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Ms. Andrea Matzke  
Oregon Department of Environmental Quality  
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Re: EPA Comments on Oregon's Proposed Corrections and Clarifications to Toxic Water Quality Standards

Dear Ms. Matzke:

Thank you for notifying the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that proposed revisions to the Oregon's water quality standards are available for public review. We appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed rulemaking.

If adopted, this rulemaking will address the EPA's January 2013 disapproval of the aquatic life criteria for 11 pesticides and selenium. Additionally, this rulemaking re-proposes the aquatic life criteria for arsenic and chromium VI that were inadvertently omitted during a 2007 rulemaking, consolidates the aquatic life criteria in tables 20, 33A and 33B into one new table, and makes minor corrections and clarifications to the water quality standards.

We have reviewed the proposal and have no comments to offer on this rulemaking. We greatly appreciate all the work that went into putting this rule together, and support finalizing the rule. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (206) 553-2108.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen Collins".

Kathleen Collins  
Water Quality Standards Coordinator