

disease agents. EPA uses the lists of pests of significant public health importance to develop and implement programs to improve and facilitate the safe and necessary use of chemical, biological and other methods to control pests of public health importance. When a pest is added to these lists, it reflects a determination that the pest is a pest of significant public health importance and the lists serve as a public reference to that effect. The publication of the updated lists does not affect the regulatory status of any registration or application for registration of any specific pesticide product, therefore, registrants do not need to take any action.

EPA announced the availability and sought public comments on a draft PR Notice (85 FR 70146, November 4, 2020 (FRL-10010-13)). EPA received 9 unique public comments that are discussed in a Response to Comments document, along with the Agency's responses. The Response to Comments document is available in the docket and is briefly summarized here. The comments covered a range of topics including general comments on the lists geographic scope or level of detail, whether there could be a regulatory impact from the lists (none is anticipated), or if products exempt from registration could be impacted. More specific comments were also submitted on the content of the lists, such as requests to add or remove species, formatting considerations, and the public health impacts of specific pests.

After considering the public comments, EPA is finalizing the PR Notice with the following modifications: Minor adjustments to the introductory language; adding several pests (especially in the vertebrate list); clarifying several of the public health impacts; and combining rows where pests or the public health impacts could be combined.

III. Do PR Notices impose binding requirements?

The PR Notice discussed in this document is intended to provide guidance to EPA personnel and decisionmakers and to pesticide registrants. While the requirements in the statutes and Agency regulations are binding on EPA and pesticide registrants, the PR Notice does not impose new binding requirements on either EPA or pesticide registrants, and EPA may depart from the guidance presented in the PR Notice where circumstances warrant and without prior notice. Likewise, pesticide registrants may assert that the guidance is not appropriate generally or not

applicable to a specific pesticide or situation.

IV. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

Additional information about these statutes and Executive Orders can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/laws-and-executive-orders>.

A. Executive Order 12866: Regulatory Planning and Review and Executive Order 13563: Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review

This action is not a regulatory action under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735; October 4, 1993) and was therefore not submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 (76 FR 3821, January 21, 2011).

B. Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA)

This guidance does not create any paperwork burdens that require additional approval by OMB under the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* The information collection activities associated with pesticide registration are already approved by OMB under OMB Control No. 2070-0060, entitled "Application for New and Amended Pesticide Registration" (EPA ICR No. 0277.24).

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*

Dated: February 23, 2023.

Michal Freedhoff,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OGC-2023-0140; FRL-10756-01-OGC]

Proposed Consent Decree, Clean Water Act and Administrative Procedure Act Claims

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed consent decree; request for public comment.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator's March 18, 2022, memorandum regarding "Consent Decrees and Settlement Agreements to resolve Environmental Claims Against the Agency," notice is hereby given of a proposed consent decree in *Cape Fear River Watch et al., v. United States Environmental Protection Agency*, No. 1:22-cv-03809 (D. D.C.). On December

23, 2022, Plaintiffs Cape Fear River Watch, Rural Empowerment Association for Community Help, Waterkeepers Chesapeake, Waterkeeper Alliance, Humane Society of the United States, Food & Water Watch, Environment America, Comite Civico del Valle, Center for Biological Diversity, and Animal Legal Defense Fund (collectively, "Plaintiffs") filed a complaint against the EPA alleging that the Agency had failed to perform duties mandated by the Clean Water Act ("CWA") to revise the effluent limitations guidelines ("ELGs") and promulgate pretreatment standards for the Meat and Poultry Products ("MPP") industrial category, after EPA had determined that such revised ELGs and standards were appropriate. EPA seeks public input on a proposed consent decree prior to its final decision-making with regard to potential settlement of the litigation.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed consent decree must be received by March 31, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OGC-2023-0140 online at <https://www.regulations.gov> (EPA's preferred method). Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the Docket ID number for this action. Comments received may be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on sending comments, see the "Additional Information About Commenting on the Proposed Consent Decree" heading under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pooja Parikh, Water Law Office, Office of General Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; telephone: (202) 564-0839; email address: parikh.pooja@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Additional Information About the Proposed Consent Decree

In September 2021 (86 FR 51155, September 14, 2021), EPA published its preliminary effluent guidelines plan 15 and solicited comment on it, pursuant to CWA section 304(m). For the Meat and Poultry Products industrial category, the preliminary plan indicated that revision of the ELG and promulgation of pretreatment standards may be appropriate, and that EPA was initiating a rulemaking for this category.

