



FY 2009
3rd Quarter
Report

Water Lines

SDW Hotline Report

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Top Ten Caller Topics

Topic	Number of Questions	Percent of Total* Questions
Consumer Confidence Reports	882	12%
Local DW Quality	837	11%
Tap Water Testing	667	9%
MCL List	556	8%
SDWA	487	7%
HWTUs	391	5%
Lead	289	4%
PWS Complaints	262	4%
Cryptosporidium	247	3%
Bottled Water	210	3%

*A total of 7,331 questions from callers were answered by the Hotline in the 3rd Quarter of FY 2009.

**Citizens who obtain their drinking water from private household wells asked 13 percent of the tap water testing questions.

Calls and ECSS Questions and Comments

Calls***	ECSS Questions****	Total
2,747	209	2,956

***A single call may generate multiple questions.

**** Questions registered through EPA's Enterprise Customer Service Solution knowledge base at the OGWDW Web site.

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<http://intranet.epa.gov/ow/hotline>

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What's New

New Publications/Resources:

The Ground Water Rule (GWR) Implementation Guidance (EPA816-R-09-004) is available at www.epa.gov/safewater/disinfection/gwr/compliancehelp.html.

Ground Water Rule Triggered and Representative Source Water Monitoring Guidance Manual (EPA815-R-09-003) is available at www.epa.gov/safewater/disinfection/gwr/compliancehelp.html.

Summary of EPA Webinars on Financial Responsibility for Geologic Sequestration Wells (EPA815-D-09-001) is available at www.epa.gov/safewater/uic/wells_sequestration.html#webcasts.

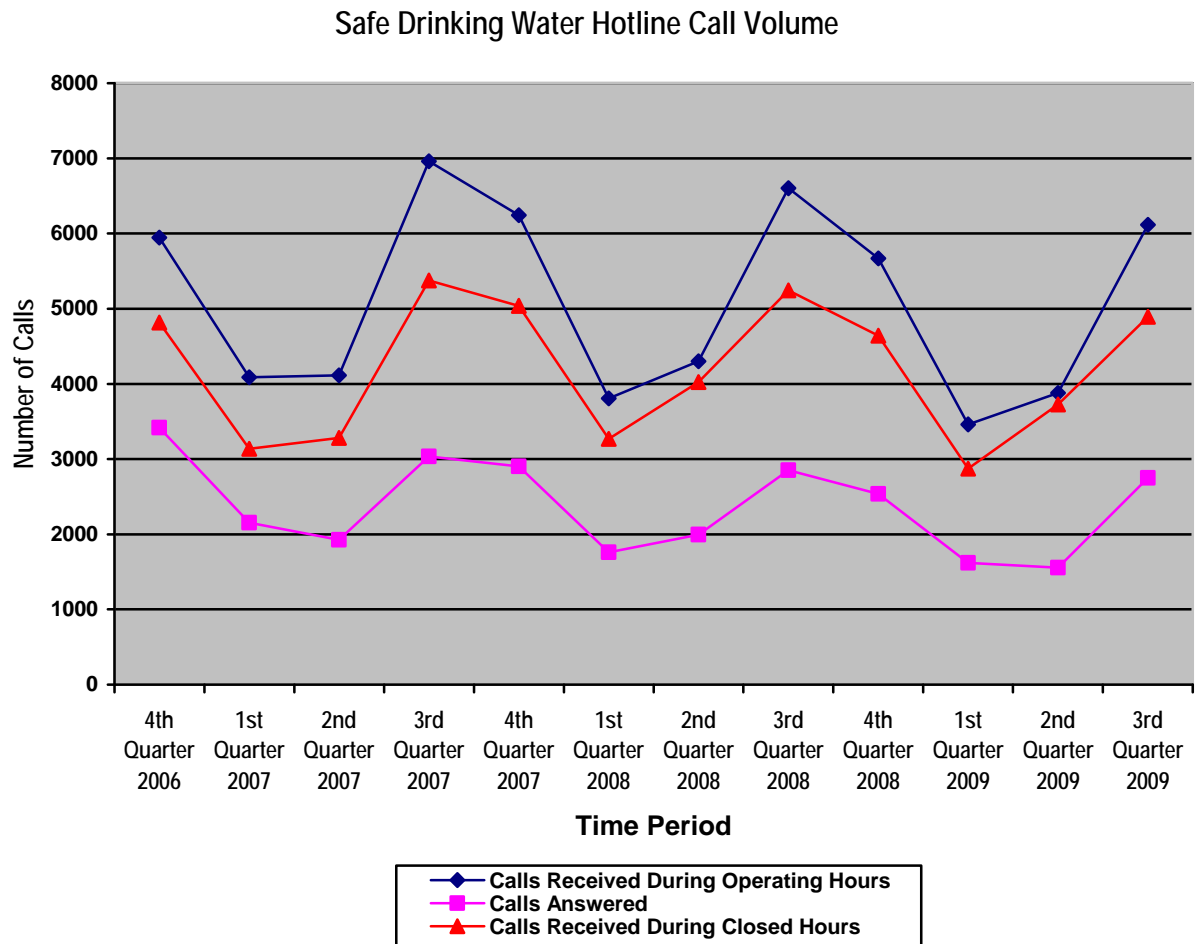
Calendar:

