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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA is hereby extending the comment period established in the **Federal Register** document of September 30, 2024 (89 FR 79581) (FRL-12261-01-OCSPP), to give stakeholders additional time to review that document, identify and gather relevant information, and prepare comments. EPA is extending the comment period, which was set to end on November 29, 2024, to December 30, 2024.

To submit comments or access the docket, please follow the detailed instructions provided under **ADDRESSES**. If you have questions, consult the technical person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 2605.

Dated: November 15, 2024.

Michal Freedhoff,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-12294-01-R9]

Notice of Availability of Final Designation of Certain Stormwater Discharges Within Two Watersheds in Los Angeles County, California Under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System of the Clean Water Act

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Regional Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 9 is providing notice of the availability of EPA's Final Designation of stormwater discharges from certain commercial, industrial and institutional (CII) sites in the Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Channel Watershed and the Dominguez Channel and Los Angeles/Long Beach Inner Harbor Watershed in Los Angeles County, California for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting under the Clean Water Act (CWA).

DATES: EPA's *Final Designation of Stormwater Discharges from Certain Commercial, Industrial and Institutional Sites in the Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Channel Watershed and the Dominguez Channel and Los Angeles/Long Beach Inner Harbor Watershed in Los Angeles County* ("EPA's Final Designation") was signed on November 5, 2024.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Does this action apply to me?

Entities potentially regulated by this action include a wide variety of privately-owned CII facilities such as shopping centers, office complexes, warehouses, private schools and hospitals, and various manufacturing facilities. Entities affected by this action are located within either of two watersheds in Los Angeles County, in California: the Los Cerritos Channel/Alamitos Bay Watershed or the Dominguez Channel and Los Angeles/Long Beach Inner Harbor Watershed. This description of affected entities is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be affected by this action. This description of affected

activities includes the types of entities that EPA is now aware could potentially be affected by this action. Other types of entities not included could also be affected. To determine whether your entity is affected by this action, you should also review the description of EPA's action in documents online at the website listed in the section C below. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

B. Summary of Final Designation

In the Final Designation, EPA has determined that stormwater discharges from certain CII sites in the Los Cerritos Channel/Alamitos Bay and Dominguez Channel and Los Angeles/Long Beach Inner Harbor Watersheds in Los Angeles County are contributing to violations of water quality standards and require NPDES permit coverage under the CWA. The Final Designation differs from the Revised Preliminary Designation of November 2, 2023 (88 FR 75282) in that EPA is not designating privately-operated facilities at the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles at this time. EPA is taking a phased approach to this Final Designation such that EPA may consider designating stormwater discharges from additional CII sources in the future.

This Final Designation is in response to two September 15, 2015 petitions entitled "Petition For A Determination That Stormwater Discharges From Commercial, Industrial, And Institutional Sites Contribute To Water Quality Standards Violations in Dominguez Channel and the Los Angeles/Long Beach Inner Harbor (Los Angeles County, California) and Require Clean Water Act Permits," and "Petition For A Determination That Stormwater Discharges From Commercial, Industrial, And Institutional Sites Contribute To Water Quality Standards Violations in the Alamitos Bay/Los Cerritos Watershed (Los Angeles County, California) And Require Clean Water Act Permits" as well as an order from the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California in *Los Angeles Waterkeeper v. Pruitt*, 320 F. Supp.3d 1115 (C.D. CA 2018).

EPA's Final Designation is made pursuant to CWA sections 402(p)(2)(E) and (6) and EPA's implementing regulations at 40 CFR 122.26(a)(1)(v) and 40 CFR 122.26(a)(9)(i)(D) that authorize EPA to designate stormwater discharges for regulation under the NPDES permitting program that are contributing to violations of water quality standards but are not otherwise

required to be permitted under EPA's stormwater regulations.

C. How can I get copies of this document and other related information?

Details of EPA's Final Designation, Response to Public Comments and ancillary materials may be viewed on EPA Region 9's website at: <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/residual-designation-authority-address-stormwater-quality-problems-epas-pacific>.

Dated: November 13, 2024.

Martha Guzman Aceves,

Regional Administrator, EPA Region 9.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Pesticides; Draft Guidance; Evaluating the Efficacy of Pre-Saturated/ Impregnated Antimicrobial Towelettes for Disinfection Claims; Notice of Availability and Request for Comment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) is announcing the availability of and soliciting comment on its draft guidance for adding disinfectant efficacy claims against bacteria to antimicrobial towelettes for use on hard non-porous surfaces. Specifically, the guidance document describes a pathway for efficacy testing using a new standardized method designed specifically for antimicrobial towelettes, how to prepare an application for registration, and regulatory guidance for pesticidal claims for those products.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 21, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by docket identification (ID) number EPA-HQ-OPP-2024-0414, at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Additional instructions on commenting or visiting the docket, along with more information about dockets generally, is available at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Executive Summary

A. Does this action apply to me?

This action is directed to the public in general; although this action may be of particular interest to those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

B. What is the Agency's authority for taking this action?

This guidance is issued under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, 7 U.S.C. 136 *et seq.*

C. What action is the Agency taking?

EPA is announcing the availability of and soliciting comment on a draft guidance document that describes a pathway for efficacy testing using a new standardized method designed specifically for antimicrobial towelettes, how to prepare an application for registration, and regulatory guidance for pesticidal claims for those products. Specifically, the guidance describes the use of a standard test method, ASTM E3363, for adding for adding efficacy claims to pre-saturated antimicrobial towelettes for use on hard, non-porous surfaces against bacteria.

D. What are the incremental economic impacts of this action?

This action has no substantive economic impacts because the draft guidance will not affect the regulatory status of any registration or application for registration of any pesticide product. Applicants are already required to conduct testing, and the adoption of this new testing method does not alter those requirements. The agency believes, however, that the draft guidance has the potential to reduce the regulatory burden by providing a more streamlined process for antimicrobial products

intended to treat bacterial public health pathogens with pre-saturated/ impregnated towelettes on hard, non-porous surfaces.

E. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. Submitting CBI.

Do not submit CBI to EPA through email or <https://www.regulations.gov>. If you wish to include CBI in your comment, please follow the applicable instructions at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets#rules> and clearly mark the information that you claim to be CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR parts 2.

2. Tips for preparing your comments.

When preparing and submitting your comments, see the commenting tips at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

II. Background

Towelettes are a unique combination of antimicrobial chemical and towelette substrate pre-packaged as a unit in fixed proportions for application. Previous test methods used to evaluate the efficacy of antimicrobial towelettes were originally designed to test liquid formulations and had to be modified to accommodate towelettes. EPA received requests from registrants and stakeholders to implement use of the recently standardized efficacy method for assessing antimicrobial towelettes identified as ASTM E3363. Test method ASTM E3363 provides a specific and consistent means to assess the efficacy of towelettes through the combination of chemical inactivation of the test microbe and mechanical removal of inoculum from a surface.

EPA received requests from registrants and stakeholders to implement use of the recently standardized efficacy method for assessing antimicrobial towelettes (ASTM E3363). EPA worked closely with stakeholders during the development of this test method. There is significant interest from stakeholders and the public in the availability of antimicrobial towelettes with these public health claims, particularly in institutional, clinical, and health-care settings.

III. Do guidance documents contain binding requirements?

As guidance, these documents are not binding on the Agency or any outside parties, and the Agency may depart from it where circumstances warrant and without prior notice. While EPA has made every effort to ensure the