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The complete text of the draft guidance is available on EPA's Internet site on the Nonpoint Source Control Branch's homepage at <http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps>. Copies of the complete draft can also be obtained in electronic or hard copy format by request from Chris Solloway at the above address, by E-mail at Solloway.Chris@epa.gov, or by calling (202) 260-3008.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In 1993, under the authority of section 6217(g) of the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments, EPA issued Guidance Specifying Management Measures for Sources of Nonpoint Pollution in Coastal Waters. That guidance document details management measures appropriate for the control of five categories of nonpoint sources of pollution in the coastal zone: agriculture, forestry, urban areas, marinas and recreational boating, and hydromodification. The document also includes management measures for wetlands, riparian areas, and vegetated treatment systems because they are important to the abatement of nonpoint source pollution in coastal waters. States and territories were required to adopt measures "in conformity" with the coastal management measures guidance for their Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Programs.

State, territory, and tribal water quality assessments continue to identify nonpoint source pollution as a major cause of degradation in surveyed waters nationwide. In 1987 Congress enacted section 319 of the Clean Water Act to establish a national program to control nonpoint sources of water pollution. Under section 319, States, territories, and tribes address nonpoint source pollution by assessing the nonpoint source pollution problems within the State, territory, or tribal lands; identifying the sources of pollution; and implementing management programs to control the pollution. Section 319 also authorizes EPA to award grants to States, territories, and tribes to assist them in implementing management programs that EPA has approved.

Program implementation includes nonregulatory and regulatory programs, technical assistance, financial assistance, education, training, technology transfer, and demonstration projects. In fiscal year 2001, Congress appropriated approximately \$237 million for nonpoint source management program grants. EPA has awarded a total of approximately \$1.3 billion to States, territories, and Indian tribes since 1990.

The 1993 management measures guidance, developed under the authority of CZARA, focused on conditions and examples of management measure implementation within the coastal zone. To date, technical guidance on the best available, economically achievable measures for controlling nonpoint sources with a national focus has not been released. The draft national management measures guidance for wetlands is intended to partially address this gap. Although the practices detailed in the 1993 coastal guidance apply generally to inland areas, EPA has recognized the utility of developing and publishing technical guidance that explicitly addresses nonpoint source pollution on a nationwide basis. Moreover, additional information and examples from research and experience to date with implementation of the management measures are available to enrich the national guidance. These changes have helped to prompt the revision and expansion of the wetlands chapter of the 1993 guidance.

II. Scope of the Draft Wetlands Guidance—Sources of Nonpoint Source Pollution Addressed

The draft technical guidance continues to focus on the protection and restoration of wetlands and riparian areas and the use of vegetated treatment systems to control nonpoint sources of pollution identified for the 1993 coastal guidance by EPA in consultation with a number of other Federal agencies and other leading national experts. Specifically, the guidance identifies management measures for the following:

- i. The protection of wetlands and riparian areas.
- ii. The restoration of wetlands and riparian areas.
- iii. Vegetated treatment systems.

III. Approach Used To Develop Guidance

The draft national management measures guidance is based in large part

on the 1993 coastal guidance. The coastal guidance was developed using a workgroup approach to draw upon technical expertise within other federal agencies as well as state water quality and coastal zone management agencies. The 1993 text has been expanded to include information on the cost and effectiveness of wetlands and riparian areas and vegetative treatment systems for removing nonpoint source pollution, descriptions of ways to protect wetlands and riparian areas, resources for planning and implementing wetlands and riparian area restoration projects, a discussion on mitigation banking, and examples of projects that used vegetated treatment systems to control nonpoint source pollution.

IV. Request for Comments

EPA is soliciting comments on the draft guidance on management measures to protect and restore wetlands and riparian area for the abatement of nonpoint source pollution and for the use of vegetated treatment systems. The Agency is soliciting additional information and supporting data on the measures specified in this guidance and on additional measures that may be as effective or more effective to protect and restore wetlands and riparian areas for the abatement of nonpoint source pollution and the use of vegetated treatment systems. EPA requests that commenters focus their comments on the technical soundness of the draft management measures guidance.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting; Open Commission Meeting, Thursday, November 8, 2001

November 1, 2001.

