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**Oscar Morales,**

*Director, Collection Strategies Division.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7209-8]

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request; Drinking Water Customer Satisfaction Survey

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this document announces that the following Information Collection Request (ICR) has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: Drinking Water Customer Satisfaction Survey, EPA ICR number 2016.01. The ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected burden and cost; where appropriate, it includes the actual data collection instrument.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before June 10, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, referencing EPA ICR No. 2016.01, to the following addresses: Susan Auby, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Collection Strategies Division (Mail Code 2822T), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; and to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attention: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For a copy of the ICR, contact Susan Auby at EPA by phone at (202) 566-1672, by E-mail at [auby.susan@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:auby.susan@epamail.epa.gov), or download off the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/icr> and refer to EPA ICR No. 2016.01. For technical questions about the ICR contact Scott Conklin at

(202) 564-4640, (202) 564-3757 (fax), by E-mail at

[conklin.scott@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:conklin.scott@epamail.epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Title:** Drinking Water Customer Satisfaction Survey; EPA ICR No. 2016.01. This is a new collection.

**Abstract:** The Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water is planning to conduct a customer satisfaction survey on the effectiveness of its right-to-know efforts required under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The Safe Drinking Water Act requires EPA to ensure drinking water information is made available to the general public. This survey will allow the EPA to evaluate current public awareness initiatives for disseminating drinking water information to the public. Conducting this survey will help the EPA assess general customer perceptions and habits concerning drinking water. By gauging the effectiveness of current outreach activities, the Agency will measure whether information efforts are meeting customer needs. The Agency will also gain insight on how to improve the way this information is disseminated in the future. The information collected will involve 1250 randomly selected adults from the general public. Of the 1250 respondents, EPA estimates that there will be approximately 250 screening-only respondents and 1000 respondents that will complete the full survey. The survey will be conducted by the Gallup organization under contract to EPA. The selected individuals will be asked specific questions concerning general consumer awareness issues, consumer confidence reports (annual water quality reports), source water assessments, and customer preferences with respect to mechanisms for receiving information. In addition, the survey asks demographic questions about factors that may be drivers of satisfaction. These factors include consumer perceptions of water quality, concerns about taste and odor, and whether consumers already drink bottled water or filter their tap water. The survey instrument is a voluntary telephone questionnaire, averaging 11 minutes, that covers approximately 26 questions. EPA will only conduct this survey once during the period for which the ICR is in effect. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for EPA's regulations are listed in 40 CFR part 9 and 48 CFR chapter 15. The **Federal Register** document required under 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on this collection

of information was published on October 29, 2001 (66 FR 209); 62 comments were received.

**Burden Statement:** The annual public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 11 minutes per response. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

**Respondents/Affected Entities:**

General Public.

**Estimated Number of Respondents:** 1,250.

**Frequency of Response:** One Time Collection.

**Estimated Total Annual Hour Burden:** 187.5.

**Estimated Total Annualized Capital, O&M Cost Burden:** \$0.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-7208-5]

### Public Listening Sessions on EPA's Watershed Initiative

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is inviting all interested members of the public to participate in one of four listening sessions on EPA's Watershed Initiative, in Washington DC.

The purpose of these sessions is to solicit ideas and suggestions on the design of the Initiative, specifically the nomination and selection processes, and the development of appropriate selection criteria. On January 25, 2002, EPA announced that the President's 2003 budget would include a request for \$21 million for a new Watershed Initiative. Pending appropriations for this purpose, EPA will call for nominations and select up to 20 watershed organizations to receive grants for projects that support innovative watershed-based approaches to watershed protection. Throughout the upcoming months, EPA will be working cooperatively with the States, Tribes, local governments, and community groups to develop the proposed program.

