Region 1

Hot Topics

22nd Annual EPA and State Enforcement, Compliance, and Assistance Meeting
On June 13, the Region hosted its 22nd Annual EPA and State Meeting for Enforcement, Compliance and Assistance in Boston, MA. The event included participants representing all six New England states, DOD, NEWMOA and OECA. A major meeting focus was lean principles and lessons learned from lean initiatives.

R1 DOD Visit to Fort Devens PFAS Site
On June 15, RA Dunn, Maureen Sullivan of the Office of the Secretary of Defense and John Tesner the Director for Restoration at US Army visited the Fort Devens Superfund Site with Representatives from both Devens and Ayer to discuss responsibilities of treatment and cost of PFAS remediation.

Community Engagement throughout New England Communities
In addition to the Federal Resource Roundtable held on June 12 – detailed in last week's report – where RA Dunn and the EPA joined HUD's RA David Tille and representatives from various federal agencies, RA Dunn and Region 1 staff spent this week focusing on community-scale engagement, including:

> *Mystic River Water Quality Report Card.* On June 13, Region 1 issued our annual Mystic River Water Quality Report Card at the Tufts University Boathouse on the Malden River in Medford. The report card and presentations from a local regulated water authority, the Mayor of Medford, and Massachusetts DEP Commissioner Martin Suuberg, detailed ongoing advancement toward clean water in the Mystic.
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> *Revitalizing the Ocean State.* On June 14, RA Dunn announced $1.3 million in Brownfields funds to help assess and cleanup contaminated properties and promote employment opportunities related to Brownfields in Rhode Island. The event included Director Janet Coit of RIDEM and local community members.
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> *Environmental Justice Call to Action Forum.* On June 14, RA Dunn and staff engaged with local community members and activists at an Environmental Justice Call to Action Forum at the New Bedford Superfund Site. Discussions included local Environmental Justice issues, Superfund, Brownfields, Workforce Development, Urban and Rural Revitalization. New Bedford Superfund site on the RA Redevelopment priority list.
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> *State of the Lake.* On June 15, the Lake Champlain Basin Program funded by EPA will be releasing their latest "State of the Lake," with amplification from RA Dunn, providing a look back at recent years' progress based on a host of water quality metrics, as well details of upcoming local, state, and federal efforts in to clean up this iconic waterway.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Partial Approval of New Hampshire's 2016 303(d) List
In response to the state's request, EPA intends to partially approve New Hampshire's 2016 final 303(d) list, most likely by the end of next week. The Region is deferring action on some units in the Great Bay estuary while we coordinate further with our partners and continue to evaluate the science.

Region 1 Highlights Cape Cod Nutrient Challenges
On June 18, Region 1 will host a tour of EPA nutrient pollution research on Cape Cod. Attendees will include ORD, congressional staff, and media outlets that cover these issues.

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Region 2

Hot Topics

Settlement Reached with New York City Housing Authority. On 6/11, the settlement in this action by HUD and EPA was lodged with the court (SDNY). The consent decree, which now awaits the court's approval, requires the appointment of an independent monitor who will be in charge of overseeing comprehensive corrective measures by NYCHA, including with regard to lead paint. It also requires the City of New York to provide $1.2 billion of additional capital funding to NYCHA over the next 5 years, and $200 million every year thereafter until the problems are fixed and the decree is no longer necessary.

Settlement of a RCRA Administrative Enforcement Case with U.S. Army's West Point Garrison. On 6/6, an administrative Consent Agreement and Final Order was issued resolving West Point's alleged violations of NY hazardous waste rules and federal underground storage tank rules. The Garrison will pay a civil penalty of $90,000, certify that it has come into compliance at the facility with the cited rules and comply in the future with these rules. NY was consulted in advance and had no concerns.

Agreement with Westchester County (NY) to Resolve Violations of Underground Storage Tank (UST) Rules. On 6/8, an administrative Consent Agreement and Final Order was issued resolving the county's alleged violations of UST rules. The County agreed to pay a civil penalty of $90,000 and certified that the operation of the UST systems at its 13 facilities is in compliance with the UST rules.

GenX - Chemours, Deepwater, NJ. Chemours' preliminary results for GenX sampling of monitoring wells, residential wells, and manufacturing operations indicate that 8 of 11 monitoring wells had detections of GenX (Dimer Acid) ranging from 4.5 parts per trillion (ppt) to 280 ppt (the 280 ppt was found in a co-located shallow and deep well; the next highest concentration found was 67 ppt). Two of the private wells sampled had concentrations of 11 and 13 ppt prior to GAC treatment but were non-detect after treatment. Chemours is claiming the results for the manufacturing operations to be Confidential Business Information; we are asking Chemours for substantiation of the claim. Follow-up steps with Chemours were discussed during the monthly call on 6/13. Chemours also notified us that draft GenX results for the Pennsville water supply have been received and are all non-detect.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

San Juan Local Emergency Planning Committee to Host Region 2 for "Core TSCA" Training. At the request of regulated businesses and interested stakeholders in PR, Region 2 is providing compliance assistance training on the TSCA "New and Existing Chemicals" regulations. The training will be held 6/19-20 and is being hosted by the San Juan Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Over 60 LEPC members and invited guests are expected to attend. The training will provide a thorough overview of compliance information for manufacturers, importers, and processors of chemicals and will give attendees the opportunity to have a one-on-one question and answer session with Region 2 inspectors.

Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan III Public Engagement Session. EPA will host the second of six informal public engagement sessions on the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) Action Plan III in Rochester, NY on 6/21. Members of the public will be able to learn more about the Plan development process, talk with representatives from EPA and other agencies and provide input on priorities to be used in the initial stage of developing a GLRI Action Plan covering FY-2020 through 2024.

- 6/18: Senior Region 2 staff are participating in a Lake Guardian event in Rochester, NY to highlight the survey of Lake Ontario (dive and sampling missions by EPA staff).
- 6/19: RA Pete Lopez is scheduled to meet with reporters from The Bergen Record for a profile interview and to discuss several hazardous waste site cleanups in northern New Jersey.

Region 3

Hot Topics

Restoration Advisory Board Meeting at the Former Nansemond Ordnance Depot
On June 7, 2018, representatives from the Department of Defense (DOD), EPA, City of Suffolk (COS), Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Army, Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and contractor, Board and community members and stakeholders, participated in discussions of the site and future activities. The Remedial Project Manager and Community Involvement Coordinator attended the meeting and as usual was an energetic discussion of activities timelines, and cost etc. The highlight of the discussion centered around a previous meeting and site visit attended by more than 30 high-level officials from the DOD, including the Assistant Secretary of Defense, Department of the Army, EPA, DEQ, USACE, COS, and others which resulted in increased emphasis and urgency on the cleanup and restoration activities. Approximately 30 people attended the meeting.

