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THE GUAM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Guam EPA Resolution # GEPA 25-002

Relative to the approval of the Guam Environmental Protection Agency's
Dieldrin Interim Action Level

WHEREAS, 35 Guam Code Annotated Chapter 53, §53113 (a) provides that the agency, upon identifying a contaminant that may present an unacceptable health risk to the public, may establish interim action levels for contaminants without a level being established by US EPA; and

WHEREAS, 35 Guam Code Annotated Chapter 53, §53113 (b) provides that the Agency is authorized to establish an interim action level at a level below which risks have been determined by the Agency as acceptable; and

WHEREAS, 35 Guam Code Annotated Chapter 53 §53113 (d) provides that the Agency, upon designating an interim action level for a contaminant, shall take the necessary actions to protect public health, which would require Public Water Systems to issue guidance and notify the public through the media based on the establishment of the interim action level.

WHEREAS, on the date of November 21, 2024, the Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA) provided a presentation on the interim action level to the Guam EPA Board of Directors.

WHEREAS, in the November 21, 2024 GEPA Board Meeting, Directors from the board expressed concerns that the requirement to notify the public of water quality exceeding 0.2 parts per billion should be shorter than 30 days as proposed.



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WHEREAS, in the November 21, 2024 GEPA Board Meeting, Guam EPA stated to the Board of Directors that if the board were to make any changes to the rules and regulations that underwent a public comment period, then the revised rules and regulations would have to go through another public comment period.

WHEREAS, in the November 21, 2024 GEPA Board Meeting, GEPA's board of directors recognized the importance of having rules and regulations approved sooner so that the public can be notified whether or not there is dieldrin in their water, even if there were other parts of the proposed regulations that needed improvement.

WHEREAS, in the November 21, 2024 GEPA Board Meeting, GEPA's board of directors approved the Dieldrin Interim Action Level.

WHEREAS, in the December 19, 2024 GEPA Board Meeting, GEPA's legal counsel clarified that the Agency's prior statement was incorrect and the Agency is not required to go through a second public comment period if the board had revisions.

WHEREAS, in the December 19, 2024 GEPA Board Meeting, the Chairman stated the board should rescind last month's approval of the IAL since GEPA's Legal Counsel has now stated that the board could make improvements to the rules and regulations that would be implemented immediately upon final approval and that this would be a quicker process than leaving the current IAL in effect, drafting new regulation revisions, and then going out for another public comment period.

WHEREAS, in the December 19, 2024 GEPA Board Meeting, other Directors indicated that the regulations were satisfactory, or while not perfect they were adequate.

WHEREAS, in the December 19, 2024 GEPA Board Meeting, Director Castro made a motion to rescind the previous approval of the Dieldrin Interim Action Level, and the motion was not seconded.

WHEREAS, the approval of the Dieldrin Interim Action Level from the November 21, 2024 GEPA Board Meeting remains in effect.



