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Subject: Announcing publication of draft cadmium aquatic life criteria for scientific views

Greetings,

Today EPA published draft water quality criteria for aquatic life for the metal cadmium. The draft cadmium water quality criteria reflect the best available science, including the results of new laboratory aquatic toxicity tests. In addition, the effect of hardness on cadmium toxicity was revised with the newly acquired data. The draft criteria have undergone an external peer review.

EPA will accept public comments on the draft criteria for 60 days after publication in the Federal Register (through February 1, 2016). EPA will consider the comments received and revise the criteria. Once finalized, EPA's water quality criteria for cadmium will provide recommendations to states and tribes authorized to establish water quality standards under the Clean Water Act. The criteria document is available at: http://www.epa.gov/wqc/aquatic-life-criteria-cadmium and at REGULATIONS.GOV (docket: EPA-HQ-OW-2015-0753).

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