PA Mining to Implement NPDES Checklist
Water Protection Division staff participated in a PADEP Bureau of Mining training webinar for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) mining permit writers on June 6 in Harrisburg, PA. The webinar outlined the rollout of the Pennsylvania NPDES mining checklist. The checklist was developed jointly by PADEP Bureau of Mining and Region 3 NPDES permits mining team and will guide permit writers in the permit development process. Pending PADEP final agreement, the tentative start date is July 1, 2018.

SRF Financial Training Held in Region 3
The Office of Infrastructure and Assistance hosted State Revolving Fund (SRF) financial training from June 5–7 in the regional office. Attendees included SRF staff from all regional states, HQ and Region 3. At a time when there is a renewed emphasis on infrastructure funding, the training focused on critical areas, including the grant funding process, managing cash flows, and conducting financial analysis and oversight. The training is part of EPA's continuous effort to strengthen its partnership with the states.

Wastewater Operator Training for PA Water Environment Association
On June 5-6, Walter Higgins of the Office of Infrastructure and Assistance conducted a full-day training session and two 30-minute presentations at the Pennsylvania Water Environment Association's Annual Conference in Hershey, PA. The conference is attended primarily by wastewater professionals (engineers, operators and equipment vendors). The full-day session was to prepare individuals for the Pennsylvania wastewater certification exam. The two presentations were on Asset Management and Nutrient Removal Optimization.

LCD Reviews MD and VA Lead Programs
In late May and early June, LCD met separately with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR), and Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, respectively, for the end of year reviews of their Lead programs. The meetings allowed EPA to discuss Maryland's and Virginia's programs, including highlights and concerns that any of the involved parties might have. The meeting with Virginia personnel concentrated on each of the departments' function and funding issues. EPA was able to review and evaluate Virginia's progress meeting its grant commitments and accomplishing its deliverable outline within the grant award.

Region III's Small Business Program hosts multi-agency workshop
On June 13, 2018, Region 3's Small Business Program Coordinator and the Small Business Technical Advisor from GSA hosted over 100 small businesses on expanding opportunities and resources. A multi-agency panel discussion followed on the topic of how small businesses can engage the federal government. The event ended with agency breakout sessions where small businesses were invited to share their capabilities with EPA,

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GSA, SBA, USDA and Commerce. The event was well received by the attendees who committed to attend in the future. The Agencies also committed to collaborate on future efforts.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Regional Administrator Cosmo Servidio has the following events scheduled:

- June 14, 2018 – Urban Stromwater Meeting, Greensburg, PA
- June 14, 2018 – Farmer Agricultural Roundtable, Ruffs Dale, PA
- June 19, 2018 – Chester Environmental Partnership Meeting, Chester, PA
- June 19, 2018 – Montgomery Brownfields Press Event, Ambler, PA

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Region 4

Hot Topics

Daicel Safety Systems (Beaver Dam, KY)
Key Message: On June 11, 2018, Region 4 Administrator Trey Glenn closed the loop on the outstanding concerns with Daicel Safety Systems with Tony Hatton, Commissioner for the Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection. The Regional Administrator conveyed the region's plan to not send additional correspondence to the state or the company related to the matter at this time.

Mississippi Phosphates Corporation (Pascagoula, MS)
Key Message: Region 4 Administrator Trey Glenn concurred on the sale of the MPC trust assets to Hilco.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

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

Events
North Carolina Compliance Assurance Meeting. On June 19, 2018, Region 4 Administrator Trey Glenn and regional senior leadership will meet with the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality to discuss general communication with the state as well as state specific compliance concerns. Raleigh, NC. Closed Press.

Everglades Restoration Strategies Principals Meeting. On June 20, 2018, Region 4 Administrator Trey Glenn will meet with the Secretary for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the semi-annual meeting to discuss the status of the Everglades. Miami, FL. Closed Press.

State Commissioners' Meeting. On June 21-22, 2018, Region 4 Administrator Trey Glenn will meet with the Region 4 State Environmental Commissioners to discuss broad programmatic and regulatory concerns as well as special state projects and focus areas. Miami, FL. Closed Press.

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Region 5

Hot Topics

Office of Inspector General Flint Report Expected to be Released Week of June 25
Key Message: The Region and HQ are coordinating on developing a desk statement in preparation for the release. The agency has concurred with OIG's recommendations and provided a response on May 30, 2018.

Mayor of Flint is Refusing to Sign the State's June 6 Administrative Consent Order
Key Message: It is MDEQ policy that significant deficiencies that have not been resolved in 120 days have a formal, agreed-upon schedule in a consent order. The order formally addresses previously identified deficiencies and does not mean that no progress is being made. In press accounts this week, the mayor refers to the order as "retaliatory and punitive."

Environmental Law and Policy Center (ELPC) Filed Motion Seeking Court to Require EPA Action on Lake Erie Impairment
Key Message: The June 8 motion asks the court to require EPA to develop a phosphorous total maximum daily load (TMDL) for western Lake Erie. The ELPC claims that the impairment designation imposed on the western Lake Erie basin triggers the CWA requirement for a TMDL.

Upcoming Events/Major Decisions

EPA to Hold a Public Engagement Meeting for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Action Plan III in Rochester, New York
Key Message: Region 5 and Region 2 are coordinating on the June 21 event. EPA and its federal partners are in the process of developing Action Plan III, which will outline the priorities and goals for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative for the years 2020-2024.

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Region 6

Hot Topics

Tire Fire Response, Cuba, New Mexico
On June 9, 2018, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) requested EPA assistance in response to a tire fire about 5.9 miles south of Cuba, NM. An estimated 80,000 tires burned over a half acre plot, with the fire still not contained. EPA conducted air monitoring on-site and at the neighboring residential properties. All results were non-detect or below site-specific action levels. The New Mexico ambient air monitoring also shows no ambient air concerns. The fire was successfully extinguished June 14, 2018 and EPA assets and resources were demobilized.

HP Cylinders Emergency Response, Baytown, Texas
EPA and TCEQ continue for the $4.2 million impaired cylinder removal action and to visit with neighboring business to discuss project scheduling. This removal action is expected to take 4-6 months to complete. EPA response contractors continue to mobilize assets and resources to Stillwater Consultants, LLC to initiate removal action of 500 abandoned cylinders of compressed gas. EPA's Emergency Response Team mobilized to assist with VIPER data management configuration.

Bird Creek, Osage County, Oklahoma
Data analysis from the in-stream monitoring network at Bird Creek is currently ongoing. Warren American and Jireh have opposed a 90 day stay and EPA answers are due by June 19th.

Texas Impaired Waters List
The public comment period for the TCEQ's 2016 list of impaired waters ended June 4, 2018. Technical issues remain between TCEQ and Region 6 regarding the assessment of certain lakes/reservoirs with site-specific chlorophyll-a criteria which do not appear to be met, yet the state has not chosen to list them as impaired.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

St. James Parish South Louisiana Methanol LP, Louisiana
Region 6 intends to issue a federal register notice announcing the Administrator's decision on the South Louisiana Methanol Title V Petition.

