## **MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Posting EPA-HQ-OW-2022-0365 and EPA-HQ-OW-2022-0366 to

Regulations.gov for Public Access

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This memorandum authorizes the posting of EPA-HQ-OW-2022-0365 and EPA-HQ-OW-2022-0366 to Regulations.gov for public access.

As part of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) commitment to safeguard the environment from per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), the agency is announced the availability of Clean Water Act (CWA) national "Draft Recommended Aquatic Life Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)" and "Draft Recommended Aquatic Life Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Perfluorooctane Sulfonic Acid (PFOS)" for a 30-day public comment period on May 3, 2022. On May 31, 2022, the Agency extended the public comment period an additional 30 days, which was scheduled to close on Saturday, July 2, 2022. July 2, 2022, falls on the weekend and the following Monday, July 4, 2022, is a Federal Holiday. Consequently, public comments will now be received on or before July 5, 2022. The extension is to allow additional time for stakeholders to provide comments.

Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2022-0365 and EPA-HQ-OW-2022-0366, by the following method:

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general guidance on making effective comments, please visit: <a href="http://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets">http://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets</a>.

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