

(202) 260-7118, or Internet at: Pozun.Diana@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV. Single copies of Reducing Risk, the report of the previous relative risk ranking effort of the SAB, can be obtained by contacting the SAB's Committee Evaluation and Support Staff (1400), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-8414, or fax (202) 260-1889. Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation at the meeting must contact Mr. Thomas Miller, Designated Federal Official for the Valuation Subcommittee IRP, *in writing* no later than 4:00 pm (Eastern Daylight Time) February 12, 1997, at the above address, via fax (202) 260-7118, or via the Internet at: Miller.Tom@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed. At least 35 copies of any written comments to the Committee are to be given to Mr. Miller no later than the time of the presentation for distribution to the Committee and the interested public. To discuss technical aspects of the meeting, please contact Mr. Miller by telephone at (202) 260-5886.

Providing Oral or Written Comments at SAB Meetings

The Science Advisory Board expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted oral or written statements. In general, each individual or group making an oral presentation will be limited to a total time of ten minutes. For conference call meetings, opportunities for oral comment will be limited to no more than five minutes per speaker and no more than fifteen minutes total. Written comments (at least 35 copies) received in the SAB Staff Office sufficiently prior to a meeting date, may be mailed to the relevant SAB committee or subcommittee prior to its meeting; comments received too close to the meeting date will normally be provided to the committee at its meeting. Written comments may be provided to the relevant committee or subcommittee up until the time of the meeting.

Dated: January 2, 1997.

Donald G. Barnes,

Staff Director, Science Advisory Board.

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CWA 303(d): Proposed Withdrawal of Phase I Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for Copper in the New Jersey Waters of New York-New Jersey Harbor

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency, Region II (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has determined that the New Jersey waters of the New York-New Jersey Harbor are not water quality-limited for copper, and therefore, Phase I copper TMDLs are not required for these water segments. EPA is hereby issuing public notice of its intent to withdraw the Phase I TMDL for copper established by EPA on January 24, 1996.

DATES: Comments on the proposed action must be submitted to EPA on or before February 10, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the relevant supporting documents may be obtained by writing to Ms. Rosella T. O'Connor, Fate & Effects Team, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region II, 290 Broadway, 24th Floor, New York, New York 10006-1866 or calling (212) 637-3823.

The administrative record containing background technical information is on file and may be inspected at the U.S. EPA, Region II office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Arrangements to examine the administrative record may be made by contacting Ms. Rosella T. O'Connor.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Rosella T. O'Connor, telephone (212) 637-3823.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
- II. Proposed Action

I. Background

A TMDL, or total maximum daily load, is the maximum amount of the pollutant that a waterbody can assimilate and still meet ambient water quality standards. TMDLs are established for water quality-limited segments, which are defined as "any segment where it is known that water quality does not meet applicable water quality standards, and/or is not expected to meet applicable water quality standards, even after the application of technology-based effluent limitations * * *" (40 CFR 130.2(i)).

On January 24, 1996, EPA established certain phased TMDLs, including waste load allocations (WLAs) and load allocations (LAs) for copper and mercury. (61 FR 1930). Phased TMDLs

were developed for copper and mercury because of the limited ambient data and uncertainty in the model calibration for the New Jersey Harbor waters. The Phase I TMDLs established in January 1996 required additional data collection in the New Jersey Harbor waters before the establishment, as necessary, of revised Phase II TMDLs. Phase II TMDLs were to be established only if the additional data and/or modeling indicated that it was necessary to reduce point and/or nonpoint sources of certain metals below Phase I levels. The New Jersey Harbor waters are Newark Bay, Hackensack River below the Oradell Dam, Passaic River below the Dundee Dam, Raritan River below the Fieldville Dam and Raritan Bay.

The New Jersey Harbor Dischargers Group (NJHDG), in cooperation with the State of New Jersey and EPA, agreed to undertake the required additional monitoring and modeling. The first phase of the monitoring was designed to enhance the existing ambient data base and to confirm whether copper, lead, nickel and mercury exceed or potentially exceed applicable water quality standards in the New Jersey Harbor waters. Based on the results of this data collection effort, it was determined that certain metals and/or New Jersey Harbor waters would require additional monitoring and modeling to develop Phase II TMDLs. These data are contained in a report entitled, "Summary of the Phase I Metals Sampling and Analysis Program for the New Jersey Component of the New York/New Jersey Harbor Estuary Program" (March 5 and 26, 1996). The monitoring program included one station in each of the Hackensack, Passaic, and Raritan Rivers, and in Raritan and Newark Bays. Each of these stations was sampled twice per month for six months (from June 1995 through December 1995). The twelve sampling events included three wet-weather and two tidal cycle events. Overall, ninety water samples and five sediment samples were collected in twelve sampling events over a six month study period. These data were used to project water quality exceedances of copper, mercury, nickel and lead in the New Jersey waters of the Harbor.

