

which could reasonably be expected to interfere with the states' adopted designated uses.

11. Clean Water Act § 303(c)(4), 33 U.S.C. § 1313(c)(4), provides that if the Administrator determines that a new or revised water quality standard is necessary to meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act (e.g., protect the designated uses of waters), he shall promptly prepare and publish proposed regulations setting forth a revised or new water quality standard for such waters. The same subsection directs that “[t]he Administrator shall promulgate any revised or new standard under this paragraph not later than ninety days after he publishes such proposed standards, unless prior to such promulgation, such State has adopted a revised or new water quality standard which the Administrator determines to be in accordance with this chapter.”

12. Clean Water Act § 402, 33 U.S.C. § 1342, establishes the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). Under this provision, the Environmental Protection Agency, or a state with an approved program, shall issue permits for the discharge of pollutants from point sources into navigable waters. Such permits shall contain technology-based effluent limitations or such other effluent limitations as