Houston 2008 Ozone Standard Volatile Organic Compound SIP and Reasonably Achievable Control Technology
Region 6 intends to propose approval of the TCEQ VOC storage tank SIP revisions and proposed approval of the state's demonstration that reasonably achievable control technology regulating NOx and VOC emissions are in place for the 2008 Ozone NAAQS in the Houston/Galveston/Brazoria non-attainment area.

Arkansas Minor NSR State Implementation Plan
Region 6 intends to take final SIP action by June 20 to raise ADEQ's minor NSR permitting and de minimis thresholds. EPA received significant public comments on the proposed SIP changes from Sierra Club and more specifically on our 110(l) analysis (anti-backsliding into nonattainment) for the action. This will address two backlog SIP actions.

Oklahoma 2016 Air Permit Program Related Annual SIP Update
Region 6 intends to propose approval of selected revisions to the Oklahoma SIP submitted in their 2016 Annual SIP Update to revise incorporation by reference dates and emission inventory reporting requirements to be consistent with federal requirements.

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CAA TAS Application, Pueblo of Zia, New Mexico

Region 6 received the Pueblo of Zia's Treatment-As-State (TAS) application under the Clean Air Act on May 29. The next step is for EPA to issue a Notification of a Complete Application letter and send notification letters to affected governors and chiefs in the area. A 30-day public comment period will begin with the notification of a complete TAS application.

June 19	Tour of Houston Ship Channel, Houston, Texas
June 20	HARC Tour and Meeting, Houston, Texas
June 20	Houston Bar Association Luncheon, Houston, Texas
June 22	Louisiana Farm Bureau Annual Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana
June 22	LMOGA Refinery Managers Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana

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Region 7

Hot Topics

West Lake Landfill (Bridgeton, MO)

Key Message: This week EPA Region 7 oversaw the installation of a non-combustible cover over portions of the West Lake site, conducted coordination efforts with the state and CAG, and continued to prepare the ROD amendment.

- On Monday June 11, EPA oversaw the installation of the non-combustible cover over two areas in the OU-1 Area 2 of the site. The work is estimated to take 40 days to complete and is required by an enforcement order for surface fire and migration mitigation where radiologically impacted material is present at the ground surface.
- The region hosted a call with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to discuss the Technical Community Advisory Group's request to discuss air monitoring activities and data at the site. MDNR has agreed to jointly participate in the discussion with the TCAG and the region is now working to schedule the meeting.
- Efforts to prepare the Record of Decision Amendment and respond to comments for inclusion in the Responsiveness Summary are ongoing.

Cleburn Thermal Site Visit (Grand Island, NE)

Key Message: EPA Region 7 launched a thermal treatment system at the Cleburn Street Well Superfund site and conducted a related site tour open to stakeholders and local media.

- On June 12, a site tour was conducted on the thermal remedial action at the Cleburn Street Well site. The event included a demonstration of the thermal treatment technology that EPA will use to clean up the TCE contamination at the site. EPA, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, the city of Grand Island, and multiple media were present. In total, approximately 40 people attended the tour and local media interviews were conducted.

Doe Run Meeting in St. Louis

Key Message: EPA Region 7 held a coordination meeting with Doe Run to discuss Superfund sites in Southeast Missouri.

- On June 8, a meeting was held with EPA Region 7 and Doe Run to discuss Superfund site related issues in Southeast Missouri. Topics discussed included financial assurance at two sites, closeout of Doe Run work at the Federal Tailings site, transfer of remaining work at Herculaneum, remaining items from a 2011 multi-media consent decree, the value of closing out orders, concern over Big River OU2 cost, and IROD vs final ROD for river and floodplain cleanup of Big River OU2.
- Additional topics of discussion included chemical smelting technology, industry perspective on lead, recent attribution studies, and liability of other downstream parties.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Shell Creek Atrazine Delisting Event

Key Message: On June 15, Regional Administrator Jim Gulliford and Water, Wetlands, and Pesticide Division Director Jeff Robichaud will attend the Shell Creek Atrazine Delisting event in Schuyler, Nebraska.

Region 8

Hot Topics

UPDATE from 5/24: PFAS Contamination at Sugarloaf Fire Protection District in Boulder County
On Monday, June 11, the Sugarloaf Fire Protection District received additional PFAS sampling results. Only one of the twelve homes nearest Fire Stations 1 and 2 tested above the EPA Health Advisories for PFOA and PFOS. Sugarloaf is coordinating with Boulder County and CDPHE to determine where additional sampling is needed to determine risk. Boulder County has funded sampling private wells to date but expects to request support from CDPHE and EPA for future testing due to the high costs per sample. Sugarloaf is holding a board meeting on Tuesday, June 19, that is open to the public. Boulder County, CDPHE, and EPA will attend to help answer any questions.

Region 8 issued two SDWA Emergency Administrative Orders to the Blackfeet Tribe
On June 7, 2018, EPA issued two EAOs in response to potential imminent and substantial endangerment at Bedrock Babb Water System (serves 60 residents) and Starr School Water System (serves 175 residents) located on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Montana. Both systems lost pressure when they ran out of water due to mechanical problems. Loss of pressure in a drinking water distribution system may cause back siphoning which can allow disease causing organisms to enter the distribution system. The Systems issued public notice (boil water advisory) and are in the process of performing corrective actions.

Region 8 Issued a SDWA Emergency Administrative Order (EAO) to Town of Cokeville in Lincoln County
On June 13, 2018, EPA issued an EAO in response to a potential imminent and substantial endangerment at the Town of Cokeville public water system located in Wyoming. The System, currently serving 535 residents, had an E. coli maximum contaminant exceedance. Prior to order issuance, EPA consulted with OECA, Wyoming DEQ and Department of Health. The State of Wyoming does not have primacy for the drinking water program.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

None

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Region 9

Hot Topics

Excelsior Mining UIC Permit: Next week, we'll make a final permit decision on Excelsior Mining's Class III UIC permit for the Gunnison Copper Project in Cochise County, Arizona. The permit will authorize a 20+ year commercial-scale copper solution mining project involving 1,400 injection and recovery wells, and numerous wells for hydraulic control, monitoring, and compliance assurance. We have worked closely with the Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality to coordinate regulatory requirements for the project, which is also permitted by their Aquifer Protection Program.

PFOS Discussion with Guam EPA: We will meet with Guam EPA Administrator Walter Leon-Guerrero regarding roles and responsibilities for treatment of wells contaminated with perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) located close to the former Department of Defense Naval Air Station Agana.

Audit of California's Class II UIC Program: The Ground Water Protection Council (a nonprofit whose members are state groundwater regulatory agencies) will audit the California UIC program. The GWPC routinely conducts these Class II audits for states who request it. We will participate as an observer at the request of the state and the council.

