



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION III  
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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-2029

The Honorable Karen L. Bowling, Secretary  
West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources  
One Davis Square, Suite 100  
Charleston, West Virginia 25301

Dear Secretary Bowling:

*Karen*

On April 1, 2015, the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources adopted new regulations and revisions to the state's Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) Program. Specifically, West Virginia adopted regulations to implement and enforce the Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR).

On September 30, 2015, the Office of Environmental Health Services, Environmental Engineering Division, submitted a primacy program revision request to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review and approval. In a letter dated September 30, 2015, M. Claire Winterholler, the Assistant Attorney General for the West Virginia Bureau of Public Health, provided EPA with a certification that revisions to the statutory and regulatory authorities to implement and enforce the RTCR provisions are duly adopted and enforceable.

EPA has reviewed the program primacy revision request and finds that West Virginia's revisions are no less stringent than the corresponding Federal regulations. EPA is pleased to inform you that we have tentatively approved these revisions to the West Virginia's PWSS Program.

EPA has submitted a public notice to the Federal Register for publications stating that West Virginia's regulations have been tentatively approved. The notice also opens a 30-day comment period during which interested parties can request a hearing regarding EPA's determination. EPA will place newspaper advertisements in a West Virginia newspaper announcing this decision. If no significant comments are received, EPA's determination on West Virginia's regulations will be final and approved at the end of the comment period. We will inform you and your staff of all comments received and any public hearing requests.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me, or have your staff contact Mr. Mark Ferrell, EPA's West Virginia Liaison, at 304-542-0231 and [ferrell.mark@epa.gov](mailto:ferrell.mark@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn M. Garvin".

Shawn M. Garvin  
Regional Administrator

