Draft Text Follow-Up for Email to State, Territorial and Tribal Emergency Response Commissions

Follow-Up Request for Response to Survey: "Survey on Clean Water Act (CWA) Hazardous Substance and Spill Impacts (OMB Control number 2050-xxxx)"

Under the authority of the Clean Water Act, EPA is considering a regulatory proposal for CWA hazardous substances (HS) spill prevention to surface waters. To assist the agency in refining regulatory approaches and baseline estimates on the potential universe of covered facilities, EPA has developed a *Survey on Clean Water Act Hazardous Substances and Spill Impacts*.

As a member of the State or tribal Emergency Response Commission (SERC/TERC) community, you received a request with instructions to respond to this survey.

As a reminder, EPA has the necessary resources to sort and extract the relevant CWA HS associated facility and substance data from unsorted Tier II database, thereby substantially reducing the potential burden on states, territories and tribes. Therefore, EPA requests that CWA-HS/facility data be submitted electronically, in a database (preferably MS Excel) that can be manipulated, either via email to or by US mail on portable media (e.g., CD or thumb drive) to Contractor Name/Address (email address)

The agency is aware that SERC/TERC members may not be able to respond to certain survey questions, particularly those questions related to impacts of discharges of CWA hazardous substances to surface waters (e.g., fish kills, drinking water), or information on existing state/tribal/territorial programs (survey questions 4, 5, and 6). Again, we request you to facilitate the transmittal of these questions to the staff of the appropriate state/tribal/territorial agencies, either directly, or by providing their contact information to EPA.

EPA had provided 45 days to respond to this voluntary survey, and had requested that information be submitted by XXXX, XX, 2018.

Once again, we appreciate your time and effort in providing responses to this information collection request.

Please contact Joe Beaman at 202-566-0420 (Beaman.joe@epa.gov) or Stacey Yonce at 202-564-2288 (<u>Yonce.stacey@epa.gov</u>) for questions regarding the information collection request.

Thank you,

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