Navajo Abandoned Uranium Mines: We are using the EPA Airborne Spectral Photometric Environmental Collection Technology (ASPECT) airplane to complete radiological surveys of approximately 130 Navajo Nation abandoned mines. These surveys will help us assess where further investigations are needed. EPA's Radiological Emergency Response Team (RERT) will provide field support for in situ field correlations. There will be two community events for the public to see the ASPECT airplane on the ground, in Gallup and Tuba City.

Denial of Entry (Engine Imports): We recommended the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (CBP) seize or export 800 bicycle engine kits imported by "Used Car Factory" through the Port of Long Beach. Based on our physical examination, Used Car Factory violated the Clean Air Act, as the engines lack a valid Certificate of Conformity and are uncertified. As this is our first recommended seizure or denial of entry for "Used Car Factory," we'll proceed with an Expedited Settlement Agreement (ESAs).

Mexican Border: RA Mike Stoker and Ken Wagner met with the Arizona Dept. of Environmental Quality and DOJ to discuss Nogales wastewater infrastructure. They also attended the Border 2020 Regional Arizona/Sonora workgroup meeting to discuss strategies to eliminate trans-boundary sewage flows.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Pacific Islands Environment Directors Meeting: Next week, we will host senior managers from US-affiliated Pacific island environmental agencies for the biennial Pacific Islands Environment Directors meeting. Topics will include recycling and sustainable materials management, radon testing, information management, and leadership development. Regional Administrator Mike Stoker will provide opening comments.

Presenting PCB FAST to Chevron: On June 18, we will give a presentation to approximately 80 Chevron environmental managers worldwide on the PCB Facility Approval Streamlining Toolkit (PCB FAST), a process developed in Region 9 to speed the pace of PCB cleanups through a collaborative process. Over the past few years, we have worked with Chevron on a number of PCB cleanups. At Chevron's Birch Hills project, we used alternative remediation approaches that reduced the cost of disposal by $12.9 million, reduced CO2 emissions by over 22,000 tons, and reduced the project time by 9 months.

Region 10

Hot Topics

Naval Air Station Whidbey Island to Use CERCLA Time Critical Removal Authority for PFOA/PFOS (WA): Region 10 recently sent a letter to NAS Whidbey Island documenting our disagreement with the Navy's decision to use a CERCLA ***Time Critical*** Removal Action to attach homes with PFOA/PFOS contaminated private well water to the municipal water system for the Town of Coupeville. EPA supports doing this via a ***Non-Time Critical*** Removal Action or interim Record of Decision, both of which allow for public input on the alternatives the Navy considered. We believe this is particularly important because the landowners will no longer be able to use their private wells and will have to pay monthly water bills following the hook up to the municipal water system.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Western States/British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force and Clean Pacific Conference: From June 19 - 21, several members of Region 10's Emergency Management Program will participate in the CLEAN PACIFIC conference in Portland, Oregon. This conference brings together parties responsible for oil spill prevention and response operations in the Western United States and Canada to discuss best practices and build interagency relationships vital to a successful response. In conjunction with the conference, the Pacific States/British Columbia Oil Spill Task Force is holding its annual meeting with a focus on abandoned and derelict vessels and sharing best practices and lessons learned across the west coast. The Task Force is made up of representatives from the states of Hawaii, California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska and the Province of British Columbia to address common oil spill planning, prevention and response issues.

Region 10 to Issue City of Kendrick (ID) Wastewater Treatment Plant Permit: Region 10 plans to issue the final NPDES permit for the City of Kendrick Idaho's wastewater treatment plant by June 29th with an effective date of September 1, 2018. The City uses a lagoon system and disinfection by chlorine to treat wastewater before discharging to the Potlatch River near Kendrick, Idaho. Six miles from the City's outfall, the Potlatch joins the Clearwater River within the boundary of the Nez Perce Reservation. This permit includes a five year compliance schedule for new seasonal ammonia limits and a compliance schedule of 13 years to meet temperature effluent limits.

EPA Continues to Support Oregon's Response to Harmful Algal Blooms and Drinking Water Advisories: Region 8 has joined Region 10 and EPA Headquarters in supporting the City of Salem's response to harmful algal blooms at Detroit Lake by providing test kits and analytical support. Cyanotoxin concentrations have recently increased again in Detroit Lake. Although the most recent drinking water finished water samples have showed cyanotoxin concentrations below the health advisory values, there are still detections of cyanotoxins above the detection limit at certain locations. *The drinking water advisory remains in place while the city is working on adding new treatment, including powdered activated carbon at the plant intake, and while they consider re-imposing a recreational advisory.* The city has also purchased and will shortly put in place ELISA analysis at the plant to quickly analyze cyanotoxins as a potential early warning system. One outstanding technical question is the role of "top-spill" at the Detroit Dam in exporting cyanobacteria and/or toxins downstream to the plant intake. Since the advisory began, the Corps of Engineers delayed further top-spill, however, the spill likely to commence in the near future because it is mandated by the National Marine Fisheries Biological Opinion and is necessary to protect endangered salmonids.

Office of Administration and Resources Management

Hot Topics

OARM Issues Notice of Suspension to Former Volkswagen Official

On June 7, 2018, the EPA Suspension and Debarment Official (SDO) issued a Notice of Suspension to Martin Winterkorn, the former CEO and Chairman of the Management Board of Volkswagen in Wolfsburg, Germany. The suspension is related to VW's emissions testing defeat device scheme, and is based on an indictment charging Mr. Winterkorn with one count of conspiracy, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371 (Conspiracy to Defraud the United States, to Commit Wire Fraud, and to Violate the Clean Air Act) and three counts of wire fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343 and 2. The suspension imposes an immediate exclusion from receiving federal contracts and covered transactions to protect the public interest pending completion of legal proceedings.

Employee Viewpoint Survey

As of the conclusion of the 2018 Employee Viewpoint Survey on June 13, EPA's final agency-wide response rate is 54%. Preliminary results indicate that the Office of General Counsel has the highest EPA headquarters response rate of 77% and Regions 8 and 10 have the highest regional response rate of 62.8%. The government-wide response rate is 34%.

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: 214
- Total Number of SIP Submittals with Final Action taken by the Regions in FY 2018: 176
- Total Number of Pending SIPs: 763

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)
- Rulemaking to Establish Light-Duty Vehicle Greenhouse Gas Emission Standards and Corporate Average Fuel Economy (Proposed Rule)
- Light-Duty Vehicle GHG Program Technical Amendments (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)
- Standards of Performances for New Residential Wood Heaters, New Residential Hydronic Heaters and Forced Air Furnaces Amendments (Proposed Rule)
- Standards of Performances for New Residential Wood Heaters, New Residential Hydronic Heaters and Forced Air Furnaces (ANPRM)
- Implementation of the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone: Nonattainment Area State Implementation Plan Requirements (Final Rule)
- Determination Regarding Good Neighbor Obligations for the 2008 NAAQS (Proposed Rule) – Signature needed by June 29

Packages that will move soon to Signature:

- Health and Environmental Protection Standards for Uranium and Thorium Mill Tailings (Withdrawal of Proposed Rule) – Note OAR is updating the package and will be submitting a new version to the 3rd floor soon
- Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) Electronic reporting Requirements (Final Rule)

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Public Hearing: On June 22nd, EPA will hold a public hearing here in Washington, DC, on its proposed denial of five petitions submitted under section 126 of the Clean Air Act. The state of Delaware submitted four of these petitions, and Maryland submitted one.

