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Federal, state and local agencies, as well as interested organizations and individuals, are encouraged to participate in the scoping process for the EIS to determine the range of issues and alternatives to be addressed. Three public scoping meetings to receive oral and written information will be held: (1) At 7:00 p.m. August 6, 1996 at the Granby High School Auditorium, 7101 Granby Street, Norfolk, Virginia; (2) At 7:00 p.m. on August 8, 1996 at the Roosevelt Junior High School, 3366 Park Boulevard, San Diego, California, and (3) at 7:00 p.m. on August 13, 1996 at the Washington Intermediate School, 1633 South King Street, Honolulu, Hawaii. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to five minutes. Longer comments should be summarized at the public meeting or mailed to the address listed at the end of this announcement. All written comments should be submitted no later than September 4, 1996 at the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, Code N874, c/o Clayton H. Spikes (703) 418-1866, Marine Acoustics, Inc., Suite 901, 2345 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

Dated: July 15, 1996.

M.A. Waters,

LCDR, JAGC, USN, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Water Quality Regulations; Proposed Amendments to Comprehensive Plan, Water Code of the Delaware River, Administrative Manual—Part III Water Quality Regulations; Public Hearing

AGENCY: Delaware River Basin Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking and public hearing.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Delaware River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing to receive comments on modifications to its proposed amendments to its Comprehensive Plan, Water Code and Water Quality Regulations concerning water quality criteria for toxic pollutants, and policies and procedures to establish wasteload allocations and effluent limitations for point source discharges to Zone 2 through 5 (Trenton, New Jersey to the Delaware Bay) of the tidal Delaware River.

DATES: The public hearing will be held on Thursday, September 5, 1996 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and continuing as long as there are people present wishing to testify.

The deadline for inclusion of written comments in the hearing record will be 5:00 p.m. on September 5, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be held in the Goddard Conference Room of the Commission's offices at 25 State Police Drive, West Trenton, New Jersey.

Written comments should be submitted to Susan M. Weisman, Commission Secretary, Delaware River Basin Commission, P.O. Box 7360, West Trenton, New Jersey 08628.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan M. Weisman, Commission Secretary, at (609) 883-9500 ext. 203.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Rationale

On October 5, 11 and 13, 1995, the Commission held public hearings on proposed amendments to its water quality regulations as noticed in the Federal Register, Vol. 60, No. 143, July 26, 1995 and Vol. 60, No. 183, September 21, 1995. The public hearing record, originally scheduled to close on November 13, 1995, was extended by the Commission at its October 25, 1995 business meeting to December 13, 1995. Oral and written comments were received from 31 individuals and organizations as well as a coalition of 14 industrial and municipal dischargers to the Delaware Estuary.

As a result of comments received on that proposal and discussions with the Commission's Water Quality and Toxics Advisory Committees, the Commission has decided to modify its initial proposal. The proposal, as modified, is summarized below and is the subject of the September 5, 1996 public hearing.

Specifically, water quality criteria for selected toxic pollutants are proposed for incorporation in the Comprehensive Plan and Article 3 of the Water Code and Water Quality Regulations as stream quality objectives. Revisions are also proposed for Article 4 of the Water Quality Regulations describing the policies and procedures to be used to establish wasteload allocations for those discharges containing pollutants which impact the designated uses of the river.

Adoption of these revisions will provide a mechanism for identifying toxic pollutants which may impair aquatic life and human health, and developing uniform and equitable wasteload allocations for these pollutants for all NPDES discharges to the tidal Delaware River. The permitting authorities of the states will utilize the

allocations developed by the Commission to establish effluent limitations for NPDES permittees in their jurisdiction.

Modifications to the initial proposal which resulted from the public participation process include the following:

1. Revised numerical values for the stream quality objectives for five parameters,

2. Inclusion of numerical factors to convert total recoverable water quality criteria for seven metals into dissolved stream quality objectives,

3. Inclusion of language requiring the Commission to identify and designate critical habitat within the tidal Delaware River,

4. Revised language regarding discharges to exposed benthic habitat,

5. Inclusion of a provision for a demonstration to support alternative requirements for dispersion areas (or mixing zones) where stream quality objectives for the protection of aquatic life from acute effects may be permitted,

6. Deletion of tables of values of Minimum Performance Standards, and replacement with language describing the basis for establishing Minimum Performance Standards,

7. Inclusion of language specifying the order of preference for information/data used to establish initial loadings for allocation of wasteloads, and

8. Revised language on adjustments for pollutants in intake water.

Copies of the full text of the proposed amendments may be obtained by contacting Ms. Weisman at the address provided in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Persons wishing to testify are requested to notify the Secretary in advance.

Delaware River Basin Compact, 75 Stat. 688.

Dated: July 9, 1996.

Susan M. Weisman,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board; Meeting

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the National Assessment Governing Board. This

notice also describes the functions of the Board. Notice of this meeting is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This document is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to attend the open portions of the meeting.

DATES: August 1–3, 1996.

