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Peter W. Preuss,

Director, National Center for Environmental Assessment.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8195-3]

"Great Lakes Legacy Act—Request for Projects"

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice; funding availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Great Lakes National Program Office (GLNPO) is requesting proposals for projects, for up to \$29,600,000, addressing contaminated sediment problems in Great Lakes Areas of Concern located wholly or partially in the United States (U.S. AOCs) as outlined in the Great Lakes Legacy Act of 2002 (the Legacy Act).

DATES: The deadline for all Project proposals is 5 p.m. Central Time, September 15, 2006.

ADDRESSES: U.S. EPA Great Lakes National Program Office (G-17J), 77 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marc Tuchman, 312-353-1369/tuchman.marc@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Request for Projects (RFP) is available on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/glla>. The purpose of this request is to solicit project proposals that would help to implement the Great Lakes Legacy Act. In order to receive funding under the Legacy Act, projects must be located in one of the 31 U.S. Great Lakes AOCs. Top priority will be given to projects that (1) Constitute remedial action for contaminated sediment; (2) have been identified in a Remedial Action Plan and are ready to be implemented; (3) use an innovative approach, technology, or technique that may provide greater environmental benefits, or equivalent environmental benefits at a reduced cost; or (4) included remediation to be commenced not later than one year after the date of receipt of funds for the project. Remediation projects would include, but are not limited to, remedial options such as: dredging, capping, monitored natural recovery, treatment technologies, or a combination of remedial alternatives for contaminated sediment.

The next priority level would be given to projects that seek to monitor or evaluate contaminated sediment or prevent further or renewed contamination of sediment. These projects could include: site characterizations, site assessments, source identification/source control,

monitoring, risk assessments, remedial alternatives evaluations and short-term/long-term effects analyses.

The Legacy Act program is not a grant program, and it is not an enforcement or regulatory program. The process for the selection of Legacy Act projects is not a grants competition, but it is based on the development of a negotiated Project Agreement (PA) between USEPA and the non-federal sponsor. USEPA will consider projects based on the extent to which they meet the requirements of the Legacy Act and the RFP.

The non-federal share of the cost of a project shall be at least 35% of the total project costs in those cases where no responsible parties are clearly identified; when the non-federal sponsor is a responsible party, USEPA will require a substantially higher contribution (minimum of 40–50%). The non-federal sponsor is also responsible for 100% of cost of operation and maintenance of the project. The non-federal share may include the value of in-kind services contributed by the non-federal sponsor, and may include funds or in-kind services provided pursuant to an administrative order on consent or a judicial consent decree. The non-federal share of the cost of a project may not include any funds paid pursuant to, or the value of any in-kind service performed under, a unilateral administrative order or court order.

GLNPO will review Legacy Act project proposals as they are received. GLNPO intends to enter into PA discussions with project applicants that meet the required components outlined in the RFP, and receive a high score (per the Legacy Act Rule), subject to the availability of funds. Projects that result in a PA will be funded with FY06 funds to the extent they are available. Other projects that result in a PA will be dependent upon funding, if any, received for the Legacy Act in FY07.

Refer to "Final Rule: Implementation of the Great Lakes Legacy Act of 2002" at <http://www.epa.gov/glla/rule/> for more detailed information on EPA's process for identification, evaluation, selection, and implementation of projects for funding under the Legacy Act.

Funding (through project agreements) is available pursuant to section 118(c) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1268(c)). States, tribes, industry, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders are eligible to apply.

Dated: June 23, 2006.

Gary V. Gulezian,

Director, Great Lakes National Program Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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2006 Water Efficiency Leader Awards—Call for Applicants

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the opening of the application period for the U.S. EPA's first annual Water Efficiency Leader Awards. The awards recognize those organizations and individuals who are providing leadership and innovation in water efficient products and practices. These proposed awards are intended to help foster a nationwide ethic of water efficiency, as well as to inspire, motivate, and recognize efforts to improve water efficiency. This program will enable EPA to document "best practices", share information, encourage an ethic of water efficiency, and create a network of water efficiency leaders. Recognition will be given on the basis of persuasive community or organizational leadership in the area of water efficiency, originality and innovativeness, national/global perspective and implications, and overall improvements in water efficiency. Actual (as opposed to anticipated) results are preferred and applicants should be able to demonstrate the amount of water saved. Candidates may be from anywhere in the United States, they may work in either the public or the private sector, and they may be either self-nominated or nominated by a third party. The following sectors are encouraged to apply: Corporations, Industry, Individuals, Non-Governmental Organizations and other Associations, Institutions, and Teams, Local, State, Tribal, and Federal Governments, and Military Individuals and Organizations. In order to be considered, applicants must have a satisfactory compliance record with respect to environmental regulations and requirements. Applications will be judged by a panel of national water efficiency experts from a variety of sectors. The panelists will provide recommendations to EPA, who will then make the final decision. EPA reserves the right to contact nominees

for additional information should it be deemed necessary.

To Apply: Send a brief description (one page or less) of the water efficient practice. Please remember to include your contact information.

DATES: Applications must be postmarked by July 21, 2006 in order to be considered.

ADDRESSES: Send applications to: Stephanie Thornton, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Mail Code 4101M, Washington, DC 20460. Additional information on the recognition program is available at <http://www.epa.gov/ow>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Thornton, Telephone: (202) 564-0269. E-mail: thornton.stephanie@epa.gov.

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Benjamin H. Grumbles,

Assistant Administrator for Water.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-8193-8]

Notice of Tentative Approval and Solicitation of Request for a Public Hearing for Public Water System Supervision Program Revision for the State of Maryland

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of tentative approval and Solicitation of Requests for a Public Hearing.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provision of section 1413 of the Safe Drinking Water Act as amended, and the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation that the State of Maryland is revising its approved Public Water System Supervision Program. Maryland has adopted the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule to improve control of microbial pathogens in drinking water, including specifically the protozoan *Cryptosporidium*.

EPA has determined that these revisions are no less stringent than the corresponding Federal regulations. Therefore, EPA has decided to tentatively approve these program revisions. All interested parties are invited to submit written comments on this determination and may request a public hearing.

DATES: Comments or a request for a public hearing must be submitted by

August 10, 2006. This determination shall become effective on August 10, 2006 if no timely and appropriate request for a hearing is received and the Regional Administrator does not elect on his own to hold a hearing, and if no comments are received which cause EPA to modify its tentative approval.

ADDRESSES: Comments or a request for a public hearing must be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029. Comments may also be submitted electronically to gambatese.jason@epa.gov. All documents relating to this determination are available for inspection between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the following offices:

- Drinking Water Branch, Water Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029.

- Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, MD 21230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jason Gambatese, Drinking Water Branch at the Philadelphia address given above; telephone (215) 814-5759 or fax (215) 814-2318.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All interested parties are invited to submit written comments on this determination and may request a public hearing. All comments will be considered, and, if necessary, EPA will issue a response. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for a hearing may be denied by the Regional Administrator. However, if a substantial request for a public hearing is made by August 10, 2006, a public hearing will be held. A request for public hearing shall include the following: (1) The name, address, and telephone number of the individual, organization, or other entity requesting a hearing; (2) a brief statement of the requesting person's interest in the Regional Administrator's determination and of information that the requesting person intends to submit at such a hearing; and (3) the signature of the individual making the request; or, if the request is made on behalf of an organization or other entity, the signature of a responsible official of the organization or other entity.

Dated: June 12, 2006.

Donald S. Welsh,

Regional Administrator, EPA, Region III.

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