

Intake Structures for New Facilities; Direct Final Rule.” We published the direct final rule on December 26, 2002 (67 FR 78948), to make three minor technical corrections to the final regulations implementing section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act for new facilities. We stated in the direct final rule that if we received adverse comment by January 27, 2003, we would publish a timely notice of withdrawal in the **Federal Register**. We subsequently received adverse comment on the direct final rule. We will address those comments in a subsequent final action based on the parallel proposal also published on December 26, 2002 (67 FR 78956). As stated in the parallel proposal, we will not institute a second comment period on this action.

DATES: As of March 24, 2003, EPA withdraws the direct final rule published at 67 FR 78948, on December 26, 2002.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA published a direct final rule on December 26, 2002, to make minor changes to a final rule published December 18, 2001, implementing section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act (CWA). The December 2001 final rule established national technology-based performance requirements applicable to the location, design, construction, and capacity of cooling water intake structures at new facilities using water withdrawn from rivers, streams, lakes, reservoirs, estuaries, oceans or other waters of the United States for cooling. The national requirements established the best technology available for minimizing adverse environmental impact associated with the use of these structures. The direct final rule clarified three technical issues on velocity monitoring, authority to require additional design and construction technologies, and procedures governing requests for less stringent alternative requirements.

EPA published a companion proposed rule on the same day as the direct final rule. The proposed rule invited comment on the substance of the direct final rule. The proposed rule stated that if EPA received adverse comment by January 27, 2003, the direct final rule would not take effect and EPA would publish a notice in the **Federal Register** withdrawing the direct final rule before

the March 26, 2003, effective date. The EPA subsequently received adverse comment on the direct final rule. EPA plans to address those comments in a subsequent action. Today's action withdraws the direct final rule; the amendments to the final regulations addressing cooling water intake structures for new facilities will not take effect on March 26, 2003.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 125

Environmental protection, Cooling water intake structures, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Waste treatment and disposal, Water pollution control.

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Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 180

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Pesticides; Tolerance Exemptions for Active and Inert Ingredients for Use in Antimicrobial Formulations (Food-Contact Surface Sanitizing Solutions); Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Direct final rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: EPA received adverse comment on the direct final rule “Pesticides; Tolerance Exemptions for Active and Inert Ingredients for Use in Antimicrobial Formulations (Food-Contact Surface Sanitizing Solutions),” published in the **Federal Register** of December 3, 2002, because of the adverse comment EPA is withdrawing the direct final rule. The direct final rule was intended to add a new section to part 180 listing the pesticide chemicals that are exempt from the requirement of a tolerance when used in food-contact surface sanitizing solutions.

DATES: The withdrawal is effective March 24, 2003.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Does this Action Apply to Me?

You may be potentially affected by this action if you are a food manufacturer, or antimicrobial pesticide manufacturer. Potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

- Industry (NAICS 311), *e.g.*, Food manufacturing.
- Producers (NAICS 32561), *e.g.*, Antimicrobial pesticides.

This listing is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. Other types of entities not listed in this unit could also be affected. The North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes have been provided to assist you and others in determining whether this action might apply to certain entities. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

II. How Can I Get Copies of this Document and Other Related Information?

A. Docket

EPA has established an official public docket for this action under docket identification (ID) number OPP-2003-0278. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Rm. 119, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA. This docket facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The docket telephone number is (703) 305-5805.

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