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Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Row	Determination Type	Pending on 6/12/2018	Determinations Completed[1] as 6/12/2018	Determinations Posted on the Website as of 6/12/2018[6]
1	# of "not likely" determinations	**1**	**124[4]**	**122[4]**
2	# of §5(e) Orders signed by both EPA and the submitter	-	**402**	**400**
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]	**316[3, 5]**	-	-
6	# of cases flagged for in-depth review	**42**	-	-
7	# of PMNs, SNUNs and MCANs awaiting FOCUS (within 90-day review)	**44**	-	-
8	# of LVE/LOREX exemption grants	-	**608**	**599**
9	# of LVE/LOREX exemption denials	-	**121**	**121**
10	**Total number of cases**	**446**	**1255**	-
11	Normal active workload for the New Chemicals Program	300	-	-
12	Number of cases undergoing testing or data development by submitter	72[3]	-	-
13	**Backlog[2]**	74	-	-

[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 58 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

Second Anniversary of the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act. On June 22, EPA will announce that it has met another set of milestones under the Toxics Substances Control Act, as amended by the Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act. EPA will release guidance and policy on confidential business information, a strategy to reduce animal testing, and a final mercury inventory rule by the Act's June 22, 2018 deadlines.

Updating Hazard Standards to Reduce Exposures to Lead-Contaminated Household Dust. On June 22, EPA will announce a proposal to lower standards for lead in dust for floors and window sills. The new proposed standard for lead in dust for floors and window sills will be more protective and will be an important step to reduce lead exposure. These standards apply to most pre-1978 housing and child-occupied facilities, such as day care centers and kindergarten facilities.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Strategy to reduce animal testing. On June 22, EPA will announce its Strategic Plan to reduce the use of vertebrate animals in chemical testing. The strategy promotes the development and implementation of alternative test methods and strategies to reduce, refine or replace vertebrate animal testing and incorporates input from public meetings and written comments.

Final rule on reporting mercury manufacture and imports. On June 22, EPA will announce its final rule setting forth reporting requirements for the TSCA Mercury Inventory. The information collected though the new reporting requirements will be used to develop future inventories of mercury and mercury-containing product supply, use, and trade in the United States.

CBI expanded access guidance. On June 22, EPA will announce guidance for state, tribal and local governments, medical personnel and emergency responders on sharing confidential business information (CBI). These guidance documents specify the process that will enable other governmental entities and medical personnel and emergency responders to request CBI information.

Unique identifiers policy. On June 22, EPA will announce a policy and procedures for assigning unique identifiers to allow the public to better track information on chemicals while protecting CBI. An identifier will be applied to a substance, whose identity is protected as CBI, as well as to other related information or submissions concerning the same substance. This will allow the public to connect information related to the same substance, even while the specific identity is protected as confidential.

Generic names guidance. On June 22, EPA will announce guidance on structurally descriptive generic names. This guidance will allow EPA to share more information with the public about the structure of substances while protecting the confidential elements of the substance's specific chemical identity. TSCA Submitters claiming the specific chemical identity of a chemical substance as CBI are required to supply a structurally descriptive generic name that can be disclosed to the public.

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Office of the Chief Financial Officer

Hot Topics

- On June 12, 2018, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies considered and reported the FY 2019 Appropriations Bill. Title II of the bill funds the EPA at $8.058 billion, which is $1.878 billion above the FY 2019 President's Budget request. Additionally, the Committee provided $766 million to the EPA separately designated for infrastructure investments to the states. Combined, the total agency funding agreed to by the Senate Subcommittee for FY 2019 is $8.824 billion, which equals the FY 2018 Enacted Budget and is $501 million higher in total than the House Appropriations Full Committee level of $8.323 billion.
- Yesterday (June 14), the Senate Full Committee considered and reported the subcommittee bill by a unanimous vote of 31-0. The Full Committee adopted a bipartisan manager's amendment package by unanimous consent. This amendment contained seven requirements affecting EPA. There was no change to the approved SAC Subcommittee funding levels.
- OCFO continues to coordinate with the agency to review responses to House Appropriations Committee's FY 2019 budget hearings Questions for the Record (QFRs). Only a few remain to be cleared by OMB. OCFO also is coordinating review of the SAC Hearing transcript and the SAC QFRs, the latter of which were received earlier this week.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

- The DA, COO, CFO and other senior leaders will attend the OMB/EPA Strategic Review meeting on June 19.
- OCFO is working with AO's OCI to address any senior leader comments due June 15 on materials for the FY 2018 second quarter Administrator's Quarterly Performance Review scheduled for June 19 (3:00-5:00 PM EDT) and includes AAs/DAAs and RAs/DRAs.
- As follow up to the DA briefing earlier this week on summer planning and budget sessions at the July Senior Leadership Council, the CFO will send invitations and supporting materials to the ECOS Officers and National Tribal Council Executive Committee members. Invitations are for individual sessions for ECOS officers and NTC EC members with the DA the morning of July 18 and a discussion with both groups and the SLC the afternoon of July 18 regarding strategies for implementing selected agency priorities. OCFO will continue to coordinate with OCIR and OITA.

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Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations

Hot Topics

June 20 -- Senate Environment and Public Works Committee confirmation hearing for Peter Wright, nominee for Assistant Administrator for OLEM and Chad McIntosh, nominee for Assistant Administrator for OITA – 10am, 406 Dirksen Building

June 21 -- House Science Subcommittee on Environment will hold a hearing on: Background Ozone levels and International Transport of Ozone 10am, 2318 Rayburn **(No EPA Witness)** Witnesses include:

- **Ms. Diana Rath,** Executive Director, Alamo Area Council of Governments
- **Mr. Timothy Franquist**, Air Quality Division Director, Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
- **Dr. Elena Craft**, Senior Health Scientist, Environmental Defense Fund
- **Mr. Gregory Stella**, Senior Scientist, Alpine Geophysics

