

Working Group on Occurrence & Contaminant Selection

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

National Drinking Water Advisory Council Working Group on Occurrence & Contaminant Selection Conference Call, June 23, 1997 Washington, D.C.

1. **Attendance:** absent - Mohamed Elnabarawy; alternates (for Glenn Patterson) - John Zogorski & Bob Gilliam; all other working group members in attendance.
2. **Issues Discussed:** The purpose of this call was to review, analyze and discuss the progress toward the development of the first Drinking Water Candidate List since the last meeting of the working group on April 3-4, 1997.
3. **Issues Resolved:**
 - a. The input on microorganisms developed from the Microbiology and Public Health Workshop, held May 20-21, 1997 were discussed. The working group fundamentally agreed with the approach and suggestions presented for the microorganisms, but will have an opportunity to comment until July 7, 1997.
 - b. Sulfate, nickel, and aldicarbs will be included on the Candidate List, but are not subject to the selection criteria. Sulfate, as required by the 1996 SDWA Amendments, to be one of the 5 or more contaminants for which a determination is made by 2001 and is therefore on the List which is the source of other compounds to be selected for determination. Nickel and aldicarbs were required to be regulated prior to 1996 Amendments, and the requirements have not been fulfilled. In order that these compounds not be overlooked, they will be included on the Candidate List as well.
 - c. Adjustments to the set of criteria, which was developed April 3-4, was discussed. It was decided that a two-tiered approach would be more appropriate to determine the importance of the occurrence of a contaminant. Figure 1 is a representation of the changes made. The criteria are being used to assess occurrence & health information to gauge risk.
4. **Next Steps:** The next meeting of the Working Group will be via conference call July 17, 1997. At that time the results of applying the criteria to the remainder of EPA's starting list, and recommendations for the draft Candidate List will be discussed. The List will be provided as a recommendation to the National Drinking Water Advisory Council the following week.