

10723) dated March 6, 2003) until April 7, 2003. Copies of the public comments received by EPA have been provided to the expert peer reviewers.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Sofitel New York Hotel, 45 West 44th Street, New York, NY 10036; telephone (212) 354-8844. Versar, Inc., an EPA contractor, will convene and facilitate the meeting. To attend the meeting as an observer, register by July 10, 2003, 5 p.m. EDT by visiting <http://www.versar.com/epa/wtcpeerreview.htm> or contacting Ms. Traci Bludis, Versar, Inc.; telephone: (703) 750-3000, extension 449; facsimile: (703) 642-6954; e-mail: [bluditra@versar.com](mailto:bluditra@versar.com). There will be a limited time for oral comments from the public (registration is required). If you wish to make a statement during the observer comment period of the workshop, please check the appropriate box when you register at the Web site. Space is limited, and registration for attendance and oral comments will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For workshop information and logistics please contact Versar, Inc. The draft document, Exposure and Human Health Evaluation of Airborne Pollution from the World Trade Center Disaster, is available via the Internet on the NCEA Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/ncea/wtc.htm>. Copies are not available from Versar, Inc. For information regarding the draft document, please contact Linda C. Tuxen, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Research and Development, National Center for Environmental Assessment (8601-D), Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 564-3332; fax: (202) 565-0090; e-mail: [tuxen.linda@epa.gov](mailto:tuxen.linda@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Immediately following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack on New York City's World Trade Center, many federal agencies, including the EPA, were called upon to focus their technical and scientific expertise on the national emergency issues. EPA, other federal agencies, New York City, and New York State public health and environmental authorities focused on numerous air monitoring activities to better understand the ongoing human health impact of the disaster. Many EPA offices and programs quickly became involved with these activities, providing scientific, engineering, public health, and management expertise to help cope with the aftereffects of the collapse of the World Trade Center.

As part of these activities, a human health evaluation of exposure to air

pollutants resulting from the World Trade Center disaster was initiated. This draft evaluation is the subject of the technical peer review meeting announced today. The primary purpose and scope of the draft report were to evaluate the environmental levels of various air pollutants to which the public could potentially be exposed as a result of the collapse of the towers. These data were evaluated in terms of available health benchmark concentrations and typical background concentrations for New York City or other urban areas. The draft evaluation concludes that, with the exception of those exposed immediately following the collapse and perhaps during the next few days, people in the surrounding community are not likely to suffer from serious long- or short-term health effects. While the primary focus of EPA's draft evaluation is on outdoor levels of various air pollutants to which the public could potentially be exposed as a result of the collapse of the towers, some information on indoor and occupational exposures is summarized in EPA's draft report.

Both the processes of public review and comment and expert scientific peer review are the usual steps that EPA takes to ensure full and open participation by interested parties. These steps help EPA identify areas where a draft document could be improved to strengthen both clarity and completeness of the draft. Comments from the public and from the expert peer reviewers during this meeting will be used to improve the draft report before it is finalized.

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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### **Clean Water Act Section 303(d): Final Agency Action Adding Waters to the Arkansas 2002 Section 303(d) List**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Final agency action.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces EPA's final agency action on the Arkansas 2002 section 303(d) list pursuant to Clean Water Act section 303(d).

On June 9, 2003, EPA took final action on its March 10, 2003, proposed

decision to add 52 water quality limited segments (WQLSs) and associated pollutants to Arkansas' 2002 303(d) list.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the documents which explain the rationale for EPA's final decision, response to public comments, and a list of the 50 WQLSs that EPA added to Arkansas' 2002 section 303(d) list can be obtained from EPA Region 6's Web site at [www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6wq/artmdl.htm](http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6wq/artmdl.htm), or 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, telephone (214) 665-7513, facsimile (214) 665-6490, or e-mail: [caldwell.ellen@epa.gov](mailto:caldwell.ellen@epa.gov). Documents from the administrative record for these decisions also are available for public inspection at the above address. Please contact Ms. Caldwell to schedule an inspection.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) requires that each state identify those waters for which existing technology-based pollution controls are not stringent enough to attain or maintain state water quality standards. For those waters, states are required to establish total maximum daily loads according to a priority ranking.

On March 10, 2003, EPA approved Arkansas' listing of 76 WQLSs and associated priority rankings. EPA disapproved Arkansas' decision not to list 52 WQLSs and associated pollutants. EPA proposed to add 52 of these additional WQLSs and pollutants along with priority rankings for inclusion on the 2002 Section 303(d) list and initiated public notice and comment for these proposed listings.

On June 9, 2003, EPA took final agency action not adding two of the proposed additional WQLSs and associated pollutants to the Arkansas 2002 section 303(d) list and adding 50 WQLSs to the Arkansas 2002 section 303(d) list.

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