The 51 segments of industry affected by the EPA's effluent guidelines are listed in Appendix 2.1. Those segments subject to new or updated regulations have already been identified.

REGULATED POLLUTANTS

There are two main categories of pollutants regulated by the EPA:

- conventional pollutants such as biological oxygen demand (BOD₅), suspended solids (SS), pH, oils and greases, and micro-organisms (coliforms);
- inorganic toxic such as heavy metals, and organic toxic including dioxins, PCBs and solvents; the list of priority toxic pollutants is given in Appendix 2.3.

TYPES OF TECHNOLOGY

A thorough review of the technologies applicable to industrial wastewater would go beyond the scope of this study. Still, certain technological trends are apparent and should be pointed out:

Reduction at source

This includes any process or equipment designed to reduce or even eliminate pollutant formation in the first place, as opposed to recycling or recovery.