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National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology; Public Meetings

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, EPA gives notice of a two-day series of meetings involving four of the Standing Committees of the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT). NACEPT provides advice and recommendations to the Administrator of EPA on a broad range of environmental policy issues. These meetings are being held to continue discussions of recommendations from these NACEPT Committees on actions EPA can take to implement Community-Based Environmental Protection.

The four NACEPT Committees that will be meeting are:

- The Ecosystems Sustainable Economies Committee—which is examining issues associated with harmonizing economic activity and ecosystem management, and is focusing on the economic, social, and political factors needed to achieve sustainable economies.
- The Ecosystems Information and Assessments Committee—which is examining the role and use of data and information in ecosystem management strategies, including data needs, data accessibility, and opportunities for partnerships and data sharing with public and private organizations.
- The Ecosystems Implementation Tools Committee—which is evaluating the opportunities to re-orient existing statutory and regulatory authorities to integrate place-driven environmental management into the Agency's decision-making processes.

- The NACEPT Executive Committee—which serves as a steering committee for all NACEPT activities and is coordinating the efforts of the three NACEPT Ecosystems Committees.

Scheduling constraints preclude oral comments from the public during the meeting. Written comments can be submitted by mail and will be transmitted to Committee members for consideration

DATES: The public meetings will be held on Wednesday, April 12, and Thursday, April 13, 1995. The NACEPT Executive Committee will meet in plenary session from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, and again on Thursday, April 13 from 3:00 p.m. to

5:00 p.m. The Ecosystems Sustainable Economies Committee, the Ecosystems Information and Assessments Committee, and the Ecosystems Implementation Tools Committee will meet concurrently from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, and again from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 13. On both days, the meetings will be held at the Dupont Plaza Hotel; 1500 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Abby J. Pirnie, Director, Office of Cooperative Environmental Management, U.S. EPA (1601), 401 M. Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Abby J. Pirnie, Designated Federal Official, Direct line (202) 260-8079, Secretary's line (202) 260-7567.

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State of New York: Final Determination of Adequacy of State/Tribal Municipal Solid Waste Permit Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of final determination of adequacy to fully approve the New York State Municipal Solid Waste Permit Program.

SUMMARY: Section 4005(c)(1)(B) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) of 1984, requires States to develop and implement permit programs to ensure that municipal solid waste landfills (MSWLFs) which may receive hazardous household waste or small quantity generator waste will comply with the revised Federal MSWLF Criteria (40 CFR Part 258). RCRA Section 4005(c)(1)(C) requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to determine whether States have adequate "permit" programs for MSWLFs, but does not mandate issuance of a rule for such determinations. EPA has drafted and is in the process of proposing a State/Tribal Implementation Rule (STIR) that will provide procedures by which EPA will approve, or partially approve, State/Tribal landfill permit programs. The Agency intends to approve adequate State/Tribal MSWLF permit programs as applications are submitted. Thus, these approvals are not dependent

on final promulgation of the STIR. Prior to promulgation of the STIR, adequacy determinations will be made based on the statutory authorities and requirements. In addition, States/Tribes may use the draft STIR as an aid in interpreting these requirements. The Agency believes that early approvals have an important benefit. Approved State/Tribal permit programs provide interaction between the State/Tribe and the owner/operator regarding site-specific permit conditions. Only those owners/operators located in State/Tribes with approved permit programs can use the site-specific flexibility provided by Part 258 to the extent the State/Tribal permit program allows such flexibility. EPA notes that regardless of the approval status of a State/Tribe and the permit status of any facility, the Federal landfill criteria will apply to all permitted and unpermitted MSWLF facilities.

The State of New York applied for a determination of adequacy under section 4005 of RCRA. The components of authority and capability were contained in New York State's application and its revisions. EPA reviewed New York State's application, and certain revisions thereto, and on July 28, 1994, proposed a determination that New York State's MSWLF permit program is adequate to ensure compliance with the revised MSWLF Criteria. After consideration of all comments received regarding the tentative determination of adequacy, EPA is today issuing a final determination that New York State's program is adequate.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The determination of adequacy for the New York State shall be effective on March 14, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Savetsky, U.S. EPA Region II, Mail Stop 2AWM, Room 1006, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York, 10278, telephone (212) 637-4098.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

On October 9, 1991, EPA promulgated revised Criteria for MSWLFs (40 CFR Part 258). Subtitle D of RCRA, as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA), requires States to develop permitting programs to ensure that facilities comply with the Federal Criteria under Part 258. Subtitle D also requires in Section 4005 that EPA determine the adequacy of State municipal solid waste landfill permit programs to ensure that facilities comply with the revised Federal Criteria. To fulfill this requirement, the Agency has drafted