What?	Where?	When?	More Information
Science Advisory Board Drinking Water Committee; Total Coliform Rule Revision	Teleconference	5/20/2009	http://epa.gov/fedrgstr/ (74 FR 20297; May 1, 2009)
Science Advisory Board Drinking Water Committee; Total Coliform Rule Revision	Washington, D.C.	6/9/2009	http://epa.gov/fedrgstr/ (74 FR 20297; May 1, 2009)
Public Meeting; Equitable Considerations for Small Systems	Washington, D.C.	5/20/2009	http://epa.gov/fedrgstr/ (74 FR 21363; May 7, 2009)
Public Meeting; Total Coliform Rule, Geologic Sequestration, Aircraft Drinking Water Rule	Seattle, Washington	5/27/2009 – 5/28/2009	http://epa.gov/fedrgstr/ (74 FR 22540; May 13, 2009)

Did You Know?

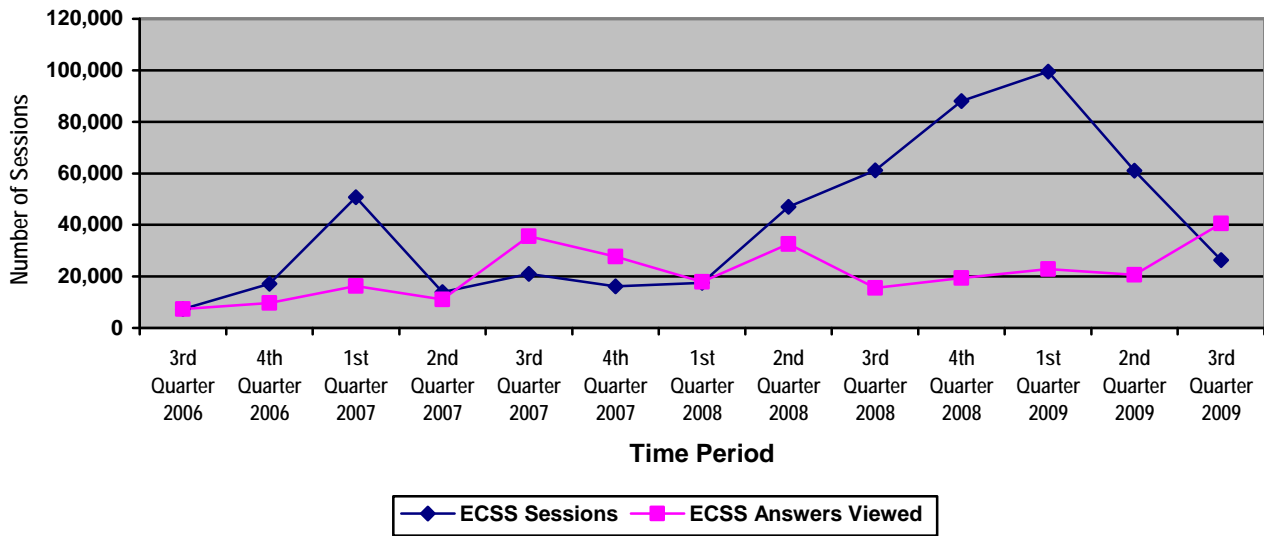
On average, an American household uses about 260 gallons per day, but this amount climbs to around 1,000 gallons per day during peak water use season with some households using as much as 3,000 gallons a day. (US Environmental Protection Agency, www.epa.gov/watersense/water/peak.htm; August 3, 2009)

Quarterly Trend



The above graph shows the number of calls received during operating hours, the number of calls received during closed hours, and the number of calls answered by Hotline Information Specialists. As in every quarter, the difference in the number of calls received during operating hours and the calls answered by Information Specialists can be attributed to several reasons. Many callers choose to disconnect the call, while others receive the information they need from one of the phone system messages, thus never speaking with an Information Specialist. Others may have elected to be transferred directly to the Water Systems Council (WSC). During the 3rd Quarter of 2009, 603 callers chose to be transferred directly to the WSC and Hotline phone tree messages were listened to over 2,500 times.

