one of the first 10 chemicals selected for risk evaluation under the amended Toxic Substances Control Act; EPA announced that it will not re-evaluate the paint stripping uses of methylene chloride in those risk evaluations. EPA actions on methylene chloride continue to be of great interest to Congress and stakeholder groups.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

On May 23, 2018, EPA's Pesticide Program will hold an Environmental Modeling Public Meeting to share scientific and technical knowledge and discuss issues associated with pesticide exposure modeling. The meeting topic at the upcoming EMPM is quantitative use of surface water monitoring data. Presentations by OPP scientists include evaluations of SEAWAVE-QEX and bias factors for quantitative use of surface water monitoring data in addition to a proposed framework for use of these tools in risk assessments. Scientists from Federal and state partners in addition to pesticide industry scientists and consultants will also be giving presentations. All presentations from the meeting will be posted in a docket, available for public access.

Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Hot Topics:

- OCFO continues to coordinate with OCIR to review responses to House FY 2019 budget hearings Questions for the Record (QFRs) and will do the same for the SAC FY 2019 budget hearing transcript and QFRs once received.
- OCFO is developing plans for focused FY 2020 budget planning efforts to prepare for the FY 2020 budget submission due to OMB in September. OMB is expected to issue guidance in late June regarding budget targets. OCFO is in the process of scheduling briefings in the near future with the COO and DA.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

- OCFO submitted EPA's draft FY 2018 second quarter Agency Priority Goal (APG) Action Plan updates to OMB on May 11 and expects to receive OMB comments this week. We will engage with programs, as needed, and follow up for any additional OPA review. Revised APG Action Plans that address any OMB comments are due to OMB on June 1. Target date for posting second quarter updates on publicly available website is June 14.
- OCIR and OCFO plan to brief the COO next week on a proposal for reframing the operational agency planning/implementation conveyed in National Program Guidance. The proposed approach is based upon discussions with the agency's Executive Management Council as well as the Environmental Council of States and the E-Enterprise Leadership Council.

Other

- OCFO is finalizing materials to reflect recent Deputy Administrator decisions on strategic review/risk assessment results for submission to OMB on May 21. These materials will support the OMB-EPA strategic review meeting now being scheduled for late June/July time frame.

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Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations

Hot Topics:

None.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

- **May 18** – OW and OAR will provide an informational briefing call for Senator Collins and EPW majority staff on national mercury monitoring efforts.
- **May 21** – Congressional briefing update on Asian Carp with Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO)/R5, Fish and Wildlife Service, USACE
- **May 21** - Update on the Superfund Program/Superfund Task Force for House Energy &Commerce/Environment Subcommittee staff
- **May 21** - OLEM/OCIR will co-host a briefing for intergovernmental association representatives on the forthcoming proposed Reconsideration Rule for Accidental Release Prevention Requirements: Risk Management Programs (RMP).
- **May 22-23** – PFAS National Leadership Summit with Hill invitees with OW
- **May 23** – At the request of Congressman Darin LaHood (IL-18), Mayor Jim Langfelder (Springfield, Il) will lead a delegation of Land of Lincoln Economic Development Corporation representatives in a meeting with EPA headquarters and Region 5 staff to discuss issues around the former Pillsbury Plant in Springfield, Illinois.
- **May 23** - EPA headquarters and Region 9 staff will meet with Councilmember Patrick Brendan, Huntington Beach, California to discuss the city's ocean odor issues. The South Coast Air Quality Management District is investigating the situation in the wake of concerns raised by residents and local officials.
- **May 23** – OCIR/OAR are organizing a bipartisan in-person briefing for SEPW staff on NAAQS area designation process and the final area designation under the 2015 ozone NAAQS that were recently announced.
- **May 24** - Mayor Dominic Persampiere and other local officials from Oviedo, Florida will meet with Office of Water, Region 4, and OCIR staff to discuss federal resources and partnerships to support water infrastructure, stormwater management, and general revitalization efforts involving community water bodies. There is particular interest in the Clean Water SRF, and the Urban Waters Federal Partnership Program.
- **Week of May 14th or May 21st** – Briefing for Senator Cortez Masto (NV) on EPA's Nevada Lab Closure
- **May 29** - The Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) will have an introductory conference call- Deputy Administrator Andrew Wheeler to speak with members.

