UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF WATER

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Request for pre-publication authorization on: Recommended Aquatic Life Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Cadmium – 2016 (Tier 3, SAN 5843)

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PURPOSE
The Office of Science and Technology is requesting authorization to publish to the web a pre-publication edition of the federal register notice and document for Recommended Aquatic Life Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Cadmium – 2016.

DEADLINE
The updated aquatic life criteria for cadmium needs to be published by March 30, 2016, in order to maintain a timeline set by a potential lawsuit settlement agreement with Northwest Environmental Advocates.

OVERVIEW
The driver for updating the cadmium criteria was a lawsuit brought on by Northwest Environmental Advocates following the EPA's 2013 disapproval of Oregon's freshwater acute cadmium criterion. The EPA's disapproval triggered a CWA duty for the EPA to propose a replacement criterion for Oregon. The EPA would intend to use the updated criteria document as the scientific basis for the

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