

versions of the Alternate CRA. The Alternative CRA folders presented the best approximation that the Postal Service could provide of the costs, revenues, volumes, and contributions for the pre-Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act (PAEA) classifications. In recent years, however, as more products or more parts of products have been shifted to Competitive products, the Postal Service has provided only a non-public version of the Alternate CRA. *Id.* at 2. The resulting non-public folder presented the alternative format materials for market dominant and competitive mail while attempting to revert back to their pre-PAEA mail categories the revenues, volumes, costs, and weights of mail, including those that had subsequently been moved to the Competitive product list. *Id.* Because the data systems cannot always track the information by pre-PAEA categories, other methods of estimating the data required for the Alternate CRA were developed, with the result that the methodologies used to attempt to populate this chart vary. *Id.*

In order to reassemble the pre-PAEA classifications, the estimation approaches vary, such that the aggregation of cost data from underlying categories of mail from one report or estimation methodology may not always match those developed via a different estimation technique, and data for some categories may not exist at all. *Id.* at 3–4.

The Postal Service points out that the Alternate CRA provided a bridge from the pre-PAEA era to the post-PAEA era as a way of maintaining trend data based on the pre-PAEA categories to ensure no categories of postal products were inadvertently omitted, and to ensure the integrity of the data reporting. Citing changed circumstances, *e.g.*, the shifting of products and parts thereof from market dominant to competitive, the Postal Service questions the usefulness of maintaining the report in a necessarily non-public format, when the information reported is increasingly the result of ratio analyses, estimates, and splits tied to shares from seven years ago. *Id.* at 4. The Postal Service believes that any possible use of the report is now overshadowed by the weakness of the information contained therein, and that it is no longer relevant. *Id.*

The Postal Service also claims that the burden to produce this alternative format report is substantial when Postal Service resources are already most fully taxed by preparation of the other components of the ACR. By necessity, the Alternate CRA cannot be produced until all other ACR work has been

completed, as it requires inputs from the CRA itself, the cost avoidance studies, and other analyses, which means that the Alternate CRA is the last part of the ACR production process and requires last-minute attention *Id.* at 4–5.

Therefore, the Postal Service requests the Commission delete the second sentence of Commission rule 3050.14 establishing the requirement for production and submission of the alternative format CRA with the ACR. *Id.* at 6.

#### *B. Request for Waiver of Reporting Alternate Format CRA for FY 2013*

The Postal Service recognizes that it may not be possible for the Commission to accomplish a permanent change in its rules in the next month prior to the Postal Service's preparation of the ACR. *Id.* at 5. As such, the Postal Service requests that the Commission waive application of the Alternative format CRA portion of rule 3050.14 for FY 2013. *Id.* at 5–6.

#### III. Notice and Comment

The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2014–2 for consideration of matters raised by the Petition. For specific details on the request, interested persons are encouraged to review the Petition which is available via the Commission's Web site at <http://www.prc.gov>. Information concerning access to these non-public materials is located in 39 CFR part 3007.

Interested persons may submit comments on the Petition to amend rule 3050.14 relating to the Alternative format CRA no later than January 9, 2014. Reply comments are due no later than January 23, 2014.

Responses to the Postal Service's request for a waiver of the Alternate CRA reporting requirement for FY 2013 are due no later than December 3, 2013.

Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, Cassie D'Souza is designated as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.

#### IV. Ordering Paragraphs

*It is ordered:*

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. RM2014–2 for consideration of the matters raised by the Petition of the United States Postal Service for the Initiation of a Proceeding to eliminate the requirement for an Alternative format CRA Report.

2. Responses to the request for waiver of application of the Alternative format CRA portion of rule 3050.14 for FY 2013 are due no later than December 3, 2013.

3. Comments by interested persons in this proceeding on the request to

eliminate the second sentence of rule 3050.14 relating to the Alternative format CRA are due no later than January 9, 2014. Reply comments are due no later than January 23, 2014.

4. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. 505, the Commission appoints Cassie D'Souza to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this docket.

5. The Secretary shall arrange for publication of this order in the **Federal Register**.

By the Commission.

**Shoshana M. Grove,**  
*Secretary.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 131

[EPA–HQ–OW–2010–0606; FRL–9903–54–OW]

### Extension of Comment Period for the Water Quality Standards Regulatory Clarifications Proposed Rule

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is extending the comment period for the proposed rule “Water Quality Standards Regulatory Clarifications”. EPA is extending the comment period in response to stakeholder requests for a 30-day extension.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 2, 2014. The comment period was originally scheduled to end on December 3, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket identification (ID) No. EPA–HQ–OW–2010–0606, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Email:* [ow-docket@epa.gov](mailto:ow-docket@epa.gov).

- *Mail:* Water Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 2822T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460. Attention: Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OW–2010–0606.

- *Hand Delivery:* EPA Docket Center, EPA West Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20004, Attention: Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OW–2010–0606. Such deliveries

are only accepted during the Docket Center's normal hours of operation. Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information by calling 202-566-2426.

**Instructions:** Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2010-0606. The EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through <http://www.regulations.gov> or email. The <http://www.regulations.gov> Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means the EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to the EPA without going through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, the EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disc you submit. If the EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, the EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about the EPA's public docket visit the Docket Center homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm>.

**Docket:** All documents in the docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available (e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute). Certain other materials, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the Office of Water Docket Center, EPA/DC, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the

Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744; the telephone number for the Office of Water Docket Center is (202) 566-2426.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janita Aguirre, EPA Headquarters, Office of Water, Office of Science and Technology, at 202-566-1860 or email address: [WQSRegulatoryClarifications@epa.gov](mailto:WQSRegulatoryClarifications@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 4, 2013, EPA published the proposed rule "Water Quality Standards Regulatory Clarifications" in the **Federal Register** (78 FR 54517). In the proposed rulemaking, EPA is proposing changes to the federal water quality standards (WQS) regulation at 40 CFR Part 131 which helps implement the Clean Water Act in order to improve effectiveness in restoring and maintaining the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters. The proposed rule addresses the following key program areas: Administrator's determinations that new or revised WQS are necessary, designated uses, triennial reviews, antidegradation, variances to WQS, and compliance schedule authorizing provisions. Once final, the proposed rule will lead to improved water quality standard development, implementation and compliance as well as improving the ability of water systems to adapt and respond to the impacts of climate change.

The original comment deadline was December 3, 2013. This action extends the comment period for 30 days. Written comments must now be received by the January 2, 2014.

Dated: November 22, 2013.

**Nancy K. Stoner,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Water.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 180

[EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0638; FRL-9902-87]

#### Receipt of a Pesticide Petition Filed for Residues of Pesticide Chemicals in or on Various Commodities

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

**ACTION:** Notice of filing of petition and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the Agency's receipt of a revision to an initial filing of a pesticide petition requesting the establishment or

modification of regulations for residues of pesticide chemicals in or on various commodities.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 27, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2012-0638, by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute.

- *Mail:* OPP Docket, Environmental Protection Agency Docket Center (EPA/DC), (28221T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* To make special arrangements for hand delivery or delivery of boxed information, please follow the instructions at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.htm>.

Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <http://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Olga Odiott, Registration Division (7505P), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20460-0001; telephone number: (703) 308-9369; email address: [odiott.olga@epa.gov](mailto:odiott.olga@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. General Information

###### A. Does this action apply to me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are an agricultural producer, food manufacturer, or pesticide manufacturer. The following list of North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide to help readers determine whether this document applies to them. Potentially affected entities may include:

- Crop production (NAICS code 111).
- Animal production (NAICS code 112).
- Food manufacturing (NAICS code 311).
- Pesticide manufacturing (NAICS code 32532).

###### B. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit this information to EPA through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or email. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that