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

- **Week of June 18 –** Senate Commerce TA on vessels discharge w/OW and OGC
- **June 22 –** Congressman Latta staff and HEC staff briefing on HABs in drinking water
- **June 25-26** – PFAS community engagement meeting in Exeter, NH w/OW, R1
- **June 26** – RPM Act discussion with HEC staff
- **June TBD –** Senator Baldwin staff call on PFAS actions w/OW
- **June TBD-** Congressman Doyle staff briefing re: PFAS actions
- **TBD** – Sen. Isakson (GA) staff briefing on new chemicals process w/OCSPP
- **TBD** – Appropriations staff briefing on PRIA fees w/OCSPP, OCFO
- **TBD** - SEPW/HEC staff briefing on TSCA first 10 chemical problem formulations w/ OSCPP
- **TBD**- Congressman Boyle (PA) staff briefing re: PFAS actions w/ OW
- **TBD**- Sen. Peters (MI) staff call on PFAS actions w/OW
- **TBD**- Cong. Joyce (OH) request to brief Mentor, OH officials on GLRI (incl. potential funding)

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

Hot Topics

Settlement with New York City Housing Authority for Lead-Based Paint Violations
On June 11, 2018, the United States filed a Consent Decree to settle admitted violations by the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) of federal lead-based paint requirements, housing standards, and other laws. NYCHA is the largest Public Housing Agency in the United States. EPA and the U.S. Department of Housing (HUD) were plaintiffs to the case, which was prosecuted by DOJ's Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York. In the Consent Decree, NYCHA admitted and accepted responsibility for false statements to HUD regarding its compliance with federal laws; violation of federal lead-based paint requirements, including EPA's Renovation, Repair and Painting rule, and the Lead-Based Paint Disclosure Rule, and violation of housing standards related to pests, mold, heating and elevators. To date, 19 children associated with affected properties were diagnosed as having elevated blood-lead levels. Lead dust from disturbed lead based paint is the leading cause of childhood lead poisoning. The Consent Decree will be in effect at least 5 years and will remain in effect as long as needed. It includes the appointment of an independent monitor who will have authority to establish performance standards and action plans to ensure NYCHA's compliance with the applicable requirements. The City of New York also committed to provide $1 billion in additional funds to improve the affected properties over the first 4 years and $200 million each year thereafter that the decree remains in effect, for a minimum commitment of $1.2 billion. The settlement focuses on protecting human health and ensuring compliance and does not impose penalties for past violations.

Settlement with Jack Noble to Resolve Clean Water Act Violations
On June 11, 2018, DOJ and EPA lodged a consent decree with Humboldt County, California landowner, Jack Noble, to resolve violations of the Clean Water Act. Under the proposed settlement, Mr. Noble will remove concrete and other debris that he dumped into the Van Duzen River, create woody alcoves in the river for fish habitat, revegetate the banks to restore the river, and pay a civil penalty of $10,000.

Settlement with Decostar Industries to Resolve RCRA Hazardous Air Emission Violations
On June 12, 2018, EPA reached an administrative settlement with Decostar to resolve RCRA organic air violations. Under the settlement, the company is required to implement a leak detection and repair program and pay a $377,900 penalty. Decostar will also carry out a supplement environmental project to upgrade equipment upgrade at a cost $2.7 million. The steps that Decostar will take under the settlement will protect workers and the surrounding community and improve overall air quality.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

On June 15, 2018, EPA's investigative team for the VW criminal case will receive the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys Directors Award for "Superior Performance by a Litigative Team."

On June 21, 2018, OECA AA Susan Bodine, R8 RA Doug Benevento, and Acting AAG for ENRD Jeff Woods will tour the Colorado Springs municipal separate storm sewer system and receiving waters.

Office of Environmental Information

No Submission this week

Office of General Counsel

Hot Topics

- *State of Georgia v. Pruitt*, No. 15-cv-79 (S.D. Ga.). New development: On June 8, the court preliminarily enjoined the 2015 Rule defining "waters of the United States," finding that the plaintiff-States had demonstrated "a likelihood of success on their claims that the [2015 Rule] was promulgated in violation of the CWA and the APA," noting that the 2015 Rule appears to regulate waters that do not have an effect on the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of navigable waters and to not be a logical outgrowth of the proposed rule.

- *Nat'l Envtl. Dev. Ass'n Clean Air Project v. EPA*, No.16-1344 (D.C. Cir.). New development: On June 8, the court upheld EPA's 2016 amendments to the Regional Consistency Rule Regulations under the CAA, which provide that an EPA region need not seek concurrence from headquarters to take an action that is inconsistent with EPA's national policy when such inconsistency is required for the agency to act in accordance with a federal district or circuit court decision.

- *States of New York and Connecticut v. Pruitt*, No. 1:18-cv-00406-JGK (S.D.N.Y.). New development: On June 12, the court issued an opinion and order requiring EPA to fulfill its overdue nondiscretionary duty to act to fully resolve interstate transport obligations under the CAA Good Neighbor provision for the 2008 ozone NAAQS for five states (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Virginia, and West Virginia). As per the statement of undisputed facts jointly filed by EPA and the plaintiffs, the order requires EPA to sign and disseminate (e.g., via web posting) a proposal by June 29, 2018, and a final action by December 6, 2018.

- *Maryland v. Pruitt*, No. Civ-JKB-17-2939 (D. Md.). New development: On June 12, the court issued a memorandum opinion and order and opinion ordering EPA to rule by September 15, 2018 on Maryland's petition under Clean Air Act § 126, requesting EPA to find that emissions from 36 power plants in five upwind states significantly contribute to Maryland's nonattainment of the 2008 ozone NAAQS. Plaintiffs (Maryland and Chesapeake Bay Foundation) had requested a deadline of 60 days from the court's ruling; EPA had asked for December 31, 2018. EPA must hold a hearing and keep the record open for 30 days thereafter.

- *Waterkeeper Alliance et al. v. Pruitt*, No. 18-cv-3521 (N.D. Cal.). New development: On June 13, environmental plaintiffs filed a complaint challenging the Army Corps' and EPA's 2015 Rule defining "waters of the United States" and the agencies' February 2018 Applicability Rule, which added an applicability date to the 2015 Rule. Plaintiffs seek an order vacating the Applicability Rule and specific portions of the 2015 Rule, claiming that the rules' promulgation violated the CWA, APA, NEPA, and ESA.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

6/28 Motions hearing in *Lipton v. EPA*, FOIA lawsuit filed by New York Times alleging that EPA failed to respond to a FOIA request and to make records available that were requested three or more times (D.D.C.).

Office of International and Tribal Affairs

Hot Topics

EU Meeting on EPA's Formaldehyde Emissions Standards - The EU Ambassador to the U.S. and the Embassies of Spain and Italy requested a meeting with EPA to discuss their concerns regarding EPA's Formaldehyde Emission Standards for Composite Wood Products Rule (TSCA Title VI) which came into effect on June 1, 2018. EPA (OCSPP, OECA, OGC and OITA) and USTR met with the EU Delegation to discuss the new standards and compliance with the June 1 date. This meeting was held in advance of an upcoming WTO Technical Barriers to Trade Committee meeting next week. USTR thought EPA did an outstanding job of responding to the EU concerns and demonstrated a true willingness to be helpful and accommodating to EU industry (wherever possible within our authorities).

