

what actions, if any, are being taken to protect public health and welfare and the environment.

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**Respondents/Affected Entities:** EPA expects a number of different industrial categories to report hazardous substances releases under the provisions of the CRRR. No one industry sector or group of sectors is disproportionately affected by the information collection burden.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 3,587.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 301,508 hours.

**Estimated Total Annual Cost:** \$10,290,207, includes \$128,076 annualized capital or O&M costs.

**Changes in the Estimates:** There is an increase of 17,354 hours in the total estimated burden currently identified in the OMB Inventory of Approved ICR Burdens. This increase is primarily from the use of data on the actual number of continuous release reports from several regions and applying a growth rate consistent with prior years reporting.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8531-3]

### Public Water System Supervision Program Variance and Exemption Review for the State of Colorado

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of Results of Review.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 8 has completed its statutory review of variances and exemptions issued by the State of Colorado under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) program. This review was announced in the **Federal Register** published September 25, 2007, 72 FR 54445, and provided the public with an opportunity to comment. No comments related to Variances and/or Exemptions issued or proposed by the State of Colorado were received.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 8 determined as a result of this review that the State of Colorado did not abuse its discretion on any variance or exemption granted or proposed as of the date of the on site review on September 25, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jack Theis at 303-312-6347 or e-mail at [Theis.Jack@epa.gov](mailto:Theis.Jack@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Colorado has an EPA approved program for assuming primary enforcement authority for the PWSS program, pursuant to section 1413 of SDWA, 42 U.S.C. 300g-2 and 40 CFR Part 142.

#### A. Why do States issue variances and exemptions?

States with primary PWSS enforcement authority are authorized to grant variances and exemptions from National Primary Drinking Water Regulations due to particular situations with specific public water systems providing these variances and exemptions meet the requirements of SDWA, Sections 1415 and 1416, and are protective of public health.

#### B. Why is a review of the variances and exemption necessary?

Colorado is authorized to grant variances and exemptions to drinking water systems in accordance with the SDWA. The SDWA requires that EPA periodically review State issued variances and exemptions to determine compliance with the Statute. 42 U.S.C. 300g-4(e)(8); 42 U.S.C. 300g-5(d).

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8531-4]

### Public Water System Supervision Program Variance and Exemption Review for the State of Montana

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 8 will conduct a statutory review of variances and exemptions issued by the State of Montana under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) program. The SDWA, 42 U.S.C. 300 *et seq.*, requires that EPA periodically review variances and exemptions issued by states with primary enforcement authority to determine compliance with requirements of the statute 42 U.S.C. 300g-4(e)(8); 42 U.S.C. 300g-5(d). In accordance with these provisions in the SDWA, and its regulations, EPA is giving public notice that the EPA, Region 8 will conduct a review of the variances and exemptions issued by the State of Montana to Public Water Systems under its jurisdiction. The review will be conducted during February, 2008.

The public is invited to submit comments on any or all variances and/or exemptions issued by the State of Montana, and on the need for continuing them, by March 15, 2008. Results of this review will be published in the **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on variances and exemptions issued by the State of Montana should be addressed to: Robert E. Roberts, Regional Administrator, c/o Eric Finke, U.S. EPA, Region 8, Montana Office, 10 West 15th Street, Suite 3200, Helena, Montana 59620.

All data and other information with respect to the variances and exemptions issued by the State of Montana are located at the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Public Water Subdivisions Bureau, Lee Metcalf Building, 1520 East 6th Avenue, Helena, Montana 59620.