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Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Hot Topics:

2012 Camp Minden Explosion: Third defendant pleads guilty
On May 14, 2018, Kenneth Lampkin, program manager for Explo Systems LLC, pleaded guilty in the Western District of Louisiana to making a false statement. Explo had an Army contract to remove propellant from artillery shells and resell it. On October 15, 2012, an explosion occurred at a munitions storage igloo on Camp Minden. The explosion contained approximately 124,190 pounds of smokeless powder and a box van trailer containing approximately 42,240 pounds of demilitarized M6. The damage destroyed the igloo and trailer, shattered windows of dwellings within a four-mile radius, and derailed 11 rail cars near the storage igloo. Sentencing is scheduled for August 30, 2018.

OECA's CWA NPDES Data System Now Receives Data From all 50 States
OECA has been working very closely with New Jersey over several years to electronically flow their CWA NPDES compliance monitoring and permitting data into the Federal data base, the Integrated Compliance Information System. New Jersey was the last state that was not using the CWA NPDES Data System. EPA now has electronic CWA NPDES data from all 50 states in one location. As such, EPA can now work with all states and tribes to manage the National CWA NPDES program. This is a big success for the Agency and for the protection of clean water.

Texas Now Using EPA's CWA NPDES DMR (Discharge Monitoring Report) System NetDMR
In 2009, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) developed an electronic DMR reporting tool (with help from an EPA grant). OECA adopted the Texas tool as "NetDMR" and has made many significant improvements over the years. TCEQ wanted to take advantage of all of the improvements and use EPA's customer support and training services for NetDMR. Texas will save significant resources by using EPA's tool and by not having to maintain its own system. To date, 4,084 users from Texas have been successfully moved to the National system. NetDMR is a good example of a shared IT service promoted by the Agency's strategic plan. The National NetDMR tool is used by permittees in 22 authorized states and wherever EPA issues NPDES permits.

Enforcement Priority Policy and Priorities Presentations
On Tuesday May 8, 2018, the Office of Civil Enforcement presented on recent cases, as well as enforcement policy and priorities at the ABA Section on Environment, Energy and Resources, Pesticides, Chemical Regulation and Right-to-Know Committee and CropLife America seminar on new developments in pesticide law and policy. The meeting included presentations by the EPA Office of Policy as well as representatives from agricultural pesticide manufacturing sector.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

On May 23, 2018, OECA AA Susan Bodine, PDAA Larry Starfield, and DAA Patrick Traylor will travel to EPA Region 4 to meet with the RAs/DRAs and senior enforcement managers to discuss enforcement and compliance priorities and issues.

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Office of Environmental Information

Hot Topics:

None.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

None.

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Office of General Counsel

Hot Topics:

- *Drielak v. EPA,* No. 16-5299 (D.C. Cir.). New development: On May 15, 2018, the D.C. Circuit affirmed a district court level decision where EPA prevailed on summary judgment in an age discrimination employment case. Drielak is a former EPA employee in OCEFT who claimed that he was discriminated against based on his age in violation of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA). The D.C. Circuit found that Drielak failed to establish that he "suffered an adverse employment action," one of the essential elements of a discrimination claim.

- *Finger Lakes Zero Waste Coal. v. EPA,* No. 16-3420 (2d Cir.). New development: On May 15, 2018, the Second Circuit rejected the petitioner's challenge to EPA's denial of its petition to object to a Title V operating permit issued by New York State to a facility that burns gas from a nearby landfill. The Court held that the petition was "plainly inadequate under the statutory framework," in that it did not sufficiently engage with (1) the state's determination that the facility and the landfill were not a common source and (2) the underlying legal framework governing that determination.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

5/31 Hearing in *Georgia v. EPA,* a multi-state challenge to the 2015 Clean Water Rule, defining "Waters of the US" under the Clean Water Act.

Office of International and Tribal Affairs

Hot Topics:

International Paint Industry Association on Lead Paint - EPA (OITA and OCSPP) met with the International Paint and Printing Ink Council (IPPIC) to discuss international efforts on lead paint. IPPIC is an association of multi-national paint companies and is a partner of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint. In the meeting, IPPIC reaffirmed its support for the promotion of lead paint laws globally and offered to help promote more industry engagement in the annual International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week of Action.

Institute for Clean Air Companies Summit -The Institute for Clean Air Companies (ICAC), an industry association of companies representing suppliers of air pollution monitoring and control systems, equipment, and services, held its annual summit in Virginia. ICAC convened a USG panel entitled "International Markets: Enhancing Export Opportunities" featuring representatives from USTR, State, Commerce, US Trade Development Authority, and EPA (OITA).

