

Standard Paragraphs

F. Any person desiring to be heard or make any protest with reference to said filing should on or before the comment date file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.211 and 385.214) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules.

Take further notice that, pursuant to the authority contained in and subject to jurisdiction conferred upon the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission by Sections 7 and 15 of the Natural Gas Act and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a hearing will be held without further notice before the Commission or its designee on this filing if no motion to intervene is filed within the time required herein, if the Commission on its own review of the matter finds that a grant of the certificate is required by the public convenience and necessity. If a motion for leave to intervene is timely filed, or if the Commission on its own motion believes that a formal hearing is required, further notice of such hearing will be duly given.

Under the procedure herein provided for, unless otherwise advised, it will be unnecessary for the applicant to appear or be represented at the hearing.

G. Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after the issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to § 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefore, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request shall be treated as an application for

authorization pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act.

Lois D. Cashell,
Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Accidental Release Prevention Requirements: Risk Management Programs Under Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act as Amended; Draft Guidances

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Extension of Comment Deadline.

SUMMARY: EPA published a notice on January 30, 1996 (61 FR 3031) announcing the availability of draft guidance documents associated with risk management programs under Section 112(r)(7) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), as amended. These draft guidance documents are: "Offsite Consequence Assessment"; "Generic Guidance Risk Management Program (RMP) for Ammonia Refrigeration Facilities"; and "Risk Management Plan Data Elements" and "Data Elements Instructions." EPA has learned that some of guidance materials were not immediately available and that more time is necessary for review and comment. This notice extends the deadline for submission of comments.

As the initial notice of availability stated, these documents are not rules or proposed rules. The Agency is willing to accept and consider comments at any time during the life of these guidance documents. However, the CAA requires that certain guidance materials must be issued when EPA promulgates regulations under section 112(r)(7)(B). Consequently, comments received by the deadline will be used to shape the guidance to be issued at that time. While comments received after the deadline may be considered, those comments and even those after publication may be used in future revisions to the guidance documents.

DATES: Those who wish to express their views concerning the material contained in the guidances should submit written comments by March 29, 1996 to Docket A-91-73 Category VIII-B, at the address below, or via e-mail to A-and-R-Docket@epamail.epa.gov.

ADDRESSES: *Docket.* EPA Air and Radiation Docket and Information

Center, room M1500, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (6102), 401 M Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. Please identify comments with the docket number A-91-73 Category VIII-B. Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: A-and-R-Docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number A-91-73 Category VIII-B. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this draft guidance may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Information Hotline at (800) 535-0202 or (703) 412-9877 when calling from local Washington, D.C. area or contact Craig Matthiessen in the Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office at (202) 260-9781.

Dated: February 26, 1996.

Jim Makris,

Director, Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office.

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Formation and Open Meeting of the Industrial Non-Hazardous Waste Stakeholders Focus Group

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of establishment of the Industrial Non-Hazardous Waste Stakeholders Focus Group and Notice of first meeting.

SUMMARY: As required by sections 9 (a)(2) and 10 (a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), EPA is giving notice of the formation of the Industrial Non-Hazardous Waste Stakeholders' Focus Group and of its first meeting. EPA has determined that this action is in the public interest. The purpose of this committee is to advise EPA and ASTSWMO (the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials) in developing voluntary guidance for the management of industrial nonhazardous waste in land-based disposal units. The Focus Group

will facilitate the exchange of information and ideas among the interested parties relating to the development of such guidance. The agenda of the first meeting will include a discussion of the purpose and scope of the guidance under development, the ground rules for future meetings, tailoring management practices to risk, and liner system designs at industrial nonhazardous waste facilities. There will be an opportunity for public comment before the close of the meeting.

DATES: The committee's first meeting will be held on April 11–12, 1996 beginning at 9:00 A.M. on each day. The meeting will conclude at 5:00 P.M. on April 11 and at 3:00 P.M. on April 12.

ADDRESSES: The location of the meeting is the Hall of States, Room 383–385, 444 N. Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The seating capacity of the room is approximately 75 people, and seating will be on a first-come basis. Supporting materials are available for viewing at Docket # F–96–INHA–FFFFF in the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway One, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, First Floor, Arlington, VA. The RIC is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. To review docket materials, the public must make an appointment by calling (703) 603–9230. The public may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any regulatory docket at no charge. Additional copies cost \$.15/page. For general information, contact the RCRA Hotline at 1–800–424–9346 or TDD 1–800–553–7672 (hearing impaired). In the Washington metropolitan area, call 703–412–9610 or TDD 703–412–3323.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Persons needing further information on the committee should contact Patricia Cohn, Municipal and Industrial Solid Waste Division, Office of Solid Waste, at (703) 308–8675.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Focus Group

EPA and ASTSWMO have formed a State/EPA Steering Committee to jointly develop voluntary facility guidance for the management of industrial nonhazardous waste in land-based disposal units. The purpose of the guidance is to recommend management practices that are environmentally sound, that are protective of public health, and that recognize opportunities for pollution prevention and waste minimization. The guidance will address such topics as appropriate groundwater monitoring and corrective action requirements, liner designs, daily

operating requirements, and closure and post-closure practices.

The State/EPA Steering Committee is convening this Stakeholders Focus Group to obtain recommendations from individuals who are members of a broad spectrum of public interest groups and affected industries. All recommendations from Focus Group participants will be forwarded to the State/EPA Steering Committee for consideration, as the Stakeholders' Focus Group will not strive for consensus. The State/EPA Steering Committee will also provide an opportunity for public comment on the draft guidance document.

Background

“Industrial nonhazardous waste” under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) means waste that is neither municipal solid waste under RCRA Subtitle D nor a hazardous waste under RCRA Subtitle C. Industrial nonhazardous waste consists primarily of manufacturing process wastes, including wastewaters and non-wastewater sludges and solids.

EPA estimates there are 7.6 billion tons of industrial nonhazardous waste generated annually in the U.S. and disposed on-site by approximately 12,000 industrial facilities in surface impoundments, landfills, land application units, or waste piles. Most of this waste is managed in surface impoundments, which are designed to hold wastewaters. These wastes present a broad range of risk, from nearly hazardous to inert.

Under RCRA Subtitle D, the states are responsible for regulating the management of industrial nonhazardous waste. State requirements vary widely, and may include standards for design and operation, location, monitoring, and record keeping. This guidance is intended to complement existing state programs.

EPA's role in the management of industrial nonhazardous waste is very limited. Under RCRA Subtitle D, EPA issued minimal criteria prohibiting “open dumps” (40 CFR 257) in 1979. The states, not EPA, are responsible for implementing the “open dumping criteria,” and EPA has no back-up enforcement role.

Copies of the minutes of all Stakeholder Focus Group meetings will be made available through the docket at the RCRA Information Center.

Participants

The Stakeholders Focus Group will consist of approximately 25 members, who represent public interest groups, affected industries, states, and federal

officials. Following is a list of representatives from the interested parties:

Public interest groups—Doris Cellarius, Sierra Club; Michael Gregory, Sierra Club; John Harney, Citizens Round Table/Pennsylvanians United to Rescue the Environment; and Rick Lowery, Texas Center for Policy Studies.

Industry sectors—Tim Saylor, International Paper; Gary Robbins, Exxon Company USA; Walter Carey, New Milford Farms/Nestle USA; Robert Graud, Dupont Company; Paul Bork, Dow Chemical Company; Bruce Steiner, American Iron and Steel