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**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**  
**DRINKING WATER STRATEGY – CONTAMINANTS AS A GROUP PROCESS**  
**STAKEHOLDER MEETING**

*US EPA East Room 1153*  
*1201 Constitution Ave. N.W.*  
*Washington, DC 20460*  
*[in-person only]*

**September 21, 2010**

**PROPOSED AGENDA**

**Meeting Objectives/Desired Outcomes:**

- **Discuss potential contaminant groups and approaches to regulating contaminants as groups.**
- **Identify pros and cons of various groups, identify issues needing further attention in the proposed approaches, and discuss potential solutions.**
- **Plan next steps.**

8:30-9:00      Informal gathering *[please bring photo id and arrive early to go through security]*

9:00 – 9:15      Welcome, Introductions, Meeting Objectives and Agenda

*Objectives:*

- *Participant introductions*
- *Review desired outcomes, agenda and materials for this meeting*

Gail Bingham, President Emeritus, RESOLVE, *facilitator*

*Materials: Proposed agenda*

9:15 – 10:00      Overview of the Drinking Water Strategy and EPA Outreach Activities

*Objectives:*

- *Provide brief overview of the Drinking Water Strategy and the Administrator's four principles for strengthening the implementation of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)*
- *Address specific principle of addressing contaminants as a groups*
- *Share common themes expressed during the various outreach activities (Listening Sessions, WebDialogue, Discussion Forum)*

*Overview Presentation [25 min]*

*Sheila Frace, Acting Deputy Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (OGWDW)*

*Pam Barr, Director, Standards and Risk Management Division (SRMD), OGWDW*

*Questions and Discussion [20 min]*

*Materials: [Drinking Water Strategy fact sheet](#), [Administrator Jackson's AMWA speech](#), [WebDialogue summary](#)*

10:00 – 10:15      BREAK

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- 10:15 – 11:15 State Perspective(s) on Regulating Contaminants as Groups  
*Objectives:*
- *Hear how states have begun to approach regulating contaminant groups*
  - *Discuss lessons learned and their applicability to implementing the Safe Drinking Water Act nationally*
- Presentations [30min]*  
Sam Perry, State of Washington  
Lloyd Wilson, State of New York
- Questions and Discussion [30 min]*
- Materials:* [Investigations Related to a “Treatment-Based” Regulatory Approach to Address Unregulated Contaminants in Drinking Water \(State of New Jersey\)](#); [Summary of New York State Organic Standards](#); [State of California Policy Memo 97-005 Policy Guidance for Direct Domestic Use of Extremely Impaired Sources](#)
- 11:15 – 12:15 Objectives, Principles, and Technical Analyses From Exploring Contaminant Groups Concepts  
*Objectives:*
- *Share status of activities to evaluate regulating contaminants as groups and some initial findings/issues*
- Presentations [30min]*  
Chad Seidel, Damon S. Williams Associates
- Questions and Discussion [30 min]*
- 12:15 – 1:30 LUNCH BREAK
- 1:30 – 2:45 EPA’s Perspective on Potential Groups and Approach Framework  
*Objectives:*
- *Discuss factors and process for identifying potential groups*
  - *Share ideas for potential groups and approach framework(s)*
  - *Address clarification questions*
- Presentations [35 min]*  
Eric Burneson, Chief, *Targeting and Analysis Branch, SRMD, OGWDW*  
Wynne Miller, Chief, *Standards and Risk Reduction Branch, SRMD, OGWDW*
- Questions and Discussion [40 min]*
- Materials:* *Paradigm for Addressing Drinking Water Contaminants as Groups to Enhance Public Health Protection (EPA Discussion Paper)*
- 2:45 – 3:00 BREAK
- 3:00 – 4:45 Interactive Panel and Open Forum: Options and Issues for Regulating Contaminants as Groups  
*Objectives:*
- *Hear from experts about their opinions, pros and cons of group options, including comments on the definition for a group, proposed group factors, health endpoints, contaminant occurrence, analytical methods, and/or treatment technologies*

- *Identify critical issues related to regulatory, non-regulatory, implementation and/or scientific approaches that need resolution before moving forward with any of the group options*
- *Share possible options to further strengthen the proposal(s) put forth, or recommendations to combine components of one group option with another group option*
- *Address questions from the audience*

*Panelists*

Eric Burneson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
 David Clark, Rural Community Assistance Partnership  
 Ed Hallock, State of Delaware  
 Ron Hunsinger, East Bay Municipal Utility District  
 Wynne Miller, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
 Jennifer Sass, Natural Resources Defense Council  
 Chad Seidel, Damon S. Williams Associates  
 Jim Taft, Associate of State Drinking Water Administrators  
 Lynn Thorp, Clean Water Action

*Discussion Questions*

- *What comments to you have about the approach EPA has taken to addressing contaminants as groups? Are there other factors that EPA should consider, and/or do you have questions about the proposed factors?*
- *What do you see as some of the pros and cons of the potential groups presented?*
- *What are some of the opportunities and challenges ahead? What issues are likely to arise in developing regulations for the proposed groups? And, in implementing any regulations of contaminants as groups? What are the implications for small systems?*

4:45 – 5:00      Wrap up/next steps

5:00                Adjourn