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# **Regulatory Alert**

**TO: AWWA Leadership  
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**FROM: AWWA Government Affairs**

**DATE: July 25, 2008**

<b>Who: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)</b>
<b>What: Drinking Water Contaminant Candidate List</b>
<b>When: July 24, 2008</b>

On Thursday, EPA issued its final regulatory determinations concerning the second Drinking Water Contaminant Candidate List (CCL 2). In May 2007, EPA published preliminary determinations for 11 contaminants that are not currently regulated. This week, the agency determined that no regulatory action is necessary for any of these contaminants at this time.

The 11 contaminants considered were:

- Boron
- Dacthal (DCPA) Mono Degradate
- Dacthal (DCPA) Di Acid Degradate
- 1,1-Dichloro-2,2-bis (p-chlorophenyl) ethylene (DDE)
- 1,3-Dichloropropene
- 2,4-Dinitrotoluene
- 2,6-Dinitrotoluene
- s-Ethyl dipropylthiocarbamate (EPTC)
- Fonofos
- Terbacil
- 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane

EPA found that these 11 contaminants either appear to be nonexistent or have low levels of occurrence at health levels of concern in public water systems. Regulating these contaminants does not present a meaningful opportunity for health risk reduction, EPA concluded.

While regulation was deemed unnecessary, EPA plans to update existing health advisories for boron; dacthal; 1,3-dichloropropene; 2,4-dinitrotoluene; 2,6-dinitrotoluene; and 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane.

In addition, EPA announced that it will soon publish a preliminary determination for perchlorate. EPA will request public comment as part of that notice and intends to finalize a regulatory determination by December 2008.

Lastly, EPA announced that it is not making a regulatory determination for MTBE at this time because its health risk assessment is currently being revised.

Please contact AWWA's Government Affairs Office at 202-628-8303 with any questions.

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