TIMES: August 1, 1996—Subject Area Committee #2, 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m., (closed); Subject Area Committee #1, 3:00–5:00 p.m., (open); Design and Methodology Committee, 3:00–5:00 p.m., (open); and Executive Committee, 5:00–6:00 p.m. (open), 6:00–7:00 p.m. (closed); August 2, 1996—Full Board, 8:45 a.m.–10:00 a.m., (open); Subject Area Committee #2, 10:00–11:00 a.m., (closed), 11:00 a.m.–12:00 Noon, (open); Achievement Levels Committee, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 Noon, (open); Reporting and Dissemination Committee, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 Noon, (open); Full Board, 12:00 Noon–1:30 p.m., (closed), 1:30–4:15 p.m., (open); August 3, 1996—Full Board, 8:30 a.m. until adjournment, approximately 12:00 Noon, (open).

LOCATION: The Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary Ann Wilmer, Operations Officer, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20002–4233, Telephone: (202) 357–6938.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under section 412 of the National Education Statistics Act of 1994 (Title IV of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994) (Pub. L. 103–382).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines for the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The Board is responsible for selecting subject areas to be assessed, developing assessment objectives, identifying appropriate achievement goals for each grade and subject tested, and establishing standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons.

The Subject Area Committee #2 (SAC 2) will meet in closed session on August 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and partially closed session on August 2 from 10:00–11:00 a.m. On August 1, the Committee will review the items for the 1997 grade 8 arts probe and the 1997 grade 12 arts field test. On August 2, the Committee will review the draft items and findings from the NAEP writing pilot test. These meetings must be conducted in closed session because references will be made to specific items from the assessments and premature disclosure of the information presented

for review would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Such matters are protected by exemption (9)(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C. During the open portion of the SAC #2 meeting from 11:00 a.m.–12:00 Noon, the Committee will receive an update on test development activities in the arts and review the draft framework policy.

On August 1, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., there will be open meetings of Subject Area Committee #1 (SAC #1) and the Design and the Methodology Committee. There are three agenda items for SAC #1 meeting: (1) Review of the draft paper on NAEP foreign language issues and options; (2) update presentation on test development activities in reading and civics; and (3) review of the draft policy framework. The Design and Methodology Committee will receive a report from the chair of the Ad Hoc Advisory Panel meeting on sampling issues for the 1998 cycle of NAEP. They will also discuss the technical implications of the Design/Feasibility report submitted to the Board as part of its planning effort.

Also on August 1, there will be a partially closed meeting of the Executive Committee. During the open portion of the meeting, 5:00–6:00 p.m., the Committee will discuss procedures for communication between ACES and NAGB and hear an update on the Work Group on Planning. The Committee will then meet in closed session from 6:00–7:00 p.m. to continue the discussions about the development of cost estimates for the NAEP and future contract initiatives. Public disclosure of this information would likely have an adverse financial affect on the NAEP program. The discussion of this information would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action if conducted in open session. Such matters are protected by exemption (9)(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

Also in closed session, the Committee will discuss the qualifications of current Board members to serve as Chairman and Vice Chairman of NAGB. Based upon these discussions, the Board will elect a Vice Chairman and recommend a Chairman to the Secretary. This portion of the session will relate solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency and will disclose information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy and, as such, is protected by exemptions (2) and (6) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

On August 2, 1996 the full Board will convene in open session from 8:45 a.m.

to 10:00 a.m. The agenda for this session includes approval of the agenda, the report of the Executive Director, and an update on NAEP by the Commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics. Between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon, there will be a partially closed meeting of the Subject Area Committee #2, and there will be open meetings of the Achievement Levels and the Reporting and Dissemination committees.

The Achievement Levels Committee will discuss the final plans for the second pilot study in preparation for the 1996 level setting activities in science. They will also review the plans for the level-setting meeting in science, including composition of panels, feedback information for panelists, and procedures for the selection of exemplar exercises in science.

The Reporting and Dissemination Committee will consider the following items: A release plan for the 1994 long-term trend report; the use of NAEP framework by teachers and curriculum developers; within-grade reporting of 1996 NAEP science results; the reporting of the link between NAEP and TIMSS (Third International Mathematics and Science Study); and the market basket approach in NAEP reporting.

Beginning at 12:00 Noon, until 1:30 p.m., the full Board will meet in closed session. The Board will hear a briefing on the Long Term Trend Report for 1994. This report will include references to specific items from the assessments. This portion of the meeting must be closed because reference may be made to data which may be misinterpreted, incorrect, or incomplete. Premature disclosure of these data might significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. Such matters are protected by exemption (9)(B) of Section 552b(c) of Title 5 U.S.C.

The meeting will be open from 1:30 until 4:15 p.m. when the Board will discuss the recommendations for the redesign of NAEP and hear an update on ACES.

On August 3, at 8:30 a.m., until adjournment, approximately 12:00 Noon, the full Board will reconvene. The agenda includes discussion on the implementation of the NAEP Redesign; reports from the Board's standing committees—Subject Area #1, Subject Area 2, Achievement Levels, Reporting and Dissemination, Design and Methodology, and the Executive Committee; and election of a Vice Chairman and recommendation of a Chairman to the Secretary.

