

## **DISTRICT DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

### **PUBLIC SOLICITATION OF WATER QUALITY INFORMATION**

#### **Toxics in Surface Waters of the District of Columbia**

The District Department of the Environment (DDOE) is soliciting information regarding Toxics in the surface waters in the District of Columbia, namely the Potomac River, Rock Creek, the Anacostia River and any tributary of these waters. Specifically, DDOE and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are seeking data for the following pollutants: Chlordane, PCB, Zinc, Copper, DDD, DDE, DDT, Dieldrin, Heptachlor Epoxide, PAH, Arsenic, and Lead. The information sought may relate to the physical, chemical, or biological conditions of the District's waters or watersheds. Data is considered to be a subset of the information that consists of reports of measurements of specific environmental characteristics. The solicitation seeks to obtain all readily available data and assessment information generated since 2002.

The data and information gathered will be used by DDOE and the EPA Region 3, to support a decision to revise, withdraw, or otherwise proceed with establishing new toxic Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) in response to the 2006 court case (*Friends of the Earth vs. the Environmental Protection Agency*, 446 F.3d 140, 144 (D.C. Cir. 2006)), which requires EPA to establish daily loads in the District of Columbia's TMDLs. All data and information submitted for consideration must also include the quality assurance and quality control monitoring procedures followed. Where appropriate, the information and data collected will be used to:

1. Evaluate which waters of the District are impaired by toxics;
2. Identify the toxic of concern; and
3. Develop and implement a monitoring program for collecting additional data for toxic pollutants in the waters of the District of Columbia.

#### Information provided should include:

- The name of the entity or person providing the information.
- Mailing address, phone numbers, and email addresses for a contact person that can answer questions about any of the information provided.
- Two hard copies and/or an electronic copy of all information provided. Please specify the software used to format the information and provide definitions for any codes or abbreviations used.
- Bibliographic citations for all information provided.
- If computer model outputs are included in the information, please provide bibliographic citations and specify any calibration and quality assurance/quality control information available.

#### Data provided should include:

- Data in electronic form, in a spreadsheet, database or ASCII format. Please specify the format and define any codes or abbreviations used in your database.
- A description of, and reference your quality assurance procedures.

- Metadata for the field data, including dates when measurements were taken, locations, number of samples, and detection limits.
- If possible, **two** hard copies of the data.
- In addition, for data from citizen volunteer water quality monitoring efforts:
  - The name of your group;
  - Indication of any training in water quality assessment completed by members of your group; and
  - Any quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) used.

Anyone, including but not limited to, private citizens, District agencies, federal government agencies, non-profit organizations, businesses and educational institutions, possessing information on toxics in the District's surface waters may provide information. Please send any information and data you wish to provide no later than January 31, 2013, to:

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