Safe Drinking Water ECSS Interface Sessions



Internet users initiated just over 26,000 sessions on the Safe Drinking Water ECSS Interface (safewater.custhelp.com) during the 3rd quarter of 2009. A session is defined as, “the use of the end-user pages. A session ends when the end-user, submits an Ask a Question request, leaves the end-user pages, or a two-hour period of time has elapsed, whichever comes first”. During the 3rd quarter of 2009, over 40,000 answers were viewed. The most frequently viewed answer with 565 views, was to the question, “How can I get my tap water tested?” The second most popular answer viewed with 541 views was to the question “How long can bottled water be stored?”

Frequently Asked Qs & As

This section provides answers to frequently asked questions not necessarily represented in one of the Top Ten Topic categories.

Q: What is the federal standard for chloride in drinking water?

A: There is no federally enforceable standard (i.e., Maximum Contaminant Level) for chloride in drinking water. However, EPA did set a recommended standard for chloride levels in drinking water at 250 mg/L. Drinking water with chloride levels above 250mg/L may exhibit a salty taste. Secondary standards or Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels (SMCLs) are developed to protect the aesthetic quality of water, such as taste, odor, color, and appearance. SMCLs are non-enforceable guidelines that states may choose to implement. Contact your state drinking water office to determine if your state set an enforceable chloride level in drinking water. State drinking water office contact information is available by clicking on your state at www.epa.gov/safewater/dwinfo.

Q: What is the federal standard for pH in drinking water?

A: There is no federally enforceable standard (i.e., Maximum Contaminant Level) for pH in drinking water. EPA set a Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (SMCL) or recommended range for pH in drinking water of 6.5 to 8.5. SMCLs are developed to protect the aesthetic quality of water, such as taste, odor, color, and appearance. SMCLs are non-enforceable guidelines that states may choose to implement. Contact your state drinking water office to determine if your state set an enforceable pH level in drinking water. State drinking water office contact information is available by clicking on your state at www.epa.gov/safewater/dwinfo.

Q: EPA Method 524.2 is an approved method for analyzing Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) (40 CFR 141.131(b)(1)). Must water samples being analyzed for TTHMs using EPA Method 524.2 be acidified with hydrochloric acid at the time of collection?

A: Samples being analyzed for TTHMs where sodium thiosulfate is used as the dechlorinating agent do not need to be acidified with hydrochloric acid at the time of collection. However, if ascorbic acid is used as the dechlorinating agent, then the samples must be acidified at the time of collection. The water system should check with the laboratory to see which dechlorinating agent the lab is using when the sample bottles are prepared.

When EPA Method 524.2 is used for VOC samples, then it is necessary to acidify the samples at the time of collection.

Q: The Long Term 2 Enhance Surface Water Treatment Rule allows systems to receive *Cryptosporidium* treatment credit by meeting the conditions for one of several microbial toolbox options (40 CFR 141.715). If a water system chooses the membrane filter option, must all the water pass through the filter?

A: Yes. All the water has to pass through the membrane filter to receive the credit.

Q: Is my water system supplying fluoridated drinking water?

A: The best source of information on fluoride levels in your water is your local water utility. All water utilities must provide their consumers with a Consumer Confidence Report that provides information on a system's water quality, including its fluoridation level. The state drinking water administrator or state oral health program also should be able to help you identify the fluoride level of your drinking water. In addition, the Center for Disease Control offers the "My Water's Fluoride" database, which allows consumers in currently participating states to learn the fluoridation status of their water system. You can access this database at <http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/MWF/Index.asp>. The information provided for the water system will detail if it provides fluoridated water, and may note whether the fluoride is from natural sources or if the fluoride levels are adjusted with a fluoride additive.

Q: What types of materials should be used for a rain water collection system?

A: Provided the rainwater is for non-drinking water purposes, virtually any materials can be used in the collection system. However, if the rainwater will also be used to meet the potable water needs of a home's residents, it is important that the homeowner use care in selecting materials and coatings which will come into contact with the water as it is collected, since some impurities can be picked up by the rainwater as it travels through the collection system.

