



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION III
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

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The Honorable Marissa J. Levine, Commissioner
Commonwealth of Virginia
Department of Health
109 Governor Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Commissioner Levine:

On October 3, 2016, the Virginia Department of Health adopted new regulations and revisions to the state's Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) Program. Specifically, Virginia adopted regulations to implement and enforce the Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR).

On December 13, 2016, the Office of Drinking Water submitted a primacy program revision request to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review and approval. In a letter dated November 21, 2016, Grant Kronenberg, the Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Virginia, provided a certification that these revisions to the statutory and regulatory authorities to implement and enforce the RTCR provisions are duly adopted and enforceable.

EPA has reviewed the program primacy revision request and finds that Virginia's revisions are no less stringent than the corresponding Federal regulations. EPA is pleased to inform you that we have tentatively approved these revisions to Virginia's PWSS Program.

EPA has submitted a public notice to the Federal Register for publication stating that Virginia's regulations have been tentatively approved. The notice also opens a 30-day comment period during which interested parties can request a hearing regarding EPA's determination. EPA will place newspaper advertisements in a Virginia newspaper announcing this decision. If no significant comments are received, EPA's determination on Virginia's regulations will be final and approved at the end of the comment period. We will inform you and your staff of all comments received and any public hearing requests.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, or have your staff contact Mr. Brian Hamilton, EPA's Virginia Liaison, at 215-814-5497 and hamilton.brian@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Cecil A. Rodrigues".

Cecil A. Rodrigues
Acting Regional Administrator



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