graph (a) (2) of this section and such other pertinent information as may be available, that:

(i) Existing facilities, qualified staff, and other resources available to the applicant during the fiscal year in question, either directly or through affiliation agreements and contractual arrangements, are adequate and appropriate for assisting the Federal Government in such drug abuse treatment and rehabilitation programs as may be available for persons who are in the catchment area, or that the applicant has reasonable prospects for obtaining, during the fiscal year in question, such additional resources as may be necessary for the provision of such assistance; and

(ii) Utilization of the applicant's existing or anticipated resources for assisting the Federal Government in such drug abuse treatment and rehabilitation programs as may be available for residents of the area would not necessitate curtailment of drug abuse treatment and rehabilitation services provided or to be provided directly by the applicant or curtailment of other mental health services provided or to be provided by the applicant.

(3) *Assurance.* Upon a determination that it is feasible for the applicant to assist the Federal Government in treatment and rehabilitation programs for drug addicts and other persons with drug abuse and other drug dependence problems in accordance with paragraph (a) (2) of this section the Secretary shall provide a written notification to the applicant which shall briefly state the bases for the Secretary's determination. The notification will be accompanied by a form for providing the required assurance. The applicant shall promptly execute the assurance and return it to the Secretary. The assurance imposes a continuing obligation upon the applicant not to refuse a request from an agency or department of the Federal Government to enter into an agreement under which the applicant's facilities may be used, to the maximum extent practicable, in drug abuse treatment and rehabilitation programs provided by such departments or agencies for persons who are in the catchment area served by the applicant: *Provided, however,* That the Secretary may, upon a written request from the applicant which shall be supported by pertinent information, determine that it is not feasible for the applicant to comply with its assurance in a particular fiscal year or that it is not practicable for the applicant to enter into a specific agreement which has been proposed by a department or agency of the Federal Government.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[40 CFR Part 129]

WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Proposed List of Toxic Pollutants

Notice is hereby given that the Acting Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, proposes to establish a list of toxic pollutants in accordance with section 307(a)(1) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, (33 U.S.C.A. section 1317(a)) (Supp. 1973), (the Act) which provides in part:

The Administrator shall, within ninety days after the date of enactment of this title, publish (and from time to time thereafter revise) a list which includes any toxic pollutant or combination of such pollutants for which an effluent standard (which may include prohibition of the discharge of such pollutants or combination of such pollutants) will be established under this section.

The proposed list consists of the following pollutants:

LIST OF TOXIC POLLUTANTS

1. Aldrin (1,2,3,4,10,10-hexachloro-1,4,4a,5,8,8a-hexahydro-1,4,5,8 - endo-exodimethanonaphthalene) Dieldrin (1,2,3,4,10,10-hexachloro-6,7-epoxy-1,4,4a,5,6,7,8,8a-octahydro-1,4-endo, exo-5,8-dimethanonaphthalene)
2. Benzene and its salts (para-para'-diaminobiphenyl)
3. Cadmium and all cadmium compounds
4. Cyanide and all cyanide compounds
5. DDD(TDE) 1,1 - dichloro - 2,2 - bis(para-chlorophenyl)-ethane DDE (dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene) 1,1 - dichloro-2,2-bis (para-chlorophenyl)-ethylene DDT (dichlorodiphenyltrichlorethane) 1,1,1 - trichloro-2,2-bis(para-chlorophenyl)-ethane
6. Endrin (1,2,3,4,10,10 - hexachloro-6,7-epoxy-1,4,4a,5,6,7,8a - octahydro-1,4-endo-endo-5,8-dimethanonaphthalene)
7. Mercury and all mercury compounds
8. Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's)
9. Toxaphene (chlorinated camphene)

Evaluation of other water pollutants is continuing and the list will be revised from time to time as data become available and as the Administrator deems appropriate. The pollutants included on this initial list are toxic in very low concentrations. The single exception is the industrial chemical, benzidine, which was included because of its ubiquity and known carcinogenic properties.

The term "toxic pollutant" is defined in section 502(13) of the Act as "those pollutants or combinations of pollutants, including disease causing agents, which after discharge and upon exposure, ingestion, inhalation or assimilation into any organism, either directly from the environment or indirectly by ingestion through food chains will, on the basis of information available to the Administrator, cause death, disease, behavioral abnormalities, cancer, genetic mutations, physiological malfunctions (including malfunctions in reproduction) or physical deformations in such organisms or their offspring." Thus: the definition is broad and potentially applicable to a large number of substances.

From other provisions of the Act, however, it is clear that the Congress intended that the Administrator be selective in determining which of the potentially large number of candidate substances actually should be listed at various times.

These other provisions include section 101(a)(3), which declares that "it is the national policy that the discharge of toxic pollutants in toxic amounts be prohibited" and section 307(a)(1), which states, in part, that the Administrator, in publishing the required list of toxic pollutants, "shall take into account the toxicity of the pollutant, its persistence, degradability, the usual or potential presence of the affected organisms in any waters, the importance of the affected organisms and the nature and extent of the effect of the toxic pollutant on such organisms." In addition, as indicated above, section 307(a)(1) provides that the Administrator shall revise the list from time to time.

Furthermore, when section 307(a) is viewed in the context of the Act as a whole, which includes a number of other provisions for preventing and controlling water pollution, it seems apparent that the Administrator's mandate under section 307(a) is to focus on those water pollutants which pose the most serious hazards to man and other organisms inhabiting or consuming water. It is also apparent that the Administrator has a mandate to establish priorities for dealing with such pollutants, i.e., to take action initially with respect to those pollutants which, based on available evidence, appear to pose immediate problems and therefore require abatement more rapidly than can be achieved under other provisions of the Act.

In accordance with this mandate, pollutants chosen for inclusion on the initial list meet the following criteria:

1. There is evidence that, either directly or through transformation or bioaccumulation, they are toxic, as defined by section 502(13), at extremely low concentrations in water, and

2. They are discharged in significant amounts from point sources, and

3. Point source discharges are known to have resulted in incidents involving the types of adverse effects cited in section 502 (13), and/or

4. There is a significant potential for the occurrence or occurrence of such incidents as a result of point source discharges, and

5. Standard setting under section 307(a) is necessary because the preventive timing and effectiveness of enforcement action under other provisions of the Act are not commensurate with the nature and seriousness of the problems identified by the above criteria, and

6. Adequate data are available to establish an effluent standard meeting the requirements of the Act.

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The Environmental Protection Agency invites all interested parties to submit comments on this proposal. Comments shall be submitted in writing, preferably in triplicate, to Dr. C. H. Thompson, Office of Air and Water Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C. 20460. All relevant comments received on or before August 6, 1973 will be considered. Comments received by the Agency will be available for inspection during normal business hours at the Office of Public Affairs, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. Following consideration of comments, the list will be republished, with any modifications which the Administrator deems appropriate, and will then constitute the list required by section 307(a).

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