For additional guidance on creating a rain water collection system, please visit NSF International's Web site at www.nsf.org/consumer/rainwater_collection/index.asp?program=WaterTre.

Q: Is the H1N1 virus (i.e., swine flu virus) destroyed during standard drinking water treatment processes?

A: Yes. H1N1 and other influenza viruses are easily disrupted by standard water treatment processes. The

USDA and EPA have concluded that free chlorine levels typically used in drinking water treatment are effective at deactivating the virus at temperatures as low as 5° Centigrade.

Q: EPA's Emergency Disinfection of Water Web site (www.epa.gov/safewater/faq/emerg.html), notes that granular calcium hypochlorite can be used to disinfect drinking water during an emergency. Where can you purchase granular calcium hypochlorite?

A: EPA does not have a list of retailers of granular calcium hypochlorite; however, NSF International, a not-for-profit, non-governmental organization, maintains a list of contact information for manufacturers of calcium hypochlorite (www.nsf.org/Certified/PwsChemicals/). Individuals can contact the manufacturers for information on retailers selling their product. The NSF Water Treatment and Distribution Systems Program is responsible for the certification of drinking water treatment chemicals to ensure that these products do not contribute contaminants to drinking water that could cause adverse health effects.

Quarterly Summary of Hotline Service

Total number of calls connecting to Hotline.	11,007
Total number of calls answered	2,747
ECSS comments and questions requiring a response	209
Average wait time (in seconds)	:78
Percent of calls satisfied immediately	100%
Percent of all calls answered in < 5 min	96.39%
Percent of callbacks answered in 5 days	100%
Number of times callers were transferred to the WSC Wellcare Hotline	603
Number of times callers listened to recorded message about CCRs	800
Number of times callers listened to recorded message about local drinking water quality for PWS customers	553
Number of times callers listened to recorded message about tap water testing and quality for household well owners	363
Number of times callers listened to recorded message about tap water testing for PWS customers	827

Comparison to Previous Quarter

	Calls Answered	ECSS Questions and Comments
3rd Quarter FY 2009	2,747	209
2nd Quarter FY 2009	1,563	177

Top Ten Referrals

Inquiry Referred to:	Number of Referrals	Percent of Total* Referrals
Local Water System	615	26%
State Laboratory Certification Officer	506	21%
State Public Water System Supervisor	356	15%
NSF/WQA/UL	289	12%
EPA Internet	180	7%
FDA/IBWA	78	3%
Other	60	2%
AGWT/WSC	59	2%
Local Public Health	38	2%
Other Hotlines	25	1%

*A total of 2,406 referrals to other resources, agencies, and organizations were provided by the Hotline in the 3rd Quarter of FY 2009.

Caller Profiles

Customer	Calls
Analytical Laboratories	9
Citizen - Private Well	171
Citizen - PWS	1977
Consultants/Industry/Trade (DW)	62
Consultants/Industry/Trade (Other)	20
Environmental Groups	1
EPA	16
Other Federal Agency	4
Government, Local	3
Government, State	26
Government, Tribal	0
Spanish Speaking	57
International	0
Media	2
Medical Professional	2
Public Water System	118
Schools/University	19
Other	259
TOTALS	2,747

ECSS Activities

Topic	Number of Questions and Comments
Arsenic	11
Bottled Water	2
Compliance/Issues (PWS)	16
Consumer Concerns	31
Contaminants and Standards	17
Definitions	5
Facts, Figures, and Databases	9
Household Wells	16
Other	59
Local Drinking Water Quality	17
Long Term 2 ESWT Rule	2
Security	1
Source Water Protection	7
Stage 2 D/DBP Rule	3
Tap Water Testing	5
Underground Injection Cntrl	8
TOTALS	209

Caller Question Topics

Topics	Number of Questions
Microbials/Disinfection Byproducts	
Chlorine	110
Coliforms	209
Cryptosporidium	247
Disinfection/Disinfection Byproducts (Other)	39
Long Term 2 ESWTR	11
Other Microbials	140
Stage 2 D/DBPR	20
Surface Water Treatment (SWTR, ESWTR, LT1FBR)	8
Trihalomethane (THM)	54
Home Water Disinfection	74
Home Water Storage	5
Inorganic Chemicals (IOC)/Synthetic Organic Chemicals (SOC)	
Arsenic	66
Fluoride	64
Methyl-tertiary-butyl-ether (MTBE)	2
Perchlorate	10
Phase I, II & V	12
Sodium Monitoring	5
Sulfate	9
Lead and Copper	
Copper	100
Lead	289
Lead Contamination Control Act (LCCA)/Lead Ban	21
Radionuclides	
Radionuclides (Other)	20
Radionuclides (Radon)	58
Secondary DW Regulations	
Secondary DW Regulations	185
SDWA Background/Overview	
Definitions & Applicability	122
MCL List	556
Other Background	246
SDWA	487