**DATES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for meeting dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for the location of the meetings.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information about the sessions and to register for one of the sessions, contact James Cole, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, by telephone at 202-566-1291 or by e-mail at [cole.james@epa.gov](mailto:cole.james@epa.gov). For information about the Watershed Initiative visit EPA's web site at <http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/> or contact Carol Peterson, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds by telephone at 202-566-1304 or by e-mail at [peterston.carol@epa.gov](mailto:peterston.carol@epa.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **I. Background**

On January 25, 2002, EPA announced that it was including an additional \$21 million in its fiscal year 2003 budget proposal for a new initiative to protect, preserve, and restore watersheds across the country. This new Watershed Initiative will seek to encourage successful watershed partnerships aimed at improving the nation's water resources. As part of this community-based effort, EPA will target up to 20 of the nation's most valued watersheds to receive a grant. In Governor Whitman's address, she stated that the Agency will be working cooperatively with Congress, States, local governments, agricultural groups, environmental groups, industry, and watershed community organizations in developing the details of how this Initiative will be designed and implemented.

In the next few weeks, EPA will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** soliciting stakeholder ideas and suggestions on possible approaches EPA might take in designing the new program. This notice will outline the Watershed Initiative, present EPA's current ideas on how the Initiative should be designed, and pose specific questions with respect to the nomination and selection processes for watershed projects. The Agency will provide the public with a 60-day review and comment period.

##### **II. Public Listening Sessions**

EPA has scheduled four stakeholder listening sessions during the month of May. It is the Agency's goal that these meetings be comprised of people from diverse interests and perspectives in the hopes of providing an opportunity for open and active discussions. The purpose of these sessions is to attain an array of opinions and viewpoints regarding the details of the Initiative on issues such as, the role of Governors and Tribal Leaders, project scope and criteria, and the nomination and selection processes. EPA will use the information solicited from the public via the **Federal Register** notice and the listening sessions to develop the Watershed Initiative.

Additional sessions may be held in June if there is sufficient interest. Space is limited to approximately 30 people per session, and registration will be on a first-come basis. All participants must register. Due to the limited seating, EPA asks that organizations wishing to attend a session send only one representative.

##### **Meeting Information**

**Location:** All sessions will be held in Room 1117A, EPA East Building, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004.

##### **Dates and Times**

Tuesday, May 14; 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, May 15; 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 22; 1 p.m.–4 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 29; 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

**Registration:** Please register at least two days prior to your session of choice by contacting Mr. James Cole at [cole.james@epa.gov](mailto:cole.james@epa.gov) or 202-566-1291. To register, provide your name, affiliation, mailing and e-mail address, and phone number along with your first and second choice for the listening session you are interested in attending. Please also advise Mr. Cole if you have a disability and require any special accommodations; the room is wheelchair accessible.

Dated: May 3, 2002.

**Robert H. Wayland III,**

*Director, Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds.*

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**[FRL-7209-6]**

### **Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter (External Review Draft)**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of a draft for public review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** On or about May 8, 2002, the National Center for Environmental Assessment (NCEA), within EPA's Office of Research and Development, will make available for public review and comment a third external review draft of EPA's document *Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter*. Under sections 108 and 109 of the Clean Air Act, the purpose of this document is to provide an assessment of the latest scientific information on the effects of airborne particulate matter (PM) on the public health and welfare for use in EPA's current review of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for PM.

**DATES:** Comments on the draft document must be submitted in writing no later than July 10, 2002. Send the written comments to the Project Manager for Particulate Matter, National Center for Environmental Assessment-RTP (MD-52), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the *Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter (Third External Review Draft)*, consisting of two volumes, will be available on CD ROM from NCEA-RTP. Contact Ms. Diane Ray by phone (919-541-3637), fax (919-541-1818), or e-mail ([ray.diane@epa.gov](mailto:ray.diane@epa.gov)) to request the document. Please provide the document's title, *Air Quality Criteria for Particulate Matter (Third External Review Draft)*, and the EPA numbers for each of the two volumes (EPA/600/P-99/002aC, EPA/600/P-99/002bC), as well as your name and address, to properly process your request. Internet users will be able to download a copy from the NCEA home page. The URL is <http://www.epa.gov/ncea/>. Hard copies of the draft document can also be made available upon request.