the fact that a site or facility is in litigation does not necessarily mean that the Ombudsman should refrain from conducting an investigation of all issues arising at that site or facility. For instance, if the issue before a court is the authority of the Agency to get access to a piece of property, that would not create a presumption against an investigation of alleged deficiencies regarding remedy selection.

For your information, we are providing details of the two alternative approaches to this matter we considered but did not select. The first alternative approach removed any restrictions on the Ombudsman's ability to conduct an inquiry concerning an issue or dispute which is in litigation. The Ombudsman would be free to conduct an inquiry regardless of whether an issue or dispute was in litigation.

The second alternative approach would restrain the Ombudsman from conducting new fact gathering concerning decisions made based on the administrative record. The Ombudsman would remain able to audit the existing information and data that were part of the Agency's factual record. Under this model, if the Ombudsman concluded that additional fact finding and data gathering were necessary, that would become part of his recommendation. If the Agency agreed with this recommendation, it would conduct additional information gathering by utilizing the appropriate program staff and established procedures. The Ombudsman would be precluded from undertaking separate fact finding activities such as public meetings and formal on-the-record interviews. This approach would address concerns that an Ombudsman's activities may create a second record outside of the official administrative record, which could confuse and potentially mislead the public and could damage the Agency's position during litigation.

Is the chosen approach the most appropriate?

Dated: December 27, 2000.

Michael Shapiro,

Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–6928–3]

Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Availability of Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability for comment of the administrative record file for 88 TMDLs prepared by EPA Region 6 for waters listed in Louisiana's Mermentau and Vermilion/Teche river basins, under section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA). EPA prepared these TMDLs in response to a Court Order dated October 1, 1999, in the lawsuit *Sierra Club, et al.* v. *Clifford et al.,* No. 96–0527, (E.D. La.). Under this court order, EPA is required to prepare TMDLs when needed for waters on the Louisiana 1998 section 303(d) list by December 31, 2007.

DATES: Comments on the 88 TMDLs must be submitted in writing to EPA on or before February 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the 88 TMDLs should be sent to Ellen Caldwell, Environmental Protection Specialist, Water Quality Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6, 1445 Ross Ave., Dallas, TX 75202–2733. For further information, contact Ellen Caldwell at (214) 665–7513. The administrative record file for these TMDLs is available for public inspection at this address as well. Copies of the TMDLs and their respective calculations may be viewed at www.epa.gov/region6/water/tmdl.htm, or obtained by calling or writing Ms. Caldwell at the above address. Please contact Ms. Caldwell to schedule an inspection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellen Caldwell at (214) 665–7513.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1996, two Louisiana environmental groups, the Sierra Club and Louisiana Environmental Action Network (plaintiffs), filed a lawsuit in Federal Court against the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), styled *Sierra Club, et al.* v. *Clifford et al.,* No. 96–0527, (E.D. La.). Among other claims, plaintiffs alleged that EPA failed to establish Louisiana TMDLs in a timely manner. Discussion of the court's order may be found at 65 FR 54032 (September 6, 2000).

EPA Seeks Comments on 88 TMDLs

By this notice EPA is seeking comment on the following 88 TMDLs for waters located within the Mermentau and Vermilion/Teche basins:

Subsegment	Waterbody name	Pollutant
060205	Bayou Teche—Headwaters At Bayou Courtableau to I–10	Salinity/TDS.
060211	West Atchafalaya Borrow Pit Canal	Salinity/TDS.
060301	Bayou Teche—I–10 to Keystone Locks and Dam	Salinity/TDS.
		Chlorides.
050201	Bayou Plaquemine Brule—Head-Waters to Bayou Descannes	Ammonia.
050401	Mermentau River—Origin to Lake Arthur	Ammonia.
060102	Cocodrie Lake	Noxious Aquatic.
		Plants & Ammonia.
		Chlorides.
		Sulfate.
060204	Bayou Courtableau—Origin to West Atchafalaya Borrow Pit Canal	Ammonia.
		Salinity/TDS.
060203	Chicot Lake	Noxious Aquatic.
		Plants & Nutrients.
050101	Bayou Des Cannes—Headwaters to Mermentau River	Nutrients.
050301	Bayou Nezpique—Headwaters to Mermentau River	Nutrients.
060202	Bayou Cocodrie	Nutrients.
060208	Bayou Boeuf—Headwaters To Bayou Courtableau	Nutrients.
060211	West Atchafalaya Borrow Pit Canal	Sulfates.
060301	Bayou Teche—I–10 to Keystone Locks and Dam	Sulfates.
050101	Bayou Des Cannes—Headwaters to Mermentau River	Total Suspended Solids (TSS).
050102	Bayou Joe Marcel	TSS.
050103	Bayou Mallet	TSS.

