

hazardous waste injection wells located at their Port Arthur, Texas facility. The company has adequately demonstrated to the satisfaction of the EPA by the petition reissuance application and supporting documentation that, to a reasonable degree of certainty, there will be no migration of hazardous constituents from the injection zone for as long as the waste remains hazardous. This final decision allows the underground injection by Veolia of the specific restricted hazardous wastes identified in this exemption reissuance request into Class I hazardous waste injection wells WDW-160 and WDW-358 until December 31, 2041, unless the EPA moves to terminate this exemption. Additional conditions included in this final decision may be reviewed by contacting the EPA Region 6 Ground Water/UIC Section. A public notice was issued August 8, 2019, and the public comment period closed on September 23, 2019, and no comments were received. This decision constitutes final Agency action and there is no Administrative appeal.

DATES: This action was effective as of October 2, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the petition reissuance and all pertinent information relating thereto are on file at the following location: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Water Division, Safe Drinking Water Branch (6WDD), 1201 Elm Street, Suite 500, Dallas, Texas 75270-2102.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Philip Dellinger, Chief, Ground Water/UIC Section, EPA—Region 6, telephone (214) 665-8324.

Dated: October 2, 2019.

Charles W. Maguire,
Director, Water Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[EPA-HQ-OW-2018-0618; FRL 10001-41-OW]

Preliminary Effluent Guidelines Program Plan 14

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice of availability announces the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Preliminary Effluent Guidelines Program Plan 14 (Preliminary Plan 14) and solicits public comment. Section 304(m) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) requires the EPA to

biennially publish a plan for new and revised effluent limitations guidelines, after public review and comment.

Preliminary Plan 14 identifies any new or existing industrial categories selected for effluent guidelines or pretreatment standards and provides a schedule for their development. The EPA typically publishes a preliminary plan upon which the public is invited to comment, and then publishes a final plan thereafter. The EPA developed Preliminary Plan 14 based on its review and analysis of data from 2016, 2017, and 2018 as part of its annual review process.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 25, 2019.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2018-0618, to the *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or withdrawn. 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. The 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 and multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Phillip Flanders, Engineering and Analysis Division, Office of Water, 4303T, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 566-8323; fax number: (202) 566-1053; email address: flanders.phillip@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Supporting Documents—A key document providing additional information is the *Preliminary Effluent Guidelines Program Plan 14* document. Supporting documents providing further details are also available for review.

B. How can I get copies of these documents and other related information?

1. Docket. The EPA has established an official public docket for these actions under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2018-0618. The official public docket is the collection of materials that are available for public viewing at the Water Docket in the EPA Docket Center, (EPA/DC) EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460.

2. Electronic Access. You can access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the United States Government online source for Federal regulations at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

3. Internet access. Copies of the supporting documents are available at <https://www.epa.gov/eg/effluent-guidelines-plan>.

II. How is this document organized?

The outline of this document follows.

- A. Legal Authority.
- B. Summary of Preliminary Effluent Guidelines Program Plan 14.
- C. Request for Public Comments and Information.

A. Legal Authority

This notice of availability is published under the authority of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. 1251, *et seq.*, and in particular sections 301(d), 304(b), 304(g), 304(m), 306, 307(b) and 308 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. 1311(d), 1314(b), 1314(g), 1314(m), 1316, 1317(b), and 1318.

B. Summary of Preliminary Effluent Guidelines Program Plan 14

The EPA prepares Preliminary Effluent Guidelines Program Plans pursuant to CWA section 304(m). Preliminary plans provide a summary of the EPA's annual review of effluent guidelines and pretreatment standards, consistent with CWA sections 301(d), 304(b), 304(g), 304(m), and 307(b). From these reviews, preliminary plans identify any new or existing industrial categories selected for effluent guidelines or pretreatment standards rulemakings and provide a schedule for such rulemakings. In addition, preliminary plans present any new or existing categories of industry selected for further review and analysis.

