

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**Cross-Media Electronic Reporting: Authorized Program Revision Approval, State of Louisiana****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.**SUMMARY:** This notice announces EPA's approval of the State of Louisiana's request to revise its National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation EPA-authorized program to allow electronic reporting.**DATES:** EPA's approval is effective May 26, 2016 for the State of Louisiana's National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation program, if no timely request for a public hearing is received and accepted by the Agency.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Seeh, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Environmental Information, Mail Stop 2823T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 566-1175, [seeh.karen@epa.gov](mailto:seeh.karen@epa.gov).**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 13, 2005, the final Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule (CROMERR) was published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 59848) and codified as part 3 of title 40 of the CFR. CROMERR establishes electronic reporting as an acceptable regulatory alternative to paper reporting and establishes requirements to assure that electronic documents are as legally dependable as their paper counterparts. Subpart D of CROMERR requires that state, tribal or local government agencies that receive, or wish to begin receiving, electronic reports under their EPA-authorized programs must apply to EPA for a revision or modification of those programs and obtain EPA approval. Subpart D provides standards for such approvals based on consideration of the electronic document receiving systems that the state, tribe, or local government will use to implement the electronic reporting. Additionally, § 3.1000(b) through (e) of 40 CFR part 3, subpart D provides special procedures for program revisions and modifications to allow electronic reporting, to be used at the option of the state, tribe or local government in place of procedures available under existing program-specific authorization regulations. An application submitted under the subpart D procedures must show that the state, tribe or local government has sufficient legal authority to implement the

electronic reporting components of the programs covered by the application and will use electronic document receiving systems that meet the applicable subpart D requirements.

On February 8, 2016, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals (LDHH) submitted an application titled Compliance Monitoring Data Portal for revision to its EPA-approved drinking water program under title 40 CFR to allow new electronic reporting. EPA reviewed LDHH's request to revise its EPA-authorized program and, based on this review, EPA determined that the application met the standards for approval of authorized program revision set out in 40 CFR part 3, subpart D. In accordance with 40 CFR 3.1000(d), this notice of EPA's decision to approve Louisiana's request to revise its Part 142—National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation program to allow electronic reporting under 40 CFR part 141 is being published in the **Federal Register**.

LDHH was notified of EPA's determination to approve its application with respect to the authorized program listed above.

Also, in today's notice, EPA is informing interested persons that they may request a public hearing on EPA's action to approve the State of Louisiana's request to revise its authorized public water system program under 40 CFR part 142, in accordance with 40 CFR 3.1000(f). Requests for a hearing must be submitted to EPA within 30 days of publication of today's **Federal Register** notice. Such requests should include the following information:

- (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 EPA's determination, a brief explanation as to why EPA should hold a hearing, and any other information that the requesting person wants EPA to consider when determining whether to grant the request;
- (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.

In the event a hearing is requested and granted, EPA will provide notice of the hearing in the **Federal Register** not less than 15 days prior to the scheduled hearing date. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for hearing may be denied by EPA. Following such a public hearing, EPA will review the record of the hearing and issue an order either

affirming today's determination or rescinding such determination. If no timely request for a hearing is received and granted, EPA's approval of the State of Louisiana's request to revise its part 142—National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation program to allow electronic reporting will become effective 30 days after today's notice is published, pursuant to CROMERR section 3.1000(f)(4).

**Matthew Leopard,***Director, Office of Information Collection.*

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**Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Committee****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.**SUMMARY:** Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) gives notice of a meeting of the Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Committee (FRRCC). The FRRCC is a policy-oriented committee that provides policy advice, information, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on a range of environmental issues and policies that are of importance to agriculture and rural communities.

The purpose of this meeting is to draft and review recommendations regarding how EPA can best create a framework for facilitating collaborative and innovative partnerships, building upon existing resource protection efforts to promote soil health, particularly as it relates to water and air and to adaptation of a changing climate.

**DATES:** The Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Committee will hold an open meeting on Wednesday, May 25, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, May 26, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at EPA One Potomac Yard, 2777 Crystal Dr., Arlington VA, 22202, Room 4370/80 fourth floor. The meeting is open to the public, with limited seating on a first-come, first-served basis.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Donna Perla, Acting Designated Federal Officer, [perla.donna@epa.gov](mailto:perla.donna@epa.gov), 202-564-0184, U.S. EPA, Office of the Administrator (1101A), Room 2415,