

## **EPA PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Drinking Water Program**

### **Notice of Tentative Approval of Ground Water Rule and the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Public Water System Supervision Primacy Program**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 3 (EPA) is announcing its tentative approval of a revision to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) Primacy Program (the program that oversees drinking water facilities in the Commonwealth). Specifically, the Commonwealth has adopted the Ground Water Rule and the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule which will provide for better public health protection by reducing illness linked with Cryptosporidium and other pathogenic microorganisms in drinking water.

**Description:** EPA has determined that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's PWSS revisions are no less stringent than the corresponding Federal regulations. Based on its review, EPA has decided to tentatively approve these program revisions. EPA is inviting the public to submit written comments on this determination or to request a virtual public hearing.

EPA will consider all comments and, if necessary, issue a response or hold a virtual public hearing. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for a hearing may be denied by EPA. If no timely or proper hearing request is received and EPA does not elect to hold a hearing on his own, and if no comments are received which cause EPA to modify its tentative approval, this determination shall be effective on December 4, 2020.

Comments or a request for a virtual public hearing must be received via email or telephone to EPA by December 4, 2020, to the contact provided below.

A request for a public hearing shall include the following: (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 determination and of the information that the requesting person intends to submit at such a hearing; and (3) the signature of the individual or the signature of a responsible official of the organization or other entity making the request.

**EPA Requests Public Comments on the Tentative Approval of the PA PWSS Revision**  
**Public Comments will be accepted until December 4, 2020**  
**Request for a Public Hearing must be received by December 4, 2020**

As a result of impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic, all requests for documents relating to this determination must be submitted by electronic mail to the address below. Information on EPA's determination is also available at the following website <https://www.epa.gov/pa/epa-public-notice-pennsylvania>. Comments and requests to hold a virtual public hearing must be submitted via electronic mail to the EPA contact below:

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