

AMWA comments on EPA proposed CWA hazardous substance worst case discharge planning rule

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Last week, AMWA submitted comments

(<https://www.amwa.net/testimonycomments/amwa-comments-hazardous-substance-worst-case-discharge-planning>) to EPA's Office of Land and Emergency Management on its proposed (<https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-HQ-OLEM-2021-0585-0001>) Clean Water Act (CWA) hazardous substance worst-case discharge planning rule. This proposal would require planning for worst-case discharges of CWA hazardous substances for certain facilities that could reasonably be expected to cause substantial harm to the environment via navigable waters.

In the letter, AMWA expressed support for actions to protect drinking water sources but requested further clarification from EPA on how this rule will affect public water systems that rely on some CWA hazardous substances to provide clean, safe drinking water to the public. Specifically, AMWA urged EPA to not require utilities to duplicate efforts already in place through the Risk Management Program. EPA is required to promulgate a final rule no later than 30 months after the release of this proposal.

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