Summaries of the activities of the closed sessions and related matters, which are informative to the public and consistent with the policy of section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), will be available to the public within 14 days of the meeting. Records are kept of all Board proceedings and are available for public inspection at the U.S. Department of Education, National Assessment Governing Board, Suite 825, 800 North Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dated: July 15, 1996.

Roy Truby,

Executive Director, National Assessment Governing Board.

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Office of Post Secondary Education

Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Work-Study, and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant Programs

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of Closing Date for Filing the Fiscal Operations Report for 1995-96 and Application to Participate for 1997-98 (FISAP) in the Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), and Federal Work-Study (FWS) Programs (ED FORM 646-1; OMB No. 1840-0073).

SUMMARY: The Secretary gives notice to institutions of higher education of the deadline for an institution to apply for fiscal year 1997 funds—for use in the 1997-98 award year (July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998)—under the Federal Perkins Loan, FWS, and FSEOG programs. Under these programs, the Secretary allocates funds to institutions for students who need financial aid to meet the costs of postsecondary education. An institution is not required to establish eligibility prior to applying for funds. However, the Secretary will not allocate funds under the Federal Perkins Loan, FWS, and FSEOG programs for the 1997-98 award year to any currently ineligible institution unless the institution files its institutional participation application and other documents required for an eligibility and certification determination by the closing date that will appear in a separate notice in the Federal Register.

The Secretary further gives notice that an institution that had a Federal Perkins Loan fund or expended FWS or FSEOG funds during the 1995-1996 award year (July 1, 1995, through June 30, 1996) is

required to submit a Fiscal Operations Report to report its program expenditures as of June 30, 1996, to the Secretary.

Applicants that did not participate in the Federal Perkins Loan Program, FWS Program, or FSEOG Program in the 1995-96 award year will be required to submit data for the application portion of the FISAP only. The Department is mailing only the application portion of the FISAP to first-time applicants.

In addition, an institution must submit one original completed FISAP signature page and one original signed combined lobbying, debarment, and drug-free workplace certifications form (ED 80-0013 and referred to collectively as the "compliance certifications" form) for the 1997-98 award year.

The Federal Perkins Loan, FWS, and FSEOG programs are authorized by parts E and C, and part A, Subpart 2, respectively, of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

DATES: *Closing Date and Methods for Submitting a FISAP and Required Signed Documents.* An institution may submit its FISAP by—

- (1) Submitting the completed data on a data diskette provided by the Department of Education (the Department);
- (2) Creating a tape from data stored on a mainframe computer and submitting that tape in a format defined by the Department; or
- (3) Transmitting the data from a personal or mainframe computer through a modem.

To ensure consideration for 1997-98 funds, an institution must submit an electronic FISAP by data diskette, tape, or modem, as well as one original completed FISAP signature page and one original signed "compliance certifications" form by October 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: *FISAP Delivered by Mail.* A diskette or tape containing FISAP data along with one original completed FISAP signature page and one original signed "compliance certifications" form must be addressed to FISAP, c/o Universal Automation Labs (UAL), Suite 500, 8300 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

An institution must show proof of mailing its FISAP and the required signed documents by October 1, 1996. Proof of mailing consists of one of the following: (1) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service, (2) a legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark, (3) a dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier, or (4) any other proof of mailing acceptable to the U.S. Secretary of Education.

If a FISAP and the required signed documents are sent through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing: (1) A private metered postmark, or (2) a mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service. An institution should note that the U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an institution should check with its local post office. An institution is encouraged to use certified or at least first-class mail.

FISAP Delivered by Hand. A diskette or tape containing FISAP data along with one original completed FISAP signature page and one original signed "compliance certifications" form must be taken to Universal Automation Labs (UAL), Suite 500, 8300 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Hand-delivered FISAP diskettes or tapes and the required signed documents will be accepted between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily (Eastern time), except Saturdays, Sundays, and Federal holidays. A FISAP and the required signed documents that are hand-delivered will not be accepted after 5 p.m. on October 1, 1996.

FISAP Delivered Electronically. A FISAP that is delivered electronically must be transmitted by either a personal or mainframe computer to the host Department computer using a modem. If you are transmitting electronically via a modem, the data transmission must be completed prior to midnight, Eastern time, on October 1, 1996. (For purposes of this notice, this deadline means that an institution has all of October 1, 1996, to transmit electronically via a modem.) The institution should print a copy of its transmission receipt for its records. In addition, one original completed FISAP signature page and one original signed "compliance certifications" form must be mailed to Electronic FISAP, c/o Universal Automation Labs (UAL), Suite 500, 8300 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, by October 1, 1996. An institution must show proof of mailing the required signed documents by the deadline. Proof of mailing is explained under the heading "FISAP Delivered by Mail."

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FISAP materials are mailed by the Department in late July 1996. An institution must prepare and submit its FISAP in accordance with the information included in the package.

The program information package is intended to aid applicants in applying for assistance under these programs. Nothing in the program information package is intended to impose any