Upcoming Events and Decisions:

Environment and Climate Change Canada – The Deputy Administrator will meet with the Vice Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada on May 18 to discuss bilateral and global cooperation. The topics of discussion will include air quality, Great Lakes, Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC), and G7 Environmental Ministerial Meeting.

North American Development Bank – OITA will be meeting with the North American Development Bank (NADB) on June 4 to discuss current activities and the upcoming Board of Directors meeting in Mexico.

Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency – Senior officials from the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency will meet with OP and OITA on June 6/7 to discuss the EIA process, including transboundary impacts and tribal engagement.

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Office of Land and Emergency Management

Hot Topics:

- **Coal Combustion Residuals (CCR)**. (see below)

- **Clean Air Act 112(r) Risk Management Program (RMP) Reconsideration NPRM.** The Administrator signed the proposed rule today. A public hearing is scheduled for June 14.

- **Ongoing major Superfund NPL sites** (including Colorado Smelter, East Chicago, West Lake, Bonita Peak, Hudson River, Portland Harbor, Mississippi Phosphates, Oak Ridge, Edwards AFB, Berry's Creek, American Cyanamid).

- **CERCLA 108(b) Financial Assurance – Next Three Sectors**. We met with the Administrator and we are working with OGC, OP, and the AO to plan our approach to the next three sectors.

- **PFOA and PFAS.** We are working with ORD and OW to develop groundwater cleanup recommendations for PFOA and PFOS.

- **Emergency Response.**
  - Region 9 emergency response and the national Environmental Response Team are part of inter-governmental effort addressing volcano activity in Hawaii.
  - In the Caribbean hurricanes' emergency response, EPA has completed the collection of hazardous waste, with final transportation and disposal now occurring.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

- **National PFAS Leadership Summit.** OLEM will participate in this meeting on May 22 and 23.

- **Definition of Solid Waste Vacatur.** The package is going through OP for signature.

- **Coal Combustion Residuals**.
  - We are reviewing the comments.
  - We are also reviewing comments on the proposal to approve Oklahoma's program.
  - Georgia submitted its CCR permit program application to EPA. It is undergoing review.

- **Updates to the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL).** The Spring 2018 NPL proposed and final rules were published in the Federal Register today.

- **E-Manifest**. We continue to work toward the June 30 launch.

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Office of Policy

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

Local Foods, Local Places: On May 23, the Office of Community Revitalization, with USDA, CDC and the Delta Regional Authority, plan to announce 16 communities that will be receiving technical assistance through the Local Foods, Local Places program.

Number of Actions to OFR this Year:

- Signed by Regions:
  - Notices: 34
  - Proposed Rules: 100
  - Direct Final Rules: 8
  - Withdrawal of Proposed Rule: 1
  - Withdrawal of Direct Final: 3
  - Final Rules: 86
- Signed by HQ:
  - Notices: 181
  - Proposed Rules: 30
  - Withdrawal of Direct Final: 1
  - Final Rules: 58

Number of Actions to OFR this Week (May 11 – May 17):

- Signed by Regions:
  - Notices: 2
  - Proposed Rules: 7
  - Direct Final Rules: 1
  - Withdrawal of Proposed Rule: 0
  - Withdrawal of Direct Final: 0
  - Final Rules: 3
- Signed by HQ:
  - Notices: 12
  - Proposed Rules: 3
  - Withdrawal of Direct Final: 0
  - Final Rules: 4

Active Interagency Reviews from OMB	
OMB Due Date	**Title**
05/23/2018	DOL/MSHA RFI for EPA Review: "Retrospective Study of Respirable Coal Mine Dust Rule"
05/23/2018	DOI/FWS FRM for EPA Review: "Migratory Bird Hunting; Final Frameworks for Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations"
05/24/2018	DOC/NOAA FRM for EPA Review: "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: Final Rulemaking to Designate Critical Habitat for the Main Hawaiian Islands Insular False Killer Whale Distinct Population Segment"

05/21/2018	CEQ ANPRM for Expedited EPA Review: "Update to the Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act"

