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# **Regulatory Alert**

**TO: All Utilities**

**FROM: AWWA Government Affairs**

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<p><b>Who: U.S. EPA</b></p> <p><b>What: Announcement of revised regulations for tetrachloroethylene, trichloroethylene, acrylamide and epichlorohydrin</b></p> <p><b>When: Initiating rulemaking this year</b></p>
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In the context of a broader address on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) approach to regulation under the Safe Drinking Water Act, EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson announced the agency will initiate revised regulations on tetrachloroethylene and trichloroethylene this year. Revisions on acrylamide and epichlorohydrin will follow.

Details on the revised regulations, an outcome of EPA's Six-Year review process, are available here: [http://epa.gov/safewater/review/second\\_review.html](http://epa.gov/safewater/review/second_review.html). EPA will be providing a 60-day comment period on the contaminants it selected for revision. The agency press release also notes that health risk assessments are underway for fluoride, arsenic, and atrazine, suggesting that these maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) may also be re-evaluated in the near future.

Details on EPA's newly announced approach to regulation is included here. <http://epa.gov/safewater/sdwa/dwstrategy.html>

AWWA issued a statement on the EPA's announcement this afternoon. <http://www.awwa.org/files/GovtPublicAffairs/PressReleases/032210EPANewApproach.pdf>

AWWA will participate in the rulemaking process and keep utility members informed as the new regulations are developed and implemented. Questions can be directed to the AWWA Government Affairs Office in Washington, D.C., 202-628-8303, or email Steve Via at [svia@awwa.org](mailto:svia@awwa.org).