Topics	Number of Questions
Water on Tap	0
Other DW Regulations	
Analytical Methods (DW)	47
Contaminant Candidate List/ Drinking Water Priority List	6
Consumer Confidence Report (DW)	882
DW Primacy (PWS)	60
Operator (PWS) Certification	5
Other Drinking Water Security	16
Public Notification (PWS)	190
Security Planning Grants	0
State Revolving Fund (DW)	4
Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR)	25
Other Drinking Water	
Additives Program	7
Bottled Water	210
Complaints about PWS	262
Compliance & Enforcement (PWS)	151
Home Water Treatment Units	391
Infrastructure/Cap. Development	7
Local DW Quality	837
Tap Water Testing	667
Treatment/BATs (DW)	41
Pharmaceuticals	23
Drinking Water Source Protection	
Ground Water Rule	14
Sole Source Aquifer	0
Source Water/Wellhead Protection	11
UIC Program	21
Carbon Sequestration	2
Out of Purview	
Household Wells	133
Non-Environmental	24
Non-EPA Environmental	47
Other EPA (Programs)	79
TOTALS	7,331

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ECSS Service Summary

Date	Searches	Answers Viewed	Sessions	Hits	Web Questions
2009/04/01	47	188	122	390	4
2009/04/02	59	1027	207	1266	1
2009/04/03	38	1022	193	1238	1
2009/04/04	7	49	49	79	1
2009/04/05	25	61	87	185	1
2009/04/06	57	573	168	751	2
2009/04/07	16	546	126	676	0
2009/04/08	33	981	191	1229	5
2009/04/09	56	128	92	267	2
2009/04/10	18	120	115	211	3
2009/04/11	12	62	64	122	0
2009/04/12	51	74	80	171	1
2009/04/13	20	124	129	245	5
2009/04/14	93	195	156	412	1
2009/04/15	36	114	148	256	3
2009/04/16	25	134	154	241	2
2009/04/17	48	1063	373	1427	3
2009/04/18	32	79	107	184	4
2009/04/19	18	113	87	187	1
2009/04/20	37	178	195	367	4
2009/04/21	67	169	191	361	3
2009/04/22	58	155	172	370	7
2009/04/23	32	131	137	274	4
2009/04/24	63	1010	571	1157	1
2009/04/25	1	83	98	149	2
2009/04/26	9	67	88	127	1
2009/04/27	42	688	215	957	4
2009/04/28	31	185	175	351	1
2009/04/29	22	626	200	794	1
2009/04/30	24	110	134	184	0
2009/05/01	46	527	135	690	0
2009/05/02	5	43	49	73	1
2009/05/03	10	92	95	175	4
2009/05/04	50	211	195	390	0
2009/05/05	31	135	149	260	2
2009/05/06	36	137	146	254	0
2009/05/07	36	159	171	334	3
2009/05/08	82	116	168	300	0
2009/05/09	3	64	112	146	2
2009/05/10	7	85	100	138	1
2009/05/11	37	993	234	1274	4
2009/05/12	32	138	197	311	4
2009/05/13	16	545	192	769	3
2009/05/14	15	100	136	198	0
2009/05/15	13	997	201	1180	1
2009/05/16	3	50	97	149	1
2009/05/17	22	75	102	186	3
2009/05/18	26	136	214	338	1
2009/05/19	40	130	167	324	0
2009/05/20	24	1458	1507	1627	2
2009/05/21	14	86	147	231	1
2009/05/22	24	120	172	331	3
2009/05/23	7	92	113	155	1

