

Pretreatment Bytes

Issue I

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Welcome to the first edition of Pretreatment Bytes, an electronic update of issues that are important to Pretreatment Coordinators. Bytes will bring you policy and regulation updates, training opportunities, ways to access other information sources, Regional Sound Bytes, and opportunities for you to get more involved in the development of guidance and regulations. For additional detail on any issue, contact your Regional EPA or State Pretreatment Coordinator, or the contact listed after each item. If you have any questions regarding, or notices to include in, Pretreatment Bytes, please call Jan Pickrel at (202) 260-7904 or leave a note via email at pickrel.jan@epamail.epa.gov.

Pretreatment Regulations

Procedures for Modifying Approved POTW

Pretreatment Programs-Final

On July 17, 1997, a final rule to simplify the procedures for modifying POTW pretreatment programs was published in the Federal Register (62 FR 38405-38415). Fewer types of modifications are considered "substantial" and automatically subject to detailed public notice procedures. Substantial modifications may now also be approved following a single public notice if no comments are received in response to the notice. The time period for POTWs to submit non-substantial program modifications prior to implementation is extended from 30 to 45 days. Approval Authorities are required to approve or disapprove the proposed modifications within 45 days rather than the previously allowed 90 days. Revisions were made to 403.9, 403.11, 403.12, and 403.18. Contact: Jeff Smith at (202) 260-5586.

General Pretreatment Program Requirements-Proposal

EPA is considering several changes to streamline the pretreatment program, reducing the current burden to POTWs and industrial users, including: exclusions or variable requirements for smaller facilities that contribute insignificant amount of pollutants; clarification of requirements for implementing pretreatment standards; and more flexible reporting, inspection and sampling requirements. OWM developed draft preamble and regulatory language (May 30, 1997) for 13 specific technical issues that are the main focus of the rulemaking. This draft was mailed to over 130 outside stakeholders in June 1997, and received comments from 78 commenters. OWM staff are reviewing the comments and expect to issue a final notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) in June 1998. Contact: Jeff Smith at (202) 260-5586.

Effluent Guidelines

PFPR: Pesticide Formulating, Packaging and Repackaging final regulations, 40 CFR 455, were published in the Federal Register on 11/6/96 and became effective in January 1997. Contact: Shari Zuskin at (202) 260-7130.

Industrial Laundries: 40 CFR 441 was proposed in the Federal Register on 12/17/97. Public hearings were held on 1/15/98 in Washington, D.C. , and 1/21/98 in Seattle, WA. The comment period ended 2/17/98. Contact: Marta Jordan at (202) 260-0817.

Landfills: 40 CFR 445 was proposed in the Federal Register on 2/6/98. Contact Michael Ebner at (202) 260-5397.

Transportation Equipment Cleaning: Regulations are scheduled to be proposed in May 1998. Contact John Tinger at (202) 260-4992.

Pharmaceutical Manufacturing: Final regulations for 40 CFR 439 are anticipated for publication in late Spring 1998. Contact Frank Hund at (202) 260-7182.

**Regional Sound Bytes:
What's New in Pretreatment in EPA's Regions?**

① Region 1 is assisting States that are modifying their NPDES permits to the "Watershed" approach. Next quarterly Approved Program Coordinators meeting is scheduled for Mar. 10, 1998, in Warwick, RI. Contact: Mark Spinale at (617) 565-3554.

② Region 2 is planning a pretreatment coordinators workshop in July 1998, in New York State (location is not yet final). Passaic Valley, NJ's Effluent Trading Pilot Project has matched sellers and buyers of effluent loadings. New Jersey has adopted new rules, including specific penalties against non-implementing programs. NJWEA Conference is scheduled for May 6, 1998, in Atlantic City: "Industry/Regulatory Partnership in a Climate of Change". Contact: Virginia Wong at (212) 637-4241.

③ Region 3 has collected 1994-96 POTW influent and effluent data to support a pilot project showing the effectiveness of the pretreatment program. Earlier data are now being compiled. EPA, PA DEP, and Eastern Pennsylvania Water Pollution Control Operators' Association are cosponsoring training in Myerstown, PA on Apr. 22-23, 1998 on: Pollution Prevention,

enforcement, laboratory QA/QC, using the internet. Contact: John Lovell at (215) 566-5790.

④ Region 4 States Conference is scheduled for April 6-9, 1998, in Gatlinburg, TN. Contact: Dave Olson at (404) 562-9756.

