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## **Regulatory Alert**

**TO: AWWA Leadership  
All Utilities**

**FROM: AWWA Public Affairs**

**DATE: September 18, 2008**

<b>Who:</b>	<b>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</b>
<b>What:</b>	<b>Signing of the Total Coliform Rule Agreement-in-Principle</b>
<b>When:</b>	<b>Thursday, September 18, 2008</b>

Today, the EPA's Total Coliform Rule Distribution System Advisory Committee (TCRDSAC) met in Washington, DC, to sign the Total Coliform Rule (TCR) Agreement In Principle (AIP). The TCRDSAC, which includes AWWA and other water utility representatives, advises and makes recommendations to EPA concerning revisions to the TCR, and on what information should be collected, research conducted, and/or risk management strategies evaluated to better inform distribution system contaminant occurrence and associated public health risks.

The TCR, last revised in 1989, set both health goals (MCLGs) and legal limits (MCLs) for the presence of total coliforms, fecal coliforms, and *E. coli* in drinking water. The current rule also details the type and frequency of testing that water systems must undertake. The rule applies to all public water systems. The agreement-in-principle will lead to a proposed rule in 2010. The final Revised TCR (RTCR) will be published sometime in 2011 or 2012.

On Wednesday, October 15, 2008, AWWA will conduct a webcast to discuss the proposed revisions to and potential impacts of the TCR. To learn more about this event, please visit: <http://www.awwa.org/Conferences/WebcastsDetail.cfm?ItemNumber=40557>.

AWWA's Government Affairs Office is also available to assist with questions or provide additional information. Please contact Alan Roberson at 202-628-8303.

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