

which EPA has published section 304(a) criteria. They can:

- (1) Establish numerical values based on recommended section 304(a) criteria;
- (2) Adopt section 304(a) criteria modified to reflect site-specific conditions;
- (3) Adopt criteria derived using other scientifically defensible methods; or
- (4) Establish narrative criteria where numeric criteria cannot be established or to supplement numerical criteria (40 CFR 131.11(b)).

EPA's regulation at 40 CFR 131.20(a) states that if a state does not adopt new or revised criteria parameters for which EPA has published new or updated recommendations, then the state shall provide an explanation when it submits the results of its triennial review to the Regional Administrator consistent with CWA section 303(c)(1). The recommendations in the draft cadmium criteria document may change based on scientific views shared in response to this notice. Upon finalization, the updated cadmium criteria would supersede EPA's previous 304(a) criteria for cadmium. Consistent with 40 CFR 131.21, new or revised water quality criteria adopted into law or regulation by states and authorized tribes on or after May 30, 2000 are applicable water quality standards for CWA purposes only after EPA approval.

VI. Solicitation of Scientific Views

EPA is soliciting additional scientific views, data, and information regarding the science and technical approach used by the Agency in the derivation of this draft criteria for cadmium. The Agency is also interested in obtaining information regarding new toxicity tests on *Hyalella azteca* (amphipod); latent acute effects of cadmium following short exposures; and new estuarine marine chronic toxicity tests.

VII. Additional Information

EPA conducted a contractor-led and independent external peer review of the draft Aquatic Life Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Cadmium document in October 2015. EPA will make the external peer review comments and Agency responses to these comments available in the docket with the revised draft cadmium criteria document at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Extension of Public Comment Period for the National Wetland Condition Assessment 2011 Draft Report

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is extending the comment period for the draft report on the National Wetland Condition Assessment (NWCA 2011). In response to stakeholder requests, the comment period will be extended for an additional 30 days, from December 7, 2015 until January 6, 2016.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 6, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2015-0667, to the *Federal eRulemaking Portal*: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or withdrawn. EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <http://www2.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 5, 2015, EPA announced the availability of the draft report, *National Wetland Condition Assessment 2011: A Collaborative Survey of the Nation's*

Wetlands, and opened a 30-day public review and comment period to seek comment on the information contained in the draft report, the reasonableness of the conclusions, and the clarity with which the information is presented.

The original deadline to submit comments on the draft report was December 7, 2015. This action extends the comment period for 30 days. Written comments must now be received by January 6, 2016. The draft report and other supporting materials may also be viewed and downloaded from EPA's Web site at <http://www2.epa.gov/national-aquatic-resource-surveys/national-wetland-condition-assessment>.

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Stratospheric Protection Division; Teleconference on the Clean Air Act Section 608 Technician Certification Program Test Bank

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of Section 608 Technician Certification Program Test Bank teleconference.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Stratospheric Protection Division will hold a public teleconference on December 9, 2015 on the Section 608 Technician Certification Test Bank. The teleconference will be an opportunity for stakeholders and members of the public to provide feedback on updating Test Bank questions. For further information regarding the teleconference, please contact Robert Burchard at the number and email below.

DATES: The Stratospheric Protection Division will hold a public teleconference on December 9, 2015 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: Under the authority of Section 608 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) of 1990, as amended, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established a technician certification program for persons ("technicians") who perform maintenance, service, repair, or disposal activities on appliances (with some enumerated exceptions) that could be