⑤ Region 5 hopes to delegate Illinois and Indiana State Pretreatment programs in 1998. A Removal Credit authorization was approved for Sauget, IL, in 1997. The Region is working on a multi-media and pollution prevention approach to eliminate Mercury output within the Great Lakes program. A Regional pretreatment page is coming soon! Contact: Matt Gluckman at (312) 886-6089.

⑥ Region 6 is currently working to authorize Texas's NPDES and Pretreatment program. The Region modified the pretreatment audit checklist to include Pollution Prevention questions, for use as both a teaching tool and to provide guidance to POTWs. Enforcement activities are now evolving from direct implementation to oversight. The Region also is piloting an electronic reporting project. The 15th Annual Regional Seminar (1997) had 325

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Other NPDES Programs:

SMALL-COMMUNITY Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs) WORKSHOPS - The CSO Partnership, a consortium of communities with CSO problems with grant funding and technical assistance from EPA, is sponsoring two-day workshops designed to help small communities understand the CSO Policy. The workshops cover a range of implementation issues and include panel discussions and case studies. Small-community workshops have already been held in West Virginia, Maine, and Columbus, Ohio (with approximately 90 participants at each). Workshops are planned for Indiana and Pennsylvania. Contact: Ross Brennan at (202) 260-6928.

Sanitary Sewer Overflows - The Office of Wastewater Management (OWM) is working with other EPA offices, NPDES States, and a Federal Advisory Subcommittee to develop a comprehensive regulatory framework to address Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs). Technical and outreach materials are being developed, and a Regional and State National SSO Coordinator's meeting is scheduled for May 1998. Contact: Sharie Centilla at (202) 260-6052.

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⑥ (cont. from page 2) participants; 1998's Workshop will be in Ft. Worth, Texas, in early August. Contact: Lee Bohme at (214) 665-7532.

⑦ Region 7 is cosponsoring a Regional Pretreatment Workshop in Colorado Springs with Region 8 on Apr.15-17, 1998. The Region approved a modified audit/PCI form that is being used in some of its states. Contact: Paul Marshall at (913) 551-7419.

⑧ Region 8 is cosponsoring a Regional Pretreatment Workshop with Region 7 (see above). With local and State governments, the Region is conducting a Hauled Waste Study which may result in some enforcement action. Contact: Curt McCormick at (303) 312-6377.

⑨ Region 9's Pretreatment staff were relocated to within the NPDES Enforcement Office, and two new staff members have been hired. The Mexican Border programs (Tijuana and Nogales) have conducted headworks analyses and set MAHLs for their respective portions of the trunklines from Mexico. Staff is assisting the Superfund/RCRA and CSI staff in addressing "Renegade" IUs (industries that move from city to city). CWEA Industrial and Hazardous Waste Conference

and Exhibition Program was held February 9-10, 1998, in Huntington Beach, CA. Contact: Keith Silva at (415) 744-1907.

⑩ Region 10 co-sponsored two training workshops in 1997 (in Washington and in Portland, Oregon) and is assisting with the Idaho Wastewater Operators Conference in Pocatello, ID. Contact: Sharon Wilson at (206) 553-0325.

Awards Nominations!

Nominations for the 1998 1998 National Pretreatment Program Excellence Awards are due March 23.



Contact your Regional EPA Pretreatment Coordinator for

information!

EPA & WEF

Pretreatment Training Course

EPA and the Water Environment Federation present a 2-day course which provides the basic regulatory framework and technical considerations that support the development and implementation of pretreatment programs. Registration is currently being accepted for:

- March 2-3: Nashville, TN;
- April 20-21: Baltimore, MD;
- June 23-24: Chicago, IL.

Additional classes are being planned. Call Pat Bradley with questions: (202) 260-6963.

Storm Water Phase II

The proposed NPDES Storm Water Rule (Phase II) was published in the Federal Register on January 9, 1998 (63 FR 1536). When finalized, this rule will supersede the August 7, 1995 storm water regulation (60 FR 40230). This "Phase" will expand the existing program to smaller municipalities and construction sites that disturb 1 to 5 acres, and includes proposing "safety valves" which will allow certain sources to be excluded from the national program based on the lack of impact on water quality, as well as to pull in other sources not regulated based on localized impact on water quality. Finally, industrial facilities that have "no exposure" of industrial activities to storm water are proposed for exclusion, thereby reducing application of the program to many industrial activities currently covered by the program that have no industrial storm water discharges. Six Public meeting/hearings are scheduled from 1-4 p.m. at the following locations:

- 2/23/98 - Washington, DC;
- 2/25/98 - Boston, MA;
- 2/27/98 - Atlanta, GA;
- 3/2/98 - Chicago, IL;
- 3/4/98 - Dallas, TX;
- 3/4/98 - San Francisco, CA.

