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Lead and Copper Rule (LCRR) Virtual Engagements

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Announcement of events; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will host virtual engagements beginning in April 2021. The goal of the events is to obtain further public input on EPA's revision to the Lead and Copper rule (LCRR), particularly from individuals and communities that are most at-risk of exposure to lead in drinking water. For more information on each event, visit EPA's drinking water website: www.epa.gov/safewater. For more information, go to the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

DATES: Public listening sessions will be held on April 28, 2021 and May 5, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., eastern daylight time. Should additional dates and times be required, EPA will provide updates on our website: www.epa.gov/safewater. If you are unable to attend any of the events, you will be able to submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>: enter Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2021-0255 until June 30, 2021.

EPA will host virtual community-focused roundtables starting in May 2021. Virtual roundtables with stakeholder groups including drinking water utilities, environmental organizations, environmental justice organizations, public health organizations, and consumer associations will be held starting in June 2021. EPA also intends to host a national co-regulator meeting in July 2021 to discuss the feedback received from communities. Details and times for these engagements will be posted on EPA's drinking water website at: www.epa.gov/safewater.

ADDRESSES: Individuals, including those that attend and provide oral statements, are encouraged to send written

statements, identified by Docket ID EPA-HQ-OW-2021-0255, by the following method:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** <https://www.regulations.gov/> (our preferred method). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2021-0255 for this EPA engagements. Comments received may be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov/>, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on sending comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the "Public Participation" heading of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christina Wadlington, USEPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: 202-566-1859; email address: LCRR@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

A. Written Comments—No.

B. Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID EPA-HQ-OW-2021-0255, at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from the docket. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

C. Details about Participating in the Listening Session:

The public is invited to speak during the April 28, 2021 or May 5, 2021 listening sessions. Those interested in speaking can sign up for a 3-minute time slot on EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater>. EPA will send an email to each speaker to confirm their speaking time and date. EPA intends to make each session available for viewing to those who are not

participating but are interested in listening. EPA will be posting additional event details on www.epa.gov/safewater, as they become available.

D. Details about Participating in the Community Roundtable:

EPA intends to host community virtual roundtables during which local organizations can participate in a discussion of LCRR related topics and provide their unique perspective to EPA. These roundtables will focus on communities that are disproportionately impacted by the challenges of lead in drinking water. EPA requests that communities that would like to be considered for a roundtable submit their nomination letter to EPA via email to LCRR@epa.gov not later than April 23, 2021. Nomination letters should include the following information:

- Name of location,
- Primary point of contact and contact information,
- A description of how your community has been underserved or experienced disproportionate impacts from drinking water lead exposure, and
- A list of no more than 25 recommended community participants and/or local organizations.

EPA recommends that the list of participants/organizations that are submitted be representative of all interests in their community including, but not limited to, local government entities, public water utilities, community-organized groups, environmental groups and elected officials. EPA intends to make each roundtable available for viewing to those who are not participating but are interested in listening. EPA will be posting meeting materials and additional event details on www.epa.gov/safewater, as they become available.

E. Details about Participating in Stakeholder Roundtables:

EPA intends to host stakeholder roundtables where representatives of national organizations (*e.g.*, environmental, industry, consumer, intergovernmental) can participate in a discussion of LCRR related topics and provide their perspective to the Agency. EPA requests that organizations that would like to participate in a roundtable submit their nomination letter to EPA via email to LCRR@epa.gov not later than April 23, 2021. Nomination letters should include the following information:

- Name of organization,
- Primary point of contact and contact information, and
- Why your organization should be considered as a participant.

EPA intends to make each roundtable available for viewing to those who are not participating but are interested in listening. EPA will be posting meeting materials and additional event details on www.epa.gov/safewater, as they become available.

F. Details of National Co-Regulator Meeting:

EPA will be reaching out directly to primacy agencies (e.g., states, tribes, territories) with a specific date, time, and details of this meeting in the coming months. EPA will be posting meeting materials and additional event details on www.epa.gov/safewater, as they become available.

II. Revised LCR Extension

On March 12, 2021, EPA announced that it is extending the effective date of the Revised Lead and Copper Rule (LCRR) so that the agency can seek further public input, particularly from communities that are most at-risk of exposure to lead in drinking water. To accomplish this goal, EPA published in the **Federal Register** two rules regarding the revised LCR as follows: Final Rule delay of effective date (86 FR 14003, March 12, 2021); and Proposed Rule delay of effective and compliance dates (86 FR 14063, March 12, 2021).

The first is a final rule that announced an extension of the effective date for the revised LCR from March 16, 2021 until June 17, 2021. The purpose of this initial extension of the effective date is to enable EPA to take public comment on a second action that would provide a longer extension of the effective date to allow EPA to undertake its review of the rule in a deliberate and thorough manner, consistent with the public health purposes of the Safe Drinking Water Act, President Biden's Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis, the President's Chief of Staff's Regulatory Freeze Pending Review Memorandum, and in consultation with affected stakeholders. The second action is a proposed rulemaking to extend the effective date until December 16, 2021, and also proposes a corresponding extension of the revised LCR's compliance deadline to September 16, 2024. This action would provide time for EPA to complete its review and obtain additional stakeholder input but would also ensure that drinking water systems and primacy states continue to have adequate time as provided by the Safe Drinking Water Act to take actions needed to assure regulatory compliance. The request for public comment on these extensions, which closes on April 12, is separate from the stakeholder

meetings EPA is announcing in this action.

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Nevada: Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Nevada has applied to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for final authorization of changes to its hazardous waste program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). These changes correspond to certain federal rules promulgated between July 1, 2008 and July 1, 2018. EPA has reviewed Nevada's application with regard to federal requirements and is proposing to authorize the state's changes.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received by May 5, 2021.

ADDRESSES: All documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in www.regulations.gov, or in hard copy. You can view and copy Nevada's application and associated publicly available materials at the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Protection, 901 So. Stewart Street, Ste. 4001, Carson City, NV 89701 (phone number: 775-687-4670), during business hours from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment at least 24 hours in advance.

Instructions: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R09-RCRA-2021-0047, at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from Regulations.gov. EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business

Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (i.e., on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). The <http://www.regulations.gov> website is an "anonymous access" system, which means 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 EPA without going through <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, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, 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 FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sorcha Vaughan, Vaughan.Sorcha@epa.gov, 415-947-4217

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Why are revisions to state programs necessary?

States that have received final authorization from EPA under RCRA section 3006(b), 42 U.S.C. 6926(b), must maintain a hazardous waste program that is equivalent to, consistent with, and no less stringent than the federal program. As the federal program changes, states must change their programs and ask EPA to authorize the changes. Changes to state programs may be necessary when federal or state statutory or regulatory authority is modified or when certain other changes occur. Most commonly, states must change their programs because of changes to EPA's regulations in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) parts 124, 260 through 268, 270, 273, and 279.

New federal requirements and prohibitions imposed by federal regulations that EPA promulgates pursuant to the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA) take effect in authorized states at the same time that they take effect in