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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Availability of List Decisions

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of EPA's Responsiveness Summary Concerning EPA's November 5, 2007, Public Notice of Final Decisions to Add Waters and Pollutants to Louisiana's 2006 section 303(d) List.

On November 5, 2007 EPA published a notice in the **Federal Register** at 72 FR 62476-62477 providing the public the opportunity to review its final decision to add waters and pollutants to Louisiana's 2006 section 303(d) List as required by EPA's Public Participation regulations (40 CFR part 25). Based on the Responsiveness Summary, an amended action is warranted and a total of five water body pollutant combinations were removed from EPA's Final Action on Louisiana's 2006 section 303(d) List. As a result of this amended Final Action, EPA is adding 133 water body pollutant combinations to Louisiana's 2006 section 303(d) List. A total of 478 water body pollutant combinations are now included in Louisiana's 2006 Final section 303(d) List. The basis for these decisions is described in EPA's Responsiveness Summary and the amended Record of Decision.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of EPA's Responsiveness Summary Concerning EPA's November 5, 2007, Public Notice of Final Decisions to Add Waters and Pollutants to Louisiana's 2006 section 303(d) List can be obtained at EPA Region 6's Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6wq/tmdl.htm>, or by writing or calling Ms. Diane Smith at Water Quality Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6, 1445 Ross Ave., Dallas, TX 75202-2733, telephone (214) 665-2145, facsimile (214) 665-7373, or e-mail: [smith.diane@epa.gov](mailto:smith.diane@epa.gov). Underlying documents from the administrative record for these decisions are available for public inspection at the above address. Please contact Ms. Smith to schedule an inspection.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diane Smith at (214) 665-2145.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) requires that each state identify those waters for which existing technology-based pollution controls are not stringent enough to attain or maintain state water quality standards. For those waters, states are required to establish Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) according to a priority ranking.

EPA's Water Quality Planning and Management regulations include requirements related to the implementation of section 303(d) of the CWA (40 CFR 130.7). The regulations require states to identify water quality limited waters still requiring TMDLs every 2 years. The list of waters still needing TMDLs must also include priority rankings and must identify the waters targeted for TMDL development during the next two years (40 CFR 130.7).

Consistent with EPA's regulations, Louisiana submitted to EPA its 2006 listing decisions under section 303(d) on February 12, 2007. On October 19, 2007, EPA approved Louisiana's 2006 listing of 347 water body-pollutant combinations and associated priority rankings. EPA disapproved Louisiana's 2006 listing decisions not to list 136 water quality limited segments. EPA identified these additional waters and pollutants along with priority rankings for inclusion on the 2006 section 303(d) Lists.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Draft Toxicological Review of Thallium: In Support of the Summary Information in the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Comment Period.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is announcing a public comment period for the external review draft document titled, "Toxicological Review of Thallium: In Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)"

(NCEA-S-2949). The EPA intends to consider comments and recommendations from the public and the expert panel meeting, which will be scheduled at a later date and announced in the **Federal Register**, when EPA finalizes the draft document. The public comment period will provide opportunities for all interested parties to comment on the document. EPA intends to forward public comments submitted in accordance with this notice to the external peer-review panel prior to the meeting for their consideration.

EPA is releasing this draft document solely for the purpose of pre-dissemination public review under applicable information quality guidelines. This document has not been formally disseminated by EPA. It does not represent and should not be construed to represent any Agency policy or determination.

The draft document and EPA's peer-review charge are available via the Internet on NCEA's home page under the Recent Additions and the Data and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. When finalizing the draft document, EPA intends to consider any public comments that EPA receives in accordance with this notice.

**DATES:** The public comment period begins February 15, 2008, and ends April 15, 2008. Technical comments should be in writing and must be received by EPA by April 15, 2008. EPA intends to submit comments from the public received by this date for consideration by the external peer review panel.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft "Toxicological Review of Thallium: In Support of Summary Information on the Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)" is available via the Internet on the National Center for Environmental Assessment's (NCEA) home page under the Recent Additions and the Data and Publications menus at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea>. A limited number of paper copies are available from NCEA's Technical Information Staff, telephone: 703-347-8561; facsimile: 703-347-8691. If you are requesting a paper copy, please provide your name, mailing address, and the document title. The 1988 Midwest Research Institute (MRI) study referenced in the draft Toxicological Review of Thallium is available by calling EPA's IRIS Hotline at 202-566-1676, by facsimile at 202-566-1749, or by e-mail at [hotline.iris@epa.gov](mailto:hotline.iris@epa.gov).

Comments may be submitted electronically via <http://www.regulations.gov>, by mail, by facsimile, or by hand delivery/courier.