ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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The National Drinking Water Advisory Council Microbial and Disinfection Byproducts Rule Revisions Working Group: Request for Nominations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The National Drinking Water Advisory Council (NDWAC) and the National Drinking Water Advisory Committee (NDWAC) is requesting that the Federal Advisory Committee established under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, provide the agency with advice and recommendations on key issues related to potential revisions to the following Microbial and Disinfection Byproducts (MDBP) rules: Stage 1 and Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rules, Surface Water Treatment Rule, Interim Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule, and Long-Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule. EPA is seeking consensus advice from the NDWAC, which would be used to inform the development of potential rule revisions. To support the work of the Council, EPA is asking the NDWAC to form a working group, to be called the Working Group Nominations:

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Corr at corr.elizabeth@epa.gov; or phone at (202) 564–3798. You may also mail Elizabeth Corr at the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, MC: 4601M, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460, but be advised that there may be a delay in processing U.S. mail and no hand deliveries will be accepted due to the COVID–19 pandemic. Further information on the NDWAC can be found at: https://www.epa.gov/ndwac. For more information about the MDBP rule revisions visit: www.epa.gov/dswixyeareview/revisions-microbial-and-disinfection-byproducts-rules.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Working Group Nominations: EPA seeks perspectives from state officials and tribal officials, drinking water system operators from systems of all sizes, and environmental and public interest representatives. Any interested person and/or organization may nominate qualified individuals for possible working group participation. Interested individuals may self-nominate. EPA values and welcomes diversity. All qualified individuals are encouraged to apply regardless of sex, race, disability, or ethnicity. Nominations should be submitted in time to arrive no later than December 13, 2021. EPA will consider all nominations. Criteria to be used in evaluating nominees includes:

- Demonstrated experience with drinking water issues at the national, state, or local levels, particularly with knowledge of the MDBP rules;
- Excellent interpersonal, oral, and written communication and consensus-building skills;
- Willingness to commit time to the working group and demonstrated ability to work constructively on committees; and
- Background that would help members contribute to the diversity of expertise, experience, and perspectives on the working group, e.g., geographic, economic, social, cultural, educational backgrounds, professional affiliations, and other considerations.

Nominations must include a resume that provides the nominee’s background, experience, and educational qualifications, and a brief statement (one page or less) describing the nominee’s interest in serving on the working group and addressing the other criteria previously described. EPA encourages nominees to provide any additional information that may be useful for consideration, such as their availability to participate as a member of the working group, and how the nominee’s background, skills, and experience would contribute to the diversity of the working group. Nominations should be identified by name, occupation, position, current business address, email address, and telephone number. The DFO will use the email address provided for the nominee to acknowledge receipt of nominations.

EPA anticipates that most or all meetings of the working group would be held virtually. Individuals selected to serve on the working group may be offered travel expenses and per diem to attend any in-person meetings.

NDWAC: Congress created the Council on December 16, 1974, as part of the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, Public Law 93–523, 42 U.S.C. 300j–5. The Council is operated in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2. The Council consists of 15 members, including the chairperson, all of whom are appointed by the EPA Administrator. Five members are from appropriate state and local agencies concerned with water hygiene and public water supply; five members represent private organizations or groups demonstrating an active interest in the field of water hygiene and public water supply—of which two such members shall be associated with small, rural public water systems; and five members are from the general public.

MDBP Rules: On January 11, 2017 (40 FR 141; January 11, 2017) EPA identified eight contaminants covered by the MDBP rules as candidates for revision in the agency’s review of existing national primary drinking water regulations (NPDWRs): Chlorite, Cryptosporidium, Haloacetic acids, Heterotrophic bacteria, Giardia lamblia, Legionella, Total Trihalomethanes, and viruses. The eight contaminants are identified in the following MDBP rules: Stage 1 and Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rules, Surface Water Treatment Rule, Interim...
Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule, and Long-Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule. The purpose of the Surface Water Treatment Rules (SWTRs) identified as candidates for revision is to reduce disease incidence associated with pathogens and viruses in drinking water. The SWTRs require public water systems to filter and disinfect surface water sources to provide protection from microbial pathogens. The purpose of the Stage 1 and Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rules is to reduce drinking water exposure to disinfection byproducts which can form in water when disinfectants used to control microbial pathogens react with natural organic matter found in source water. If consumed in excess of EPA’s standard over many years, disinfection byproducts may increase health risks.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Shelly Hammond, Director of Contracting and Policy, by telephone (703) 603–2100 or by email at shammond@abilityone.gov. During and after the comment period, you may inspect all public comments about the proposed priority and requirements by accessing Regulations.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 12, 2021, the Director issued a notice of proposed rulemaking (“NPRM”) regarding Prohibition on the Payment of Subminimum Wages Under 14(c) as a Qualification for participation as a nonprofit agency under the AbilityOne Program.

To ensure that members of the public have sufficient time to comment, and to ensure the Commission has the benefit of a complete record, the Commission is extending the deadline for submission of initial comments to no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on December 12, 2021.

Michael R. Jurkowski,
Acting Director, Business Operations.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

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Improving Competitive Broadband Access to Multiple Tenant Environments

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of reply comment period.

SUMMARY: In this document, the Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) of the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) grants a motion for extension of time in the 2021 Improving Competitive Broadband Access to Multiple Tenant Environments record update to extend the reply comment deadline.

DATES: Reply comments are due on or before November 19, 2021.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by GN Docket No. 17–142, by any of the following methods:
- Electronic Filers: Comments may be filed electronically using the internet by accessing ECFS: https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/.
- Paper Filers: Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing.

Filings can be sent by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission’s Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

- Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9050 Junction Drive, Annapolis Junction, MD 20701. U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail must be addressed to 45 L Street NE, Washington, DC 20554.
- Effective March 19, 2020, and until further notice, the Commission no longer accepts any hand or messenger delivered filings. This is a temporary measure taken to help protect the health and safety of individuals, and to mitigate the transmission of COVID–19. See FCC Announces Closure of FCC Headquarters Open Window and Change in Hand-Delivery Policy, Public Notice, 35 FCC Rcd 2788 (Mar. 19, 2020), https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-closes-headquarters-open-window-and-changes-hand-delivery-policy.

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