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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

General Information

A. Interested Entities

Entities potentially interested in this notice are those who prepare sewage sludge, apply sewage sludge to land,

dispose of sewage sludge in a surface disposal unit, or incinerate sewage sludge in a sewage sludge incinerator. Categories and entities include:

Category	Examples of interested entities
State/Local/Tribal Government	Publicly owned treatment works and other treatment works that treat domestic sewage, prepare sewage sludge and/or apply sewage sludge to the land, place sewage sludge in a surface disposal unit, or incinerate sewage sludge.
Federal Government	Federal Agencies with treatment works that treat domestic sewage, prepare sewage sludge and/or apply sewage sludge to the land, place sewage sludge in a surface disposal unit, or incinerate sewage sludge.
Farmers, Ranchers and Home Gardeners	Individuals who apply sewage sludge to land.
Industry	Privately-owned treatment works that treat domestic sewage, as well as persons who receive sewage sludge and change the quality of the sewage sludge before it is applied to the land, place sewage sludge in a surface disposal unit, or incinerate sewage sludge.

This table is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be interested in this action. This table lists the types of entities that EPA is now aware could potentially be interested in this action. Other types of entities not listed in the table could also be interested. To determine whether your facility is affected by this action, you should carefully examine today's notice. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed in the preceding **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

B. How Can I Get Copies of This Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* EPA has established an official public docket for this action under Docket ID No. OW-2003-0006. 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 Water Docket in the EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Water Docket is (202) 566-2426.

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C. Abbreviations and Acronyms Used

AMSA—Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies
 ASTM—American Society for Testing and Materials
 CDC—Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 CFR—Code of Federal Regulations
 CPE—Cytopathic Effects
 CWA—Clean Water Act
 EMS—Environmental Management System
 EPA—U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
 FQPA—Food Quality Protection Act
 HQ—Hazard Quotient
 ICC—PCR—Integrated cell culture—polymerase chain reaction
 ICMA—International City/County Management Association
 IRED—Interim Reregistration Eligibility Decision
 IRIS—Integrated Risk Information System
 ISG—Information Sharing Group

LGEAN—Local Government Environmental Assistance Network
 NBP—National Biosolids Partnership
 NPDES—National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
 NODA—Notice of Data Availability
 NRC—National Research Council
 NSSS—National Sewage Sludge Survey
 OPP—Office of Pesticide Programs
 OW—Office of Water
 PCBs—Polychlorinated biphenyls
 PCDDs/Fs—Polychlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins/dibenzofurans
 PCR—polymerase chain reaction
 PCS—Permit Compliance System
 PEC—Pathogen Equivalency Committee
 PFRP—Process to Further Reduce Pathogens
 POTW—Publicly Owned Treatment Works
 PPCPs—Pharmaceutical and Personal Care Products
 PSRP—Processes to Significantly Reduce Pathogens
 QA/QC—Quality Assurance/Quality Control
 QMRA—Quantitative Microbial Risk Assessment
 RED—Reregistration Eligibility Decision
 RME—Reasonable Maximum Exposure
 SOP—Standard Operating Procedure
 SSI—Sewage Sludge Incinerator
 TBD—Technical Background Document
 UA—University of Arizona
 USDA—United States Department of Agriculture
 VOC—volatile organic compounds
 WEF—Water Environment Federation
 WERF—Water Environment Research Foundation

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