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Date	Searches	Answers Viewed	Sessions	Hits	Web Questions
2009/05/24	10	87	95	131	0
2009/05/25	19	118	124	235	2
2009/05/26	72	235	219	424	1
2009/05/27	37	201	236	475	7
2009/05/28	23	535	573	695	7
2009/05/29	48	581	599	767	5
2009/05/30	1	90	96	140	0
2009/05/31	5	88	104	185	2
2009/06/01	47	619	255	853	2
2009/06/02	58	647	685	880	2
2009/06/03	53	330	338	554	4
2009/06/04	64	277	291	547	3
2009/06/05	89	440	268	745	5
2009/06/06	11	388	164	534	1
2009/06/07	17	157	137	249	2
2009/06/08	56	1111	308	1325	3
2009/06/09	59	1136	350	1430	3
2009/06/10	48	233	247	407	2
2009/06/11	37	1036	1078	1235	3
2009/06/12	54	584	631	771	5
2009/06/13	7	79	88	142	0
2009/06/14	24	68	90	149	1
2009/06/15	40	2389	1588	2714	3
2009/06/16	58	1575	821	1876	2
2009/06/17	78	672	710	935	6
2009/06/18	73	1864	953	2352	3
2009/06/19	44	248	250	457	4
2009/06/20	12	74	66	127	1
2009/06/21	13	72	76	138	2
2009/06/22	57	1794	841	2034	2
2009/06/23	14	1731	818	1963	6
2009/06/24	40	769	815	955	2
2009/06/25	40	741	765	922	4
2009/06/26	42	1758	806	1986	2
2009/06/27	15	113	103	199	0
2009/06/28	24	121	109	210	3
2009/06/29	42	244	263	423	1
2009/06/30	32	729	759	888	3
Total	3,119	40,478	26,342	55,513	209

Searches: The number of searches performed.

Answers Viewed: The total number of times Answers were viewed. This represents the number of Answer pages viewed. That is, if only one Answer was selected, but it was viewed ten times, the Answers Viewed value would be ten.

Sessions: The number of sessions for the time unit specified. A session is use of the end-user pages. A session ends when the end-user submits an Ask a Question request, leaves the end-user pages, or a two-hour period of time has elapsed, whichever comes first.

Hits: The number of page turns during the time period selected for the report.

Web Questions: The number of questions generated from an Ask a Question request.

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APPENDIX A: FEDERAL REGISTER SUMMARIES

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FINAL RULES

**“National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Minor Correction to Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule and Changes in References to Analytical Methods”
June 29, 2009 (74 FR 30953)**

In this action, EPA announced its intent to make a minor correction to the Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule (DBPR) and minor, unrelated, editorial changes in references to analytical methods in the regulations. EPA promulgated the Stage 2 DBPR on January 4, 2006. This rule will require public water systems (PWSs) serving 500 – 9,999 people to monitor for both total trihalomethanes and haloacetic acid. In addition, EPA is also making minor, unrelated changes in the regulations by adding references to the list of analytical methods approved under the Expedited Approval Process, removing references to outdated methods, and specifying a new source for the publication entitled, “Technical Notes on Drinking Water Methods.”

The effective date of this rulemaking is July 29, 2009.

PROPOSED RULES

**“Spring 2009 Regulatory Agenda”
May 11, 2009 (74 FR 21992)**

EPA publishes the semiannual regulatory agenda to update the public about regulations and major policies currently under development, reviews of existing regulations and major policies, and rules and major policies completed or canceled since the last agenda. The Spring 2009 Regulatory Agenda included the following upcoming drinking water actions: Revisions to the Underground Injection Control (UIC) Requirements for Class V Wells (Section 610 Review) and National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Radon.

NOTICES

**“Notice of Nationwide Waiver of Section 1605 (Buy American Requirement) of American Recovery Act of 2009 (ARRA) for Projects With Debt Incurred on or After October 1, 2008 and Before February 17, 2009 That Are Refinanced Through the Clean or Drinking Water State Revolving Funds Using Assistance Provided Under ARRA”
April 7, 2009 (74 FR 15722)**

EPA is hereby granting a nationwide waiver of the Buy American requirements of ARRA Section 1605 under the authority of Section 1605(b)(1) (public interest waiver) for eligible projects for which debt was incurred on or after October 1, 2008 and before February 17, 2009, the date of enactment of ARRA. This action permits the use of non-domestic iron, steel, and

manufactured goods in such projects funded by ARRA that may otherwise be prohibited under section 1605(a).

The effective date of this rulemaking is April 1, 2009.

**“Agency Information Collection Activities OMB Responses”
April 15, 2009 (74 FR 17479)**

This document announces the OMB responses to Agency Clearance requests, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). Specifically, ICR Number 0270.43, “Public Water System Supervision Program (Renewal),” was approved on March 30, 2009. This ICR, OMB Number 2040 – 0090, is set to expire on March 31, 2012.

