

## 2. By Mail

Send the original and three copies of your comments and enclosures (including references) to: Water Docket, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 4101T, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460, Attention Docket ID No. OW-2003-0074. Commenters who want EPA to acknowledge receipt of their comments should enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

## 3. By Hand Delivery or Courier

Deliver your comments to: Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, Attention Docket ID No. OW-2003-0074. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation as identified in section I.B.1.

### *D. How Should I Submit CBI to the Agency?*

Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI electronically to EPA Docket Center or through EPA's electronic public docket or by e-mail. Send or deliver information identified as CBI only to the following address: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 304(m) Effluent Guidelines Planning, 1201 Constitution Ave, NW., Room 6231G, EPA West Building, Washington, DC 20004. You may claim information that you submit to EPA as CBI by marking that information as CBI. If you submit CBI on disk or CD ROM, indicate on the outside of the disk or CD ROM that it contains information claimed as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket and EPA's electronic public docket. If you use a disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM clearly to indicate that it does not contain CBI. Information not marked as CBI will be included in the public docket and EPA's electronic public docket without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult one of the persons identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

### *E. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?*

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

- Explain your views as clearly as possible.
- Describe any assumptions that you used.
- Provide any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
- Review section IX, "Request for Comment and Information," for areas on which EPA specifically requests comments and information.
- If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at your estimate.
- Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
- Offer alternatives.
- Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.
- To ensure proper receipt by EPA, identify the following docket identification number in the subject line on the first page of your response: OW-2003-0074. It would also be helpful if you provided the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation related to your comments.

### *F. What Are the Public Meeting Details for the Preliminary Plan?*

A public meeting to review the preliminary Effluent Guidelines Program Plan for 2004/2005 will be held in Washington, DC (see **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** for the date and location of the public meeting). The meeting is open to the public, and limited seating for the public is available on a first-come, first-served basis. For security reasons, we request that you bring photo identification with you to the meeting. Also, it will expedite the process of signing in if you contact Ms. Patricia Harrigan at least three business days prior to the meeting with your name, phone number, and affiliation. Ms. Harrigan can be reached via e-mail at [harrigan.patricia@epa.gov](mailto:harrigan.patricia@epa.gov). Please use "304(m) Public Meeting Attendee" in the subject line. Ms. Harrigan can also be reached by telephone at (202) 566-1666.

EPA will not distribute meeting materials in advance of the public meeting; all materials will be distributed at the meeting. The purpose of the public meeting is to: (1) Review the preliminary Effluent Guidelines Program Plan for 2004/2005; (2) review the industry sectors identified for further investigation; and (3) identify information collection activities and

analyses EPA anticipates completing for the final Plan. EPA will not record the meeting for the record supporting this action. Individuals wishing to comment on the preliminary Effluent Guidelines Program Plan for 2004/2005 would need to submit written comments as described in section I.C. in order for EPA to consider their comments in finalizing the plan.

If you need special accommodations at this meeting, including wheelchair access or special audio-visual support needs, you should contact Ms. Harrigan at least five business days prior to the meeting so that we can make appropriate arrangements. For those unable to attend the meeting, a copy of the presentation and meeting materials will be posted on the EPA Dockets Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> and EPA's Effluent Guidelines Planning Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/guide/plan.html>.

Please note that parking is very limited in downtown Washington, and we recommend you use public transit. The EPA Headquarters complex is located near the Federal Triangle Metro station. Upon exiting the Metro station, walk east to 12th Street. On 12th Street, walk south to Constitution Avenue. At the corner, turn right onto Constitution Avenue and proceed to the EPA East Building entrance.

## II. Legal Authority

Today's notice is published under the authority of section 304(m) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. 1314(m).

## III. What Are Effluent Guidelines?

The CWA directs EPA to promulgate effluent limitations guidelines and standards that, for most pollutants, reflect the level of pollutant control that is achievable by the best available technologies economically achievable for categories or subcategories of industrial point sources. See CWA sections 301(b)(2), 304(b), 306, 307(b), and 307(c). For point sources that introduce pollutants directly into the waters of the United States (direct dischargers), the limitations and standards promulgated by EPA are implemented through National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. See CWA sections 301(a), 301(b), and 402. For sources that discharge to POTWs (indirect dischargers), EPA promulgates pretreatment standards that apply directly to those sources and are enforced by POTWs and State and Federal authorities. See CWA sections 307(b) and (c).