Based on the ambient water quality data contained in the above-referenced report, EPA has determined the following:

- The New Jersey Harbor waters are not water quality-limited for copper, neither Phase I nor Phase II copper TMDLs are required. EPA is, therefore, proposing to withdraw the Phase I copper TMDLs promulgated on January 24, 1996;

- The New Jersey Harbor waters are not water quality-limited for lead, no Phase II lead TMDLs are required;
- The Passaic and Hackensack Rivers are water quality-limited for nickel, additional monitoring and/or modeling is required to develop Phase II nickel TMDLs for these waterbodies, as necessary; and
- Since all Harbor waters, including all New Jersey Harbor waters, continue to be water quality-limited for mercury, the Phase I mercury TMDLs established on January 24, 1996 remain in effect.

II. Proposed Action

The action proposed, the withdrawal of the Phase I copper TMDLs, is appropriate given the specific circumstances, monitoring data, and management approach agreed upon by the States of New Jersey and New York and EPA, for the waters of the New York-New Jersey Harbor. The Phase I TMDLs which were established included Waste Load Allocations which reflect existing effluent quality. Phased TMDLs were established while the conflict between the limited ambient data then available (which did not indicate an exceedance of the applicable water quality standard for copper) and the uncertainty in model calibration (which indicated a potential to exceed the copper standard) could be addressed through additional monitoring and/or modeling. The ambient water quality data contained in the NJHDG's above-referenced report is now sufficient to support that the New Jersey Harbor waters are not water quality-limited for copper.

EPA is soliciting public comments on the proposed withdrawal of the copper TMDLs for the New Jersey Harbor waters.

Dated: December 23, 1996.

Signed:

William J. Muszynski,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

Proposed Agency Information Collection Activities; Comment

AGENCY: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

BACKGROUND: In accordance with the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the FDIC may not conduct

or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after October 1, 1995, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. A proposed revision of the following currently approved collection of information is hereby published for comment. At the end of the comment period, the comments and recommendations received will be analyzed to determine the extent to which the collection should be modified prior to submission to OMB for review and approval. Comments are invited on:

- (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the FDIC's functions, including whether the information has practical utility;
- (b) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the information collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (d) ways to minimize the burden of information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties are invited to submit written comments to Steven F. Hanft, FDIC Clearance Officer, (202) 898-3907, Office of the Executive Secretary, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 550 17th Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429. All comments should refer to the OMB control number 3064-0122. Comments may be hand-delivered to Room F-400, 1776 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20429, on business days between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. [FAX number (202) 898-3838; Internet address: comments@fdic.gov].

A copy of the comments may also be submitted to the OMB desk officer for the agencies: Alexander Hunt, Project 3064-0122, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3208, Washington, D.C. 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven F. Hanft, at the address identified above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposal To Revise the Following Currently Approved Collection of Information

Title: Forms Relating to FDIC Outside Counsel Services Contracting.

Form Number: FDIC 1600/05, FDIC 5200/01.

OMB Number: 3064-0122.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Affected Public: Law firms wishing to do business with the FDIC and those under contract with the FDIC.

Estimated Number of Respondents: FDIC Form 1600/05—2,500; FDIC Form 5200/01—500.

Estimated Time per Response: FDIC Form 1600/05—.5 hours; FDIC Form 5200/01—1.25 hours.

Estimated Annual Burden: The OMB previously approved an information collection for FDIC outside counsel budgeting and invoicing with an annual burden of 3,804 hours under OMB No. 3064-0122 (November 25, 1996). The estimated additional burden imposed by FDIC Form 1600/05 is 1,250 burden hours and by FDIC Form 5200/01 is 625 hours, or a total additional burden of 1,875 hours. The annual burden, including both the already approved budgeting and invoicing collection of information and the additional request would be a total of 5,679 burden hours.

General Description of Collection:

Section 19 of the Resolution Trust Corporation Completion Act required the FDIC to prescribe a regulation to ensure that persons providing services to be FDIC meet minimum standards of competence, experience, integrity and fitness, and to govern conflicts of interest. Pursuant to that mandate, the FDIC established a "Contractor Conflicts of Interest" regulation, 12 CFR Part 366, that became effective April 10, 1996. The FDIC's Contractor Conflicts of Interest regulation requires FDIC contractors, including law firms covered by this collection of information, to submit representations and certifications about themselves and their employees, agents and subcontractors who will perform services under an FDIC contract. Law firms desiring to provide services for the FDIC will use Form 5200/01 to make the representations and certifications about themselves required by 12 CFR Part 366. Individual employees, agents and subcontractors will use Form 1600/05 to make representations and certifications about themselves, and to authorize the release of information about themselves so that the FDIC can verify the representations and certifications.

Request for Comment

Comments submitted in response to this Notice will be summarized or included in the FDIC's requests to OMB for renewal of this collection. All comments will become a matter of public record. Written comments should address the accuracy of the burden