In addition, OMB filled comment on ICR Number 2336.01, “Turbidity Monitoring Requirements for Construction Sites Regulated by the Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Construction and Development Point Source Category (Proposed Rule),” on March 27, 2009. Lastly, ICR number 2097.05, “The National Primary Drinking Water Regulations; Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule,” OMB Number 2040 – 0266, was extended. This ICR is currently scheduled to expire on June 30, 2009.

**“Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Rule State Approved Program Revision Approval:
State of North Dakota”
April 20, 2009 (74 FR 17958)**

This notice announces EPA's approval, under regulations for cross-media electronic reporting, of the State of North Dakota's request to revise their EPA-authorized National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Implementation authorized program to allow electronic reporting of specific reports; this notice also announces an opportunity to request a public hearing on this action.

EPA's approval is effective on May 20, 2009 if no timely request for a public hearing is received and accepted by the Agency.

**“Tentative Approval and Solicitation of Request for a Public Hearing for Public Water System Supervision Program Revision for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico”
April 30, 2009 (74 FR 19957)**

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico is revising its approved Public Water System Supervision Program to adopt EPA's Ground Water Rule. EPA has determined that these revisions are no less stringent than the corresponding federal regulations. Therefore, EPA intends to approve these program revisions. All interested parties may request a public hearing.

If no timely and appropriate request for a hearing is received and the Regional Administrator does not elect to hold a hearing on his own motion, this determination shall become final and effective June 1, 2009.

**“Science Advisory Board Staff Office; Notification of a Public Teleconference and Meeting of the Science Advisory Board Drinking Water Committee”
May 1, 2009 (74 FR 20297)**

EPA's Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office announces two meetings of the SAB Drinking Water Committee (DWC): a public teleconference and a face-to-face meeting to review the Agency's draft supporting analysis for the proposed revised Total Coliform Rule.

The SAB will hold the public teleconference on May 20, 2009 that will begin at 1 P.M. and end at 4 P.M. EST. A face-to-face meeting will be held on June 9, 2009 from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. EST and will continue on June 10, 2009 from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. EST.

**“Small Drinking Water System Variances and Other Approaches for the Equitable Consideration of Small System Customers Stakeholder Meeting”
May 7, 2009 (74 FR 21363)**

EPA is giving notice of a public meeting to discuss policies to assure equitable treatment of small drinking water system customers. These policies include small drinking water system variance methodologies and alternative strategies. This meeting is open to the public and will provide a forum for public discussion on potential changes to EPA's existing small drinking water system variance determination methodology as well as to discuss alternative compliance strategies (e.g., capacity development and utilization of provisions of the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund such as disadvantaged community loan subsidies) that could be considered.

The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 20, 2009, from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. EST.

**“Meeting of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council – Notice of Public Meeting”
May 13, 2009 (74 FR 22540)**

Under Section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92–423, “The Federal Advisory Committee Act,” notice is hereby given of a meeting of the National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWAC), established under the Safe Drinking Water Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 300f et seq.). The Council will consider various issues associated with drinking water protection and small PWSs. The Council will also receive updates about several on-going activities including rulemakings related to the Total Coliform Rule, Geologic Sequestration, and the Aircraft Drinking Water Rule and efforts underway to help the water sector improve their resiliency to potential effects of climate change.

The Council meeting will be held on May 27 and 28, 2009, from 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. EST, each day.

**“Agency Information Collection Activities OMB Responses”
May 14, 2009 (74 FR 22740)**

This document announced the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) responses to Agency clearance requests, in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.). Specifically, Information Collection Request (ICR) Number 1895.04, “Microbial Rules (Renewal),” was approved on April 17, 2009. This ICR, OMB Control Number 2040 – 0205, expires April 30, 2012.

“Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to OMB for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Laboratory Quality Assurance Evaluation Program for Analysis of

**Cryptosporidium Under the Safe Drinking Water Act (Renewal); EPA ICR No. 2067.04, OMB Control No. 2040 – 0246”
May 18, 2009 (74 FR 23186)**

EPA announced that the following ICR has been forwarded to OMB for review and approval: “Laboratory Quality Assurance Evaluation Program for Analysis of Cryptosporidium Under the Safe Drinking Water Act (Renewal),” ICR Number 2067.04, OMB Control Number 2040 – 0246. The current expiration date for this ICR is May 31, 2009. Comments must be received by June 17, 2009.