Documents Submitted to OFR from May 8 - 15, 2018		
FRL	**Title**	**Date Submitted to OFR**
9977-24-Region 9	Revisions to California State Implementation Plan; Bay Area Air Quality Management District; Stationary Sources; New Source Review	5/15/2018
9976-87-OCSPP	Receipt of Several Pesticide Petitions Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities	5/15/2018
9977-13-OCSPP	Clopyralid; Pesticide Tolerances	5/15/2018
9978-32-Region 4	Air Plan Approvals; Tennessee: Revisions to Ambient Air Quality Standards	5/15/2018
9978-22-OCSPP	Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Renewal of an Existing Collection (EPA ICR No. 2311.03); Request for Comment; Correction	5/15/2018
9978-19-Region 9	Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California; California Mobile Source Regulations	5/14/2018
9978-17-Region 9	Air Plan Approval; California; San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District; Reasonably Available Control Technology Demonstration	5/14/2018
9978-16-OAR	Air Plan Approval; Oregon; Regional Haze Progress Report	5/14/2018
9977-89-Region 6	Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Oklahoma; Interstate Transport Requirements for the 2012 PM2.5 NAAQS	5/14/2018
9977-37-OCSPP	FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel; Notice of 4-Day In-Person Meeting Location; Notice of Public Preparatory Webcast Meeting; Request for Comments on Prospective Candidate Ad hoc Reviewers; Extension of Written Comment Periods	5/14/2018
9977-25-OCSPP	Pyroxasulfone; Pesticide Tolerances	5/14/2018
9977-19-OCSPP	Certain New Chemicals or Significant New Uses; Statements of Findings for February and March 2018	5/14/2018
9976-88-OCSPP	Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of Applications for New Active Ingredients	5/14/2018
9978-10-OARM	Notice of Order Denying Petition to Set Aside Consent Agreement and Proposed Final Order	5/14/2018
9978-11-Region 5	Air Plan Approval; Minnesota; PSD Infrastructure SIP Requirements	5/11/2018

9977-50-OAR	Notice of the Removal of the Reformulated Gasoline Program from the Northern Kentucky Area of the Cincinnati-Hamilton Ozone Maintenance Area	5/11/2018
9978-12-OAR	Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources and Emission Guidelines for Existing Sources: Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units; Technical Amendments	5/11/2018
9978-13-OLEM	National Priorities List	5/11/2018
9978-14-OLEM	National Priorities List	5/11/2018
9977-73-OECA	Applicability Determination Index (ADI) Data System Recent Posting: Agency Applicability Determinations, Alternative Monitoring Decisions, and Regulatory Interpretations Pertaining to Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources, Emission Guidelines and Federal Plan Requirements for Existing Sources, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, and the Stratospheric Ozone Protection Program	5/11/2018
9977-83-OARM	Notice of Order Denying Petition to Set Aside Consent Agreement and Proposed Final Order	5/11/2018
9978-09-Region 3	Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; Interstate Transport Requirements for the 2012 Fine Particulate Matter Standard	5/10/2018
9977-67-OCSPP	Chlorpyrifos, Diazinon, and Malathion; National Marine Fisheries Service Biological Opinion Issued Under the Endangered Species Act; Extension of Comment Period	5/10/2018
9977-12-OCSPP	Receipt of Several Pesticide Petitions filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities; Correction	5/10/2018
9976-62-OCSPP	Tebuconazole; Pesticide Tolerances	5/10/2018
9976-37-OCSPP	Receipt of Several Pesticide Petitions filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities; Correction	5/10/2018
9977-99-OAR	Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Clean Air Act Tribal Authority (Renewal)	5/10/2018
9978-02-Region 8	Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; North Dakota; Revisions to Air Pollution Control Rules	5/9/2018
9978-01-Region 9	Air Plan Approval; CA; Eastern Kern Air Pollution Control District; Reclassification	5/9/2018
9977-74-OAR	National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Leather Finishing Operations Residual Risk and Technology Review	5/9/2018
9977-81-OAR	Release of Final Documents Related to the Review of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Sulfur Oxides	5/9/2018
9978-07-Region 2	Adequacy Status of Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for the New York Portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey- Long Island, NY-NJ-CT, 2008 8-hour Ozone Nonattainment Area	5/9/2018

9977-26-Region 6	Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Interstate Transport Requirements for the 1997 and 2006 PM2.5 NAAQS	5/8/2018
9977-92-OARM	Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Drug Testing for Contractor Employees (Renewal)	5/8/2018
9977-95-Region 2	Proposed CERCLA Section 122(h) Cost Recovery Settlement for the Global Landfill Superfund Site, Middlesex County, New Jersey	5/8/2018
9977-97-OW	Notice of Availability of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Louisiana Trustee Implementation Group Draft Supplemental Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Elmer's Island Access Project Modification	5/8/2018
9977-79-OLEM	The Hazardous Waste Electronic Manifest System Advisory Board: Request for Nominations	5/8/2018

