

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****[FRL-7488-5]****National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92463, EPA gives notice of a meeting of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). NACEPT provides advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on a broad range of environmental policy, technology, and management issues.

NACEPT consists of a representative cross-section of EPA's partners and principle constituents who provide advice and recommendations on policy issues and serve as a sounding board for new strategies that the Agency is developing. The Council is a proactive, strategic panel of experts that identifies emerging challenges facing EPA and responds to specific charges requested by the Administrator and the program office managers.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the NACEPT Council agenda for FY 03-04 and agree on appropriate venues to address the topics in a timely and efficient manner. NACEPT will discuss a number of issues, including agriculture, environmental technology, EPA's draft strategic plan, EPA's Report on the Environment, and emerging trends facing the agency. In addition, NACEPT will report on the work of its subcommittees.

**DATES:** NACEPT will hold a two day public meeting on Tuesday, May 6, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, May 7, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Due to contractual issues, the **Federal Register** notice was delayed.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 1250 22nd Street, NW. Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public, with limited seating on a first-come, first-served basis.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Requests to make oral comments or provide written comments to the Council should be sent to Gwendolyn Whitt, Designated Federal Officer/NACEPT using the contact information below. The public is welcome to attend all portions of the meeting. Members of the public expecting to submit written comments and/or make brief oral statements (5-minute limit) during the public comment session are encouraged to contact Ms. Whitt by May 2, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gwendolyn Whitt, Designated Federal Officer, [whitt.gwen@epa.gov](mailto:whitt.gwen@epa.gov), (ph) (202) 233-0090, U.S. EPA, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management (1601E), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460.

*Meeting Access:* Individuals requiring special accommodation at this meeting, including wheelchair access, should contact Gwendolyn Whitt at least five business days prior to the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Dated: April 18, 2003.

**Gwendolyn Whitt,**

*Designated Federal Officer.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****[FRL-7488-6]****Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Final Agency Action on 12 Modified Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces final agency action modifying 12 established 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). The EPA evaluated these waters and prepared the 12 TMDLs in response to a consent decree entered in the lawsuit *Sierra Club, et al. v. Clifford et al.*, No. 96-0527, (E.D. La.). Documents from the administrative record files for the 12 modified TMDLs, including TMDL calculations and responses to comments, may be viewed at <http://www.epa.gov/region6/water/tmdl.htm>.

**ADDRESSES:** The administrative record files may be obtained by writing or calling Ms. Ellen Caldwell, Environmental Protection Specialist, Water Quality Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6, 1445 Ross Ave., Dallas, TX 75202-2733. 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 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.

*EPA Takes Final Agency Action on 12 Modified TMDLs*

By this notice EPA is taking final agency action modifying the following 12 TMDLs for waters located within the Mermentau and Vermilion/Teche river basins:

Subsegment	Waterbody name	Pollutant
050102 .....	Bayou Joe Marcel .....	Pathogen indicators
060204 .....	Bayou Courtableau—Origin to West Atchafalaya Borrow Pit Canal.	Pathogen indicators
060212 .....	Chatlin Lake Canal and Bayou Dulac .....	Pathogen indicators
060701 .....	Tete Bayou .....	Pathogen indicators
060703 .....	Bayou Portage .....	Pathogen indicators
060901 .....	Bayou Petite Anse .....	Pathogen indicators
060909 .....	Lake Peigneur .....	Pathogen indicators
060911 .....	Dugas Canal .....	Pathogen indicators
060204 .....	Bayou Courtableau—Origin to West Atchafalaya Borrow Pit Canal.	Sulfates
050201 .....	Bayou Plaquemine Brule—Headwaters to Bayou Des Cannes.	TDS
050501 .....	Bayou Queue de Tortue—Headwaters to Mermentau River.	TDS