In December 2022, Plaintiffs filed a complaint alleging that EPA's failure to

revise ELGs and to promulgate pretreatment standards for the MPP category constituted failures to act by statutory deadlines in violation of the CWA and Administrative Procedures Act (“APA”).

Although EPA was in the process of conducting the MPP rulemaking, EPA had not publicly announced any specific timeline for completion. The parties initiated settlement discussions, which ultimately produced the proposed consent decree. Under the consent decree, EPA would have obligations to sign a notice of proposed rulemaking by December 13, 2023, and to sign a decision taking final action by August 31, 2025. The consent decree’s schedule is based on EPA’s projected timeline for completing the rulemaking. These deadlines may be extended by the court only upon written finding of good cause.

For a period of thirty (30) days following the date of publication of this notice, EPA will accept written comments relating to the proposed consent decree from persons who are not parties to the litigation. EPA also may hold a public hearing on whether to enter into the proposed consent decree. EPA or the Department of Justice may withdraw or withhold consent to the proposed consent decree if the comments received disclose facts or considerations that indicate that such consent is inappropriate, improper, inadequate, or inconsistent with the requirements of the CWA or APA.

II. Additional Information About Commenting on the Proposed Consent Decree.

A. How can I get a copy of the proposed consent decree?

The official public docket for this action (identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OGC–2023–0140) contains a copy of the Proposed Order. The official public docket is available for public viewing at the Office of Environmental Information (OEI) Docket in the EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center 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, and the telephone number for the OEI Docket is (202) 566–1752.

The electronic version of the public docket for this action contains a copy of the Proposed Order and is available through <https://www.regulations.gov>. You may use <https://www.regulations.gov> to submit or view public comments,

access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, key in the appropriate docket identification number then select “search.”

B. How and to whom do I submit comments?

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OGC–2023–0140 via <https://www.regulations.gov>. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from this docket. EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit to EPA’s docket at <https://www.regulations.gov> 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 additional submission methods, 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>. For additional information about submitting information identified as CBI, please contact the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section of this document.

If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an email address or other contact information in the body of your comment. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows EPA to contact you in case EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. Any identifying or contact information provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket and made available in EPA’s electronic public docket. 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.

Use of the <https://www.regulations.gov> website to submit comments to EPA electronically is EPA’s preferred method for receiving comments. The electronic

public docket system is an “anonymous access” system, which means EPA will not know your identity, email address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked “late.” EPA is not required to consider these late comments.

Steven M. Neugeboren,

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 9:00 a.m., Thursday, March 9, 2023.

PLACE: You may observe the open portions of this meeting in person at 1501 Farm Credit Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102–5090, or virtually. If you would like to observe, at least 24 hours in advance, visit [FCA.gov](https://www.fca.gov), select “Newsroom,” then select “Events.” From there, access the linked “Instructions for board meeting visitors” and complete the described registration process.

STATUS: Parts of this meeting will be open to the public. The rest of the meeting will be closed to the public.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matters will be considered:

PORTIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

- Approval of February 9, 2023, Minutes

PORTIONS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:

- Office of Secondary Market Oversight Periodic Report¹

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

If you need more information or assistance for accessibility reasons, or have questions, contact Ashley Waldron, Secretary to the Board. Telephone: 703–883–4009. TTY: 703–883–4056.

Ashley Waldron,

Secretary to the Board.

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¹ Session Closed-Exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(8) and (9).