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Re: Adoption Schedule for Recreational Water Quality Criteria

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Guam EPA is submitting the following schedule to fulfill the requirements for this fiscal year's Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health (BEACH) Act grant condition, of adopting the USEPA 2012 Recreational Water Quality Criteria. By adopting this new criteria, the Guam Water Quality Standards will be revised and include a Guam specific Beach Action Value (BAV). The schedule and appropriate milestones are as follows:

1. Revise the Guam Water Quality Standards document for new standard
  - a. Start Date: December 2014
  - b. Timeframe: 30-60 days
2. Draft summary document indicating revisions and justification
  - a. Start Date: December 2014 (concurrent w/ above)
  - b. Timeframe: 14 days
3. Guam Public Comment Review Period
  - a. Start Date: February 2015
  - b. Timeframe: 30 days
4. Guam Public Hearing (at end of review period)
  - a. Start Date: March 2015
  - b. Timeframe: 1 day
5. USEPA Region 9 Review Period
  - a. Start Date: March 2015
  - b. Timeframe: 30-60 days
6. Guam EPA Board of Director's Presentation/Review Period
  - a. Start Date: May 2015
  - b. Timeframe: 30 days

7. Guam EPA Board of Director's Adoption
  - a. Start Date: June 2015
  - b. Timeframe: 1 day
8. Submit Bill to Guam Legislature to revise 10GCA Ch45 and Ch5 22GAR Division II
  - a. Start Date: June 2015
  - b. Timeframe: 30-60 days
9. Submit Law to Guam Complier of Law for Incorporation
  - a. Start Date: September 2015
  - b. Timeframe: 30 days

Your consideration of the above schedule is greatly appreciated. Even with the possibility of delays, Guam EPA will strive to meet the December 2015 deadline. For additional information, please contact either Jesse Cruz at [jesse.cruz@epa.guam.gov](mailto:jesse.cruz@epa.guam.gov) or Annie Leon Guerrero at [annie.leonguerrero@epa.guam.gov](mailto:annie.leonguerrero@epa.guam.gov).

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