The Federal Communications Commission will hold an Open Meeting on the subjects listed below on Thursday, November 8, 2001, which is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. in Room TW-C305, at 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC.

Item No.	Bureau	Subject
1	Wireless Telecommunications	Title: 2000 Biennial Regulatory Review Spectrum Aggregation Limits for Commercial Mobile Radio Services (WT Docket No. 01-14). Summary: The Commission will consider a Report and Order concerning its reexamination of the need for the Commercial Mobile Radio Services spectrum aggregation limits and the cellular cross-interest rule.
2	Mass Media	Title: Rules and Policies Concerning Multiple Ownership of Radio Broadcast Stations in Local Markets; and Definition of Radio Markets (MM Docket No. 00-244). Summary: The Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rule Making concerning whether to undertake a comprehensive examination of its rules and policies of local radio ownership.
3	Mass Media	Title: Review of the Commission's Rules and Policies Affecting the Conversion To Digital Television (MM Docket No. 00-39). Summary: The Commission will consider a Memorandum Opinion and Order on Reconsideration concerning its periodic review of the progress of the conversion to digital television.
4	Common Carrier	Title: Performance Measurements and Standards for Unbundled Network Elements and Interconnection; Performance Measurements and Reporting Requirements for Operations Support Systems, Interconnection, and Operator Services and Directory Assistance (CC Docket No. 98-56); Deployment of Wireline Services Offering Advanced Telecommunications Capability (CC Docket No. 98-147); and Petition of Association for Local Telecommunications Services for Declaratory Ruling (CC Docket Nos. 98-147, 96-98, 98-141). Summary: The Commission will consider a Notice of Proposed Rule Making concerning the establishment of national performance measurements and standards for unbundled network elements and interconnection.
5	International	Title: Review of Commission Consideration of Applications under the Cable Landing License Act (IB Docket No. 00-106). Summary: The Commission will consider a Report and Order concerning its policies, rules and requirements for Cable Landing Licenses.

Additional information concerning this meeting may be obtained from Maureen Peratino or David Fiske, Office of Media Relations, telephone number (202) 418-0500; TTY 1-888-835-5322.

Copies of materials adopted at this meeting can be purchased from the FCC's duplicating contractor, Qualex International at (202) 863-2893; Fax (202) 863-2898; TTY (202) 863-2897. These copies are available in paper format and alternative media, including large print/type; digital disk; and audio tape. Qualex International may be reached by e-mail at qualexint@aol.com.

This meeting can be viewed over George Mason University's Capital Connection. The Capitol Connection also will carry the meeting live via the

Internet. For information on these services call (703) 993-3100. The audio portion of the meeting will be broadcast live on the Internet via the FCC's Internet audio broadcast page at <<http://www.fcc.gov/realaudio/>>. The meeting can also be heard via telephone, for a fee, from National Narrowcast Network, telephone (202) 966-2211 or fax (202) 966-1770. Audio and video tapes of this meeting can be purchased from Infocus, 341 Victory Drive, Herndon, VA 20170, telephone (703) 834-0100; fax number (703) 834-0111.

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Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting; A Closed Commission Meeting, Thursday, November 8, 2001

November 1, 2001.

The Federal Communications Commission will hold a Closed Meeting on the subject listed below on Thursday, November 8, 2001, following the Open Meeting, which is scheduled to commence at 9:30 a.m. in Room TW-C305, at 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC.

Item No.	Bureau	Subject
1	General Counsel	Title: Commission Internal Processes. Summary: The Commission will discuss possible changes to its internal processes.

This item is closed to the public because it concerns internal practices. (See 47 CFR Sec. 0.603(b)).

The following persons are expected to attend:

Commissioners and their Assistants
The Secretary

General Counsel and members of her staff

Action by the Commission November 1, 2001. Commissioners, Powell Chairman; Abernathy, Copps and

Martin voting to consider these matters in Closed Session.

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Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,
Secretary.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Performance Review Board

As required by the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978 (Pub. L. 95-454), Chairman Michael K. Powell appointed the following executives to the Performance Review Board: Renee Licht, Jane Mago, Mary Beth Richards, and David Solomon.