**“State Allotment Percentages for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program”
May 28, 2009 (74 FR 25531)**

EPA is announcing the revised Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) allotments that will be provided to the States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Territories, American Indian Tribes, and Alaska Native Villages if the President's budget request for Fiscal Year 2010 is enacted. These allotments reflect the results from EPA's most recent Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment, which was released on March 26, 2009. The revised state allotment percentages will be the basis for distributing the DWSRF program appropriations to the States for the four years from Fiscal Years 2010 through 2013.

This notice is effective May 28, 2009.

**“Notice of Nationwide Waiver of Section 1605 (Buy American Requirement) of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) for Projects that Solicited Bids on or after October 1, 2008 and prior to February 17, 2009 that are Financed through the Clean or Drinking Water State Revolving Funds using Assistance Provided under ARRA”
June 2, 2009 (74 FR 26397)**

EPA is hereby granting a nationwide waiver of the Buy American requirements of ARRA Section 1605 under the authority of Section 1605(b)(1) (public interest waiver) for eligible projects that solicited bids on or after October 1, 2008, and prior to February 17, 2009, the date of enactment of ARRA, and that did so in reasonable and prudent, specific anticipation of ARRA funding, or any other source of timely funding. This action permits the use of non-domestic iron, steel, and manufactured goods in such projects funded by ARRA that may otherwise be prohibited under section 1605(a).

The effective date of this rulemaking is May 22, 2009.

**“Notice of Nationwide Waiver of Section 1605 (Buy American Requirement) of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) for de minimis Incidental Components of Projects Financed Through the Clean or Drinking Water State Revolving Funds Using Assistance Provided Under ARRA”
June 2, 2009 (74 FR 26398)**

EPA is hereby granting a nationwide waiver of the Buy American requirements of ARRA Section 1605 under the authority of Section 1605(b)(1) (public interest waiver) for de minimis incidental components of eligible water infrastructure projects funded by ARRA. This action permits the use of non-domestic iron, steel, and manufactured goods when they occur in de

minimis incidental components of such projects funded by ARRA that may otherwise be prohibited under section 1605(a).

The effective date of this rulemaking is May 22, 2009.

**“Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Renewal of Information Collection; Comment Request; Agency Information Collection Activities Supporting the Second Cycle of Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring in Public Water Systems; EPA ICR No. 2192.03, OMB Control No. 2040 – 0270”
June 9, 2009 (74 FR 27311)**

EPA announced its plans to submit the following Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval: “Agency Information Collection Activities Supporting the Second Cycle of Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring in Public Water Systems,” ICR Number 2192.03, OMB Control Number 2040 – 0270. The current expiration date for this ICR is November 30, 2009.

Comments must be received by August 10, 2009.

**“Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Collection; Comment Request; Critical Public Information Needs During Drinking Water Emergencies (New); EPA ICR No. 2322.01, OMB Control No. 2080 – NEW”
June 17, 2009 (74 FR 28695)**

EPA announced its plans to submit the following new ICR to OMB for review and approval: “Critical Public Information Needs during Drinking Water Emergencies (New),” ICR Number 2322.01, OMB Control Number 2080 – NEW. Before submitting the ICR to OMB, EPA is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection.

Comments must be submitted on or before August 17, 2009.

**“Public Water Supply Supervision Program; Program Revision for the State of Idaho”
June 23, 2009 (74 FR 29697)**

The State of Idaho has revised its approved State Public Water Supply Supervision Primacy Program. Idaho has adopted regulations analogous to EPA’s Variance and Exemptions Rule, Stage 2 DBPR, Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule, Ground Water Rule, and Lead and Copper Short – Term Regulatory Revisions and Clarifications Rule. EPA has determined that these revisions are no less stringent than the corresponding federal regulations. Therefore, EPA intends to approve these State program revisions.

All interested parties may request a public hearing. If a substantial request for a public hearing is made to the Regional Administrator by July 23, 2009, a public hearing will be held. If no timely and appropriate request for a hearing is received and the Regional Administrator does not elect to hold a hearing on her own motion, this determination shall become final and effective on July 23, 2009.

CONSENT DECREES

“Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act, the Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, the Safe Drinking Water Act, and the Clean Air Act”

April 16, 2009 (74 FR 17688)

This notice announced that on April 13, 2009, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States, et al. v. INVISTA, S.à.r.l.*, Civil Action Number 1:09 – cv – 00244, was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Delaware.

Comments must be received by May 16, 2009.