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## **Bi-Annual Update #4**

As provided in our letter issued February 11, 2016, this is the **Fourth Bi-Annual Update** on the progress to sign a notice of proposed rulemaking pertaining to the issuance of hazardous substance regulations under Clean Water Act (CWA) section 311(j)(1)(C).

Since August 2017, EPA:

- Worked to develop the notice of proposed rulemaking and supporting record;
- Held several rulemaking workgroup meetings to conduct internal, deliberative work under the Agency's Action Development Process;
- Continued work on issue papers, briefing materials, background documents, language, and administrative requirements needed to develop the Information Collection Request (ICR) and regulatory action;
- Published a Federal Register notice pertaining to the ICR on September 21, 2017.

In the next six months EPA expects to:

- Continue to work on issue papers, briefing materials, background documents, language, and administrative requirements needed to develop the ICR and regulatory action;
- Continue to follow the Agency's Action Development Process and interagency review process to sign a notice of proposed rulemaking no later than June 16, 2018;
- Issue at least one Federal Register Notice pertaining to the ICR.