

PUBLIC NOTICE

State of Maryland

NOTICE TITLE: Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment and Public Hearing on the tentative Approval of Maryland's Revision of its Public Water System Supervision Program

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3
Water Protection Division
Drinking Water Branch/Mail Code: 3WP21
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103**

Comments will be accepted until October 31, 2018.

NOTICE: Notice is hereby given that the State of Maryland has adopted drinking water regulations for the Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR). Among other provisions, the RTCR requires many small public water systems to increase monitoring for bacterial contaminants from quarterly to monthly. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has determined that the Maryland Revised Total Coliform Rule meets all minimum federal requirements, and that it is no less stringent than the corresponding federal regulations. Therefore, EPA has tentatively decided to approve Maryland's program revision.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT: All interested parties may request a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be submitted by October 31, 2018, to the Regional Administrator at the address shown below. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for a hearing may be denied by the Regional Administrator. However, if a substantial request for a public hearing is made by October 31, 2018, a public hearing will be held. If no timely and appropriate request for a hearing is received and the Regional Administrator does not elect to hold a hearing, this determination shall become final and effective on October 31, 2018. Any request for a public hearing shall include the following information:

1. The name, address, and telephone number of the individual, organization, or other entity requesting a hearing.
2. A brief statement of the requesting person's interest in the Regional Administrator's determination and of information that the requesting person intends to submit at such hearing.
3. The signature of the individual making the request; or, if the request is made on behalf of an organization or other entity, the signature of a responsible official of the organization or other entity.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Information on EPA's determination is available for public view between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following offices:

- Drinking Water Branch, Water Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029.
- Water Supply Program, Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Baltimore, Maryland 21230.

CONTACT INFORMATION: For additional information contact Kelly Moran at the Philadelphia address given above, via email at moran.kelly@epa.gov, or via fax at (215) 814-2302.