Preliminary Plan 14 discusses the one ongoing rulemaking (and the associated schedule) for the Steam Electric Power Generating Point Source Category. The EPA has concluded that no additional categories warrant new or revised effluent guidelines at this time. Preliminary Plan 14 provides updates

on the Electrical and Electronic Components Category Detailed Study and the Oil and Gas Extraction Wastewater Management Study and concludes the Petroleum Refining Point Source Category Detailed Study. Additionally, Preliminary Plan 14 introduces new analyses and tools that the EPA is developing to improve its annual review and biennial planning process.

Preliminary Plan 14 can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/eg/effluent-guidelines-plan>.

C. Request for Public Comments and Information

The EPA requests comments and information on the overall content of Preliminary Plan 14 and specifically on the following topics.

1. Reviews of Industrial Wastewater Discharges and Treatment Technologies

The EPA solicits comments on the reviews of industrial wastewater discharges and treatment technologies that were conducted for the development of Preliminary Plan 14 and described therein. The EPA solicits comments on the new analyses and tools announced in Preliminary Plan 14, including analyses of industrial sources and discharges of nutrients and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), a new methodology for proposed treatment technology reviews, and a proposed effluent limitations guidelines database. Preliminary Plan 14 presents initial results for some new analyses (e.g., industrial discharges of nutrients). The EPA solicits comments on the utility and applicability of these results along with any comments or suggestions on the methodologies used to obtain them.

2. Data Sources

The EPA solicits comment on other data sources it might use in its annual reviews and biennial planning process.

David P. Ross,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Water.

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FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD

Employee Thrift Advisory Council

October 29, 2019, 1:00 p.m., 77 K Street NE, Washington, DC 20002

1. Approval of the minutes of the May 29, 2019 Joint Board/ETAC meeting
2. Investment Benchmark Update
3. FY2020 Budget Briefing

4. Spillover Implementation
5. 5% Auto Enrollment Implementation
6. Two Step Account Authentication
7. Additional Withdrawals Implementation Update

9. New Business

Contact Person For More Information:

Kimberly Weaver, Director, Office of External Affairs, (202) 942-1640.

Dated: October 18, 2019.

Megan Grumbine,

General Counsel, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0096; Docket No. 2019-0003; Sequence No. 32]

Information Collection; Patents

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations, DoD, GSA, and NASA invite the public to comment on a revision and renewal concerning patents. DoD, GSA, and NASA invite comments on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of Federal Government acquisitions, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. OMB has approved this information collection for use through January 31, 2020. DoD, GSA, and NASA propose that OMB extend its approval for use for three additional years beyond the current expiration date.

DATES: DoD, GSA, and NASA will consider all comments received by December 23, 2019.

ADDRESSES: DoD, GSA, and NASA invite interested persons to submit comments on this collection by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* This website provides the ability to type short comments directly into the comment field or attach a file for lengthier comments. Go to <http://www.regulations.gov> and follow the instructions on the site.

- *Mail:* General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW, Washington, DC 20405. ATTN: Lois Mandell/IC 9000-0096, Patents.

Instructions: All items submitted must cite Information Collection 9000-0096, Patents. Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check www.regulations.gov, approximately two-to-three days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Zenaida Delgado, Procurement Analyst, at telephone 202-969-7207, or zenaida.delgado@gsa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. OMB Control Number, Title, and Any Associated Form(s)

9000-0096, Patents.

B. Need and Uses

The patent coverage in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) subpart 27.2 requires the contractor to report each notice of a claim of patent or copyright infringement that came to the contractor's attention in connection with performing a Government contract (FAR 52.227-2).

The contractor is also required to report all royalties anticipated or paid in excess of \$250 for the use of patented inventions by furnishing the name and address of licensor, date of license agreement, patent number, brief description of item or component, percentage or dollar rate of royalty per unit, unit price of contract item, and number of units (FAR 52.227-6, and 52.227-9).

C. Annual Burden

Respondents: 158.

Total Annual Responses: 158.

Total Burden Hours: 238.

Obtaining Copies: Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F