Contact Patrick Ogbebor at (202) 260-6322.

NPDES Permit Writers' Training Course - See

Calendar (page 4) for locations and dates. Call Dan Weese at (202) 260-6809.

Publications

Guidance Available on OWM

Homepage. The Office of Wastewater Management (OWM) now has a Home Page which provides access to pretreatment guidance and policy:

<http://www.epa.gov/OWM>

The Pretreatment Program staff is in the process of transitioning from PIPES to the OWM home page which will include access to Pretreatment policy and guidance.

Information on effluent guidelines may be found on the Office of Science and Technology Home Page:

<http://www.epa.gov/OST>

Coming Soon

Pretreatment Publications available (hopefully) by the end of calendar year 1998 include:

- Data Management;
- Cost Accounting and Budgeting;
- “Guidance to the Guidance”;
- Manual for Control of Waste Hauled to POTWs; and
- Choosing a Contract Laboratory.

A Local Limits Manual Update is also in the works, and due out in 1999.

Federal Funding Sources for Small Community

Wastewater Systems, a publication from the Small Underserved Community Team, contains fact sheets of 10 Federal programs that provide grants, loans and technical assistance to help State, tribal and local officials plan, design and build water and wastewater systems. It was distributed to State and regional SRF, Indian Set-Aside and SCORE coordinators, associated Federal agencies, and federally recognized Indian tribes and intertribal organizations. The publication is available from the Office of Water Resource Center, Small Flows Clearinghouse, NCEPI in Cincinnati, and through the OWM’s home page at “<http://www.epa.gov/owm>.” For more information contact Maria Campbell on (202) 260-5815.



Calendar

- March 2-3, 1998: EPA/WEF Pretreatment Training Course in Nashville, TN.
- March 10, 1998: Region 1 Quarterly Pretreatment Coordinators Meeting, in Warwick, RI.
- March 23-27, 1998: NPDES Permit Writers Training, Jacksonville, FL.
- April 6-9, 1998: Region 4 States Pretreatment Conference in Gatlinburg, TN.
- April 15-17, 1998: Region 7 & 8 Regional Pretreatment Workshop in Colorado Springs.
- April 20-21, 1998: EPA/WEF Pretreatment Training Course in Baltimore, MD.
- April 22-23, 1998: Region 3/ PA DEP/Eastern Pennsylvania Water Pollution Control Operators’ Association Cosponsored Training in Myerstown, PA.
- May 6, 1998: New Jersey WEA: “Industry/Regulatory Partnership in a Climate of Change” in Atlantic City, NJ.
- May 11-15, 1998: NPDES Permit Writers Training, Portsmouth, NH.
- May 19, 1998: Idaho WEA in Pocatello, ID.
- June 23-24, 1998: EPA/WEF Pretreatment Training Course in Chicago, IL.
- July 1998: Region 2 Pretreatment Coordinators Meeting, New York State.
- July 27-31, 1998: NPDES Permit Writers Training, Austin, TX.

How Do I...?

How can I reach my favorite EPA employee via email? With a few exceptions, most EPA employees have the following [generic] electronic addresses: lastname.firstname@epamail.epa.gov.

You can also check **<http://www.epa.gov/CSO.html>** and search for the person. If the e-mail address is in the locator, their current e-mail address should show up. This will guard against having your e-mail go to the wrong person if there is more than one person with the same name, just in case there are more than one “Mary Smith”s in EPA. (By the way, there are three.)

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EPAFR-CONTENTS	This will contain the full-text table of contents with page number citations.
EPA-MEETINGS	This will contain all meeting notices. Program specific meetings would be duplicated.
EPA-SAB	Material relating to the Science Advisory Board.
EPA-IMPACT	All environmental impact statements published in the Federal Register.
EPA-SPECIES	All endangered species documents published in the Federal Register.
EPA-GENERAL	All general EPA non-program specific documents, Presidential documents related to environmental issues, and other Agency environmental documents other than environmental impact and endangered species actions.
EPA-AIR	All Office of Air and Radiation documents.
EPA-PEST	All Office of Pesticide Program documents.
EPA-TOX	Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxic Substances documents excluding Community- Right- To- Know (Toxic Release Inventory) documents.
EPA-TRI	Community-Right-To-Know Toxic Release Inventory documents.
EPA-WASTE	All Hazardous and Solid Waste documents.
EPA-WATER	All Office of Water documents.