Australia Cooperation on Water – EPA (OW, ORD, OITA) met with the Australia's Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) to discuss advancing water cooperation under our existing MOU with DAWR, which was renewed in 2016. In the meeting we shared best practices and challenges in the following areas: water infrastructure, water reuse, water security/resilience, water technology/innovation, water efficiency labeling, and water modeling. We agreed to identify a few priority areas for future cooperation under the MOU and exchange information in the other areas of interest.

EPA's American Indian and Alaskan Native Special Emphasis Program - OITA led a strategic planning workshop for EPA's American Indian and Alaskan Native Special Emphasis Program (AI/AN SEP) to review of EPA's *Diversity and Inclusion Strategic Plan (2017 - 2021)*, *Special Emphasis Program Managers Handbook (2018)*, and *FY 2017 Management Directive 1715 Report*. Attendees prepared a draft FY 2019 AI/AN Special Emphasis Program Strategic Plan, that includes a commitment to produce EPA recruitment materials targeting potential American Indian and Alaskan Native applicants, and profiling current AI/AN employees as examples of successful professionals across a broad range of job classifications and levels of seniority. The workshop was attended by staff from Regions 3, 5, 6, 8, and 10, OCR, OARM and OITA.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

North American Development Bank – The North American Development Bank will be meeting on June 18 and 19 in Mexico to discuss water infrastructure projects and the recent merger with the Border Environment Cooperation Committee. The U.S. Board members include representatives from Treasury, State Department and EPA (OITA PDAA).

Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) Council Session – The CEC Council, consisting of the Environmental Ministers from the U.S., Canada, and Mexico, will be meeting on June 26 and 27 in Oklahoma City. The U.S. (EPA Administrator) is the chair of this year's Council Session, which will focus on "Partnerships and Innovation for Green Growth."

G7 Environmental Ministerial Preparation Meeting – EPA and State Department will be attending a G7 Environmental Ministerial preparatory meeting on June 28 and 29 in Montreal. Following guidance of the NSC, we will continue preparations on the three topics proposed by Canada - climate and clean growth, sustainable finance, and resource efficiency including marine litter.

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. A public hearing was held today, and approximately 50 people presented testimony at the hearing. Participants represented industry groups, environmental organizations, community groups, consulting firms, regulated facilities, and others. The public comment period ends July 30, 2018.

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 are working with OGC, OP, and the AO to plan our approach to the next three sectors.

PFAS. We are working with ORD and OW to develop groundwater cleanup recommendations for PFOA and PFOS. OLEM is working with the AO, OGC, OECA and other AAships to look at available statutory mechanisms for PFOA and PFOS to be "hazardous substances" under CERCLA.

Emergency Response. The Environmental Response Team is working with Region 9 as part of the inter-governmental effort addressing volcano activity in Hawaii. Total current staffing is 23.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

BUILD Act. A notice to solicit comment on aspects of the BUILD Act was signed, and we anticipate FR publication by June 21.

Coal Combustion Residuals. The proposed rule is with OMB and we anticipate signature by June 25. We anticipate approval of Oklahoma's CCR permitting program the week of June 18. Georgia submitted its CCR permit program application to EPA. It is undergoing review.

E-Manifest Launch. We anticipate issuing a press release on June 29, for the launch on June 30.

Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals Final Rule. We briefed the DA today, and we anticipate the rule package going to OMB soon.

Hazardous Substances Spill Prevention Proposed Rule. We are working toward OMB clearance to allow for signature by June 15.

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Office of Policy

Hot Topics:

Number of Actions to OFR this Year:

- Signed by Regions:
  - Notices: 45
  - Proposed Rules: 134
  - Direct Final Rules: 9
  - Withdrawal of Proposed Rule: 1
  - Withdrawal of Direct Final: 4
  - Final Rules: 106
- Signed by HQ:
  - Notices: 222
  - Proposed Rules: 37
  - NPRM Extension: 1
  - Withdrawal of Direct Final: 1
  - Interim Final: 1
  - Final Rules: 67

Number of Actions to OFR this Week (June 8 – June 14):

- Signed by Regions:
  - Notices: 1
  - Proposed Rules: 10
  - Direct Final Rules: 1
  - Withdrawal of Proposed Rule: 0
  - Withdrawal of Direct Final: 0
  - Final Rules: 3
- Signed by HQ:
  - Notices: 10
  - Proposed Rules: 4
  - NPRM Extension: 0
  - Withdrawal of Direct Final: 0
  - Interim Final: 0
  - Final Rules: 1

Active Interagency Reviews from OMB	
Title	**OMB Due Date**
HHS FRM: "Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects: Six Month Delay of the General Compliance Date of Revisions While Allowing the Use of Three Burden-Reducing Provisions During the Delay Period" (a.k.a. Common Rule Delay)	06/13/2018

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Documents Submitted to OFR from June 6 - 12, 2018		
FRL	**Title**	**Date Submitted to OFR**
9979-53-OW	Announcement of the Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) New England Community Engagement	6/12/2018
9979-49-Region 9	Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Arizona; Nonattainment Plan for the Miami SO2 Nonattainment Area	6/12/2018
9979-47-OAR	Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Fuel Use Requirements for Great Lake Steamships (Renewal)	6/12/2018
9979-07-Region 1	Air Plan Approval; Maine; Infrastructure State Implementation Plan Requirements	6/12/2018
9978-97-Region 1	Air Plan Approval; Connecticut; Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Revisions to the Prevention of Significant Deterioration Greenhouse Gas Permitting Authority	6/12/2018
9979-39-Region 3	Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Regional Haze Plan and Visibility Requirements for the 2010 Sulfur Dioxide and the 2012 Fine Particulate Matter Standards	6/11/2018
9979-33-OAR	Relaxation of the Federal Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) Gasoline Volatility Standard for Baton Rouge, Louisiana	6/11/2018
9979-32-Region 5	Wisconsin Regional Haze 5-year Progress Report	6/11/2018
9979-26-OCSPP	Agency Information Collection Activities; Pre-Manufacture Review Reporting and Exemption Requirements for New Chemical Substances and Significant New Use Reporting Requirements for Chemical Substances; Emergency Processing Request Submitted to OMB	6/11/2018
9979-12-Region 10	Approval of the Application by the State of Idaho to Administer the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and Electronic Reporting	6/11/2018
9979-03-OEI	Cross-State Air Pollution Rule and Texas SO2 Trading Programs (Renewal)/ICR No.2391.05	6/11/2018
9978-55-OCSPP	Ortho-Phthalaldehyde; Receipt of Application for Emergency Exemption, Solicitation of Public Comment	6/11/2018

