
State Water Resources Control Board

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT

Concerning

PFOS and PFOA Revisions to an Amendment to the Policy for Water Quality Control for Recycled Water

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will receive written public comments on revisions to a proposed amendment (Revised Proposed Amendment) to the Policy for Water Quality Control for Recycled Water (Recycled Water Policy) and the Revised Draft Staff Report, including the Draft Substitute Environmental Documentation (Revised Draft SR/SED) for the addition of perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) to the monitoring list for potable recycled water projects. Information on the comment period and how to submit written comments is detailed below under “Submission of Written Comments.” **The Revised Proposed Amendment and Revised Draft SR/SED do not yet include revisions in response to the May 9, 2018 to June 26, 2018 public comment period.**

BACKGROUND

The Recycled Water Policy includes provisions that require staff to reconvene a science advisory panel every five years to provide guidance on future actions related to constituents of emerging concern (CECs) in recycled water. Resolution No. 2016-0061 directed State Water Board staff to reconvene a Science Advisory Panel on CECs in recycled water (Panel) and to propose an amendment to the Recycled Water Policy considering feedback received from stakeholder outreach, the findings of the Panel, and an evaluation of the challenges and benefits of salt and nutrient management plan development.

The State Water Board previously held a public comment period from May 9, 2018 to June 26, 2018 and held a public hearing on June 19, 2018 to receive public input and comments on the Proposed Amendment. State Water Board staff is reviewing these comments.

ADDITION OF PFOS AND PFOA

On July 13, 2018, the State Water Board Division of Drinking Water issued Notification Levels for perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS) and for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA). State Water Board staff requested the Science Advisory Panel on CECs in Recycled Water re-evaluate PFOS and PFOA considering the new Notification Levels and determine if they should be added to the CEC monitoring list in the Proposed Amendment. Upon review, the Panel recommended adding PFOS and PFOA to the CEC monitoring list for potable recycled water projects and staff revised the May 9, 2018 draft of the Proposed Amendment and Draft SR/SED to reflect this recommendation. The only changes to the Revised Proposed Amendment are the addition of

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PFOS and PFOA to the list of health-based CECs (see Table 1 and Table 7 in Attachment A of the Revised Proposed Amendment) and supporting information in the Revised Draft SR/SED (see section 4.14.1 of the Revised Draft SR/SED, p. 70-72).

PROCEDURAL MATTERS FOR THE COMMENT PERIOD

At this time, the State Water Board will accept comments **only on changes** to the Revised Proposed Amendment and Revised Draft SR/SED associated with the addition of PFOS and PFOA to the CEC monitoring list, which are identified by underline or ~~striketrough~~ text.

State Water Board staff will review comments received from the May 9, 2018 to June 26, 2018 comment period as well as from this comment period, which ends September 10, 2018 and will prepare responses to comments. Staff will then prepare a Revised Proposed Amendment and a Revised Draft SR/SED that incorporates feedback from the first and second public comment periods for the Board's consideration.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Revised Proposed Amendment and Revised Draft SR/SED are available on the State Water Board's website:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/water_recycling_policy/index.html

You may also receive a paper copy by contacting Laura McLellan by phone at (916) 319-8288, or email at: Laura.McLellan@waterboards.ca.gov, or by writing Laura McLellan, Division of Water Quality, State Water Resources Control Board, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

State Water Board staff will accept written comments only on text that is in underline or ~~striketrough~~ in the Revised Proposed Amendment and the Revised Draft SR/SED.

Written comment letters must be received by **12:00 noon on Monday September 10, 2018**. After the deadline, the State Water Board will not accept additional written comments.

The State Water Board requests that comment letters be submitted via email to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board, by email at commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (if less than 15 megabytes in total size). Please title the subject line: "**Comment Letter – Proposed Recycled Water Policy Amendment.**" Electronic submission by email in pdf text format is preferred.

If submitting a paper comment letter, please address letters to the attention of Jeanine Townsend, State Water Resources Control Board, 1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. Couriers delivering comment letters in person to CalEPA Headquarters must check in with lobby security personnel.

Additional Information

Please direct questions about this notice to Laura McLellan at (916) 319-8288 or via email at Laura.McLellan@waterboards.ca.gov.

August 27, 2018
Date



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Clerk to the Board