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RE

Three-Year Water Quality Standards Reviews

FROM

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TO

Regional Water Division Directors

At our August 16-17 regional water quality standards coordinators meeting, guidance was requested on the following question: From what point do you measure a three-year water quality standards review for the purposes of Section 303(c) of the Clean Water Act and Section 24 of the Municipal Waste Water Treatment Construction Grant Amendments of 1981?

The answer is: You measure it from the date of the letter in which the State informs EPA that revised or new standards have been adopted for the affected waters and are being submitted for EPA review or, if no changes were made in the standards for those waters, from the date of the letter in which the State informs EPA that the standards were reviewed and no changes were made.

This point will be included in the guidance document issued in support of the revised water quality standards regulation.

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