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Office of Research and Development

Hot Topics:

Release of New EnviroAtlas Communities Data
EnviroAtlas is releasing fine-scale data and maps for 430 cities and towns centered on six U.S. urban areas. More information is on the [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/enviroatlas/enviroatlas-communities"] site and the EnviroAtlas [HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/enviroatlas/enviroatlas-interactive-map"]. EnviroAtlas is a web-based tool that combines maps, analysis tools, and interpretive information on ecosystem services. States, communities, and citizens can use this information in making the decisions that affect policies and planning in places where people are. EnviroAtlas presents data at a national scale and an urban/community-scale. The urban/community information currently includes fine-scale data for more than 950 U.S. cities and towns around 24 urbanized community areas. The six new urban areas are Baltimore, Md.; Birmingham, Ala.; Brownsville, Texas; Chicago, Ill.; New Haven, Conn.; and Virginia Beach, Va.

PFBS Toxicity Assessment Release
On May 14th, ORD released its draft PFBS toxicity assessment, along with the Office of Water's GenX assessment, for a two-week agency and interagency review prior to external peer review. This will be followed by a meeting with federal partners to discuss their comments and EPA's revisions.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

Next week, Chris Robbins and I will travel to our lab in Gulf Breeze where we will host the Environmental Research Institute of States (ERIS) board meeting. In addition, the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality will visit ORD's Gulf Ecology Division. Also next week, Richard Yamada, Bruce Rodan, and Andy Gillespie will represent ORD at EPA's National Leadership Summit on PFAS.

ECOS Environmental Research Institute of States (ERIS) Board Meeting
ORD has developed a critical partnership with ERIS, the research arm of the Environmental Council of the States, to connect state research needs with Agency priorities to ensure that our research is useful to help states address their environmental problems. ECOS Vice President and Director, Arkansas DEQ Becky Keogh, EPA Office of Water and EPA Region 4 will also participate. Agenda topics include cooperative federalism, ORD's Science Inventory database, ORD research on PFAS, ORD's Strategic Research Action Plans, planning for the 2018 ERIS state research needs survey, and progress made on our state engagement work plan.

Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality Visit to ORD's Gulf Ecology Division.
On May 24, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) officials will visit EPA ORD's Gulf Ecology Division to discuss the state's most pressing environmental challenges and related science needs. MDEQ will learn more about EPA research, science and technical capabilities, meet ORD scientists and see first-hand some of ORD's innovative research.

IRIS Public Science Meeting
On May 23rd, the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) will hold a Public Science Meeting to discuss the IRIS Assessment Plan (IAP) for the Ammonia Noncancer (Oral) assessment via webinar.

National Tribal Public Health Summit
May 22-24, ORD will attend the Annual National Tribal Public Health Summit, hosted by the National Indian Health Board in Prior Lake, Minnesota. They will participate in a roundtable session, demo ORD tools, and discuss Tribal-focused research and technical projects.

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Office of Water

Hot Topics:

Per- and poly-fluoroalkyl (PFAS) Leadership Summit
Next week, the EPA will host a national leadership summit to take action on PFAS. Currently over 200 participants representing states, tribes, federal partners and national organizations have confirmed attendance. The meeting will focus on setting priorities for identifying and solving challenges with PFAS in communities and communicating the risks associated with PFAS. The EPA will live stream a portion of the first day, including the Administrator's remarks. Following the Summit, the EPA will travel to states with communities impacted by PFAS to further engage on ways the Agency can best support work occurring at state, local and tribal levels.

WIFIA
This week, the EPA announced the extension of the WIFIA Notice of Funding Availability from July 6th to July 31st. The notice of the extension is expected to publish in the Federal Register next week. OW, in coordination with OPA, continues outreach efforts to increase awareness of the WIFIA Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA).

Environmental Financial Advisory Board (EFAB) Membership Package
This week, the Federal Advisory Committee Management Division (FACMD) transmitted the EFAB's 2018 Official Membership Package to the Administrator's Office for review and approval. The package includes a new recommended chair, 4 new EFAB member appointments, and 3 departures. 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, and its membership consists of officials from state and local governments; leaders from the finance community and other business industries; selected federal employees; and members of environmental, tribal and non-governmental organizations.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events:

None.

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