9978-41-OCSPP	Receipt of Several Pesticide Petitions Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities	6/11/2018
9978-37-OCSPP	Difenacoum; Notice of Receipt of Requests to Voluntarily Cancel Certain Pesticide Registrations	6/11/2018
9978-34-OCSPP	Pesticide Product Registration; Receipt of Applications for New Active Ingredients	6/11/2018
9978-29-OCSPP	Receipt of Several Pesticide Petitions Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities	6/11/2018
9977-75-OCSPP	Extract of Swinglea Glutinosa; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance	6/11/2018
9979-42-Region 3	Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Interstate Transport Requirements for the 2012 Fine Particulate Matter Standard	6/8/2018
9979-41-OP	Increasing Consistency and Transparency in Considering Costs and Benefits in the Rulemaking Process	6/8/2018
9979-34-Region 9	Approval of Air Plan Revisions; Approvals and Promulgations: California; Placer County Air Pollution Control District; Stationary Source Permits	6/8/2018
9977-78-OCSPP	Notification of Submission to the Secretary of Agriculture; Harmonize 40 CFR 26 Subparts C, D, and K with Subpart A (the Common Rule)	6/8/2018
9979-44-Region 3	Removal of Pennsylvania Gasoline Volatility Requirements for the Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley Area	6/8/2018
9979-43-Region 3	Removal of Pennsylvania Gasoline Volatility Requirements for the Pittsburgh-Beaver Valley Area	6/8/2018
9979-22-OARM	Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Monthly Progress Reports (Renewal)	6/8/2018
9979-21-Region 3	National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List: Deletion of the Ordnance Works Disposal Areas Superfund Site	6/8/2018
9979-16-OCSPP	Addition of Nonylphenol Ethoxylates Category; Community Right-to-Know Toxic Chemical Release Reporting	6/7/2018
9978-76-OCSPP	Asbestos; Significant New Use Rule	6/6/2018
9978-40-OCSPP	Problem Formulations for the Risk Evaluations to be Conducted under the Toxic Substances Control Act, and Application of Systematic Review in TSCA Risk Evaluations; Notice of Availability	6/6/2018

9979-19-OAR	Response to Clean Air Act Section 126(b) Petitions from Delaware and Maryland; Public Hearing	6/6/2018
9979-06-Region 3	District of Columbia: Proposed Authorization of District Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions	6/6/2018
9979-08-Region 6	Underground Injection Control Program; Hazardous Waste Injection Restrictions; Petition for Exemption Reissuance - Class I Hazardous Waste Injection; U. S. Ecology Texas (USET) Robstown, Texas	6/6/2018
9978-99-OLEM	Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Trade Secrets Claims under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Information	6/6/2018

Upcoming Major Decisions or Events

Preparedness and Recovery Webinar. On June 21, EPA will host a webinar co-produced by the Office of Environmental Justice to share information on legal requirements and practices that can help ensure the protection of first responders and communities affected by disasters.

Office of Research and Development

Hot Topics

PFAS ECOS Call

On June 20, ORD is coordinating the ECOS-EPA PFAS call. The purpose of this bimonthly call is for EPA and state partners to share information on PFAS-related science and technical activities. Agenda topics include an update on state-level risk communication of PFAS contamination, MassDEP drinking water guidelines for five PFAS chemicals, a recap from EPA's PFAS National Leadership Summit and next steps, and EPA ORD efforts on evaluating PFAS treatment performance and cost.

ISA Update

On June 15th, ORD anticipates releasing the "Second External Review Draft Integrated Science Assessment for Oxides of Nitrogen, Oxides of Sulfur, and Particulate Matter – Ecological Criteria" for public comment and external peer review. This ISA is part of the review of the secondary (welfare-based) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for these pollutants. This draft ISA will be reviewed by a panel of the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC) at a public meeting scheduled for September 5-6, 2018.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

Next week, New England state commissioners and staff will visit ORD's Atlantic Ecology Division. Participating states include CT, MA, ME, NH, RI and VT, as well as Regional Administrator Alexandra Dunn and Deputy Regional Administrator Deb Szaro. The visit will provide an opportunity for Region 1 states to learn more about EPA ORD science and technical capabilities, meet ORD scientists and see first-hand some of the innovative work being done by ORD researchers. This visit will include a lab tour and presentations focused on topics of interest to New England states including nutrients, algal blooms, PFAS, coastal resilience as well as an overview of EPA's Chemistry Dashboard.

Nutrients Visioneering Meeting

On June 19th, ORD and OW will participate in a nutrients visioneering meeting in Woods Hole, MA. The meeting, hosted by the Challenging Nutrients Coalition, will bring together bold thinkers to generate new ideas for addressing excess nitrogen and phosphorus in our nation's waterways. The Challenging Nutrients Coalition is a group of federal agencies, universities, and non-profit organizations committed to working together to foster innovative science and technology solutions for addressing excess nitrogen and phosphorus in our nation's waters. The discussions and concepts generated during the visioneering meeting will be used to help inform the next set of challenges and initiatives for the Coalition.

Implementation of EPA's Plan to Increase Access to Results of EPA-Funded Scientific Research

During the week of June 18th, EPA will release *Implementation of EPA's Plan to Increase Access to Results of EPA-Funded Scientific Research* - A Report to Congress – 2018. The report is in response to Congressional language in the 2018 Omnibus Appropriations.

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Office of Water

Hot Topics

Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health (BEACH) Act Report to Congress: This week, OW sent forward to OP the BEACH Act Report to Congress for OMB review. The BEACH Act of 2000 directs the EPA to submit a report every four years. The last report submitted to Congress, however, was in 2006. In response to the OIG's finding that the EPA did not meet this statutory obligation, the Agency committed to submit this final report to Congress by August 15, 2018, as part of our corrective action. This final report relies heavily on the recently released *2017 Five-Year Review of the 2012 Recreational Water Quality Criteria* and the Agency's beach program website.

Alaska Mitigation Memorandum of Agreement (MOA): This week, the EPA and Department of Army signed a joint MOA on Alaska Mitigation. The MOA updates and replaces the 1994 Alaska Mitigation Memorandum. Next week, Lee Forsgren and Army leadership will travel to Alaska to hold listening sessions on the revised MOA with local stakeholders, including other federal and state agencies, tribal representatives, and industry. The last stakeholder session will be open to the press.

Upcoming Major Decisions and Events

WIFIA: Next week, the EPA anticipates closing the 2nd WIFIA loan to the City of Omaha in the amount of $69.7 million for the construction of a retention treatment basin to address combined sewer overflows in the Saddle Creek Basin as required by the city's consent decree, Clean Water Act permit, and long-term control plan. This project will address water quality concerns in Papillion Creek and the Missouri River by removing an estimated 1.2 billion gallons of combined sewage discharge into the Little Papillion Creek, and removing floatables and other solids from combined sewer overflows. We anticipate sending the loan approval package for the Administrator's signature early next week.

Waterkeeper II Steam Electric FOIA: Next week, the EPA anticipates issuing the final production for this FOIA, pursuant to court order.