Subsegment	Waterbody name	Pollutant
050201	Bayou Plaquemine Brule—Headwaters To Bayou Des Cannes	Siltation. TSS.
050301	Bayou Nezpique—Headwaters to Mermentau River	Siltation. TSS.
050302	Mermentau River Basin	Siltation. TSS.
050401	Mermentau River—Origin to Lake Arthur	TSS.
050402	Lake Arthur and Lower Mermentau	TSS.
050501	Bayou Que de Tortue—Headwaters To Mermentau River	TSS. Siltation.
050602	Intracoastal Waterway	TSS.
050701	Grand Lake	TSS.
050702	Intracoastal Waterway	TSS.
050703	White Lake	Siltation. TSS.
050901	Bays and Gulf Waters to State 3-mile Limit	Siltation. TSS.
060101	Spring Creek—Headwaters to Cocodrie Lake (Scenic)	TSS.
060102	Cocodrie Lake	Siltation.
060201	Bayou Cocodrie—From U.S. Hwy 167 To the Bayou Boeuf Cocodrie Canal	TSS.
060202	Bayou Cocodrie	TSS. Siltation.
060203	Chicot Lake	TSS.
060204	Bayou Courtableau—Origin to West Atchafalaya Borrow Pit Canal	TSS.
060205	Bayou Teche—Headwaters at Bayou Courtableau to I–10	TSS.
060207	Bayou des Glaises Diversion Canal	TSS.
060208	Bayou Boeuf—Headwaters to Bayou Courtableau	TSS.
060210	Bayou Carron	TSS.
060211	West Atchafalaya Borrow Pit Canal	TSS.
060212	Chatlin Lake Canal and Bayou Dulac	TSS. Siltation.
060301	Bayou Teche—I–10 to Keystone Locks and Dam	Turbidity. TSS.
060401	Bayou Teche—Keystone Locks and Dam to Charenton Canal	TSS.
060501	Bayou Teche—Charenton Canal to Wax Lake Outlet	TSS.
060601	Charenton Canal	TSS.
060701	Tete Bayou	TSS.
060702	Lake Fausse Point and Dauterive Lake	TSS. Siltation.
060703	Bayou du Portage	TSS.
060906	Intracoastal Waterway	TSS.
060907	Franklin Canal	TSS. Turbidity.
060801	Vermilion River—Headwaters at Bayou Fusilier-Bourbeaux Junction to New Flanders (Ambassador Caffery Bridge At Hwy 3073).	TSS.
060802	Vermilion River—From New Flanders (Ambassador Caffery Bridge at Hwy 3073 to Intracoastal Waterway).	TSS.
060803	Vermilion River Cutoff	TSS.
060804	Intracoastal Waterway	TSS.
060901	Bayou Petite Anse	TSS.
060902	Bayou Carlin (Delcambre Canal)— Lake Peigneur to Bayou Petite Anse (Estuarine).	TSS.
060903	Bayou Tigre	TSS
060904	Vermilion River B890 Basin New Iberia Drainage Canal	TSS.
060905	New Iberia Southern Drainage Canal	TSS. Turbidity.
060909	Lake Peigneur	Siltation. TSS.
060910	Boston Canal and Associated Canals (Estuarine)	Siltation. TSS. Turbidity.
060911	Vermilion-Teche River Basin	TSS.
061101	Bayou Petite Anse	Siltation. TSS. Turbidity.
061102	Intracoastal Waterway	TSS.
061103	Freshwater Bayou Canal	TSS. Turbidity.

EPA requests that the public provide to EPA any water quality related data and information that may be relevant to the calculations for these TMDLs, or any other comments relevant to these TMDLs. EPA will review all data and

information submitted during the public comment period and revise the TMDLs where appropriate. EPA will then forward the TMDLs to the Court and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ). LDEQ will incorporate the TMDLs into its current water quality management plan.

Dated: December 21, 2000.

Sam Becker,

Acting Director, Water Quality Protection Division, Region 6.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL–6927–4]

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

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 rules governing National Primary Drinking Water Regulations that the State of Delaware has revised its approved Public Water System Supervision Primacy Program. Specifically, Delaware has revised its Administrative Penalty Authority and its definition of a public water system. EPA has determined that these program revisions satisfy the requirements of the 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 February 2, 2001. This determination shall become effective on February 2, 2001 if no timely and appropriate request for a hearing is received and the Regional Administrator does not elect to hold a hearing on his own motion, 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, Mail Code 3WP22, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103–2029. 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, Pennsylvania 19103–2029; and
- Delaware Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Health, Office of Drinking Water, Blue Hen Corporate Center-Suite 203, Dover, DE 19001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frederick N. Mac Millan, Drinking Water Branch (3WP22) at the Philadelphia address given above; telephone (215) 814–3201 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 February 2, 2001, 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: December 21, 2000.

Bradley M. Campbell,

Regional Administrator, EPA, Region III.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Open Meeting, Advisory Committee for the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Publ. L. 92–463,5 U.S.C. App.), announcement is made of the following committee meeting:

Name: Advisory Committee for the National Urban Search and Rescue Response System.

Date of Meeting: January 30–31, 2001

Place: Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road, NW, Washington, DC 20008.

Time: January 30: 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. January 31: 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Proposed Agenda: The committee will be provided with a program update that will address the status of ongoing program activities, including recent training and exercises. The committee will review and revise the current Advisory Organization Decision Process document. The committee will consider current and future program requirements and will make recommendations for budget allocations and requests for Fiscal Years 2001 through 2003. Discussion will also be held concerning urban search and rescue task force operational status and transportation issues. The committee will review the current status of draft urban search and rescue regulations and system documentation revisions. Finally, the committee will identify priorities for its subordinate working groups for Fiscal Year 2001.

The meeting will be open to the public, with approximately 20 seats available on a first-come, first-served basis. All members of the public interested in attending should contact Mark R. Russo, at 202–646–2701.

Minutes of the meeting will be prepared and will be available for public viewing at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Operations and Planning Division, Response and Recovery Directorate, 500 C Street, SW, Washington, DC 20472. Copies of the minutes will be available upon request 30 days after the meeting.

Robert J. Adamcik,

Deputy Associate Director, Response & Recovery Directorate.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisition of Shares of Bank or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817 (j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the office of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank