

**Consent Decree Status Report**  
**July 15, 2012**  
**NRDC v. Johnson**  
U.S. District Court, Central District of California  
No. CV06-4843 PSG (JTLx)

Pursuant to Paragraph 9(b) of the Consent Decree in the above-referenced matter, the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "the Agency") provides this status report. It includes a description of the actions taken by EPA with respect to its obligations under the Consent Decree during the preceding six-months (January 1, 2012 – June 30, 2012) and a description of the actions EPA intends to take with respect to its obligations under the Consent Decree during the following six months (July 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012).

**Consent Decree (CD) ¶ 6: No later than October 15, 2012, EPA shall sign for publication in the Federal Register a notice announcing the availability of new or revised water quality criteria for pathogens and pathogen indicators pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1314(a)(9)(A).**

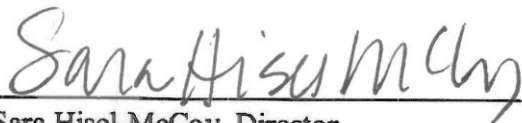
**Actions Taken By EPA from January 1, 2012 – June 30, 2012**

The public comment period on draft criteria recommendation ended on February 21, 2012. EPA carefully reviewed all of the public comments and began an evaluation of options for revising the draft criteria recommendations based on public comments.

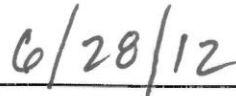
**Actions Planned By EPA July 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012**

EPA plans to continue its consideration of public comments and options for revising the draft criteria. EPA also intends to prepare the final criteria document for publication. EPA currently intends to sign the final FR by October 15, 2012 unless EPA concludes, based on consideration of public comments, that some additional time may be needed, in which case EPA would seek an extension of the Consent Decree deadline. EPA has not made any such conclusion at this time.

The undersigned, Sara Hisel-McCoy and Charles I. Noss are, respectively, the Director, Standards and Health Protection Division, Office of Science and Technology and a Senior Science Advisor for the Safe and Sustainable Water Research (SSWR) Program, Office of Research and Development. The Office of Science and Technology in EPA's Office of Water and the Office of Research and Development have primary responsibility for discharging EPA's duties under the Consent Decree. This report reflects our best current information concerning the actions taken by EPA with respect to its responsibilities under the Consent Decree during the preceding six months (January 1, 2012 – June 30, 2012) and a description of the actions EPA intends to take with respect to its responsibilities under the Consent Decree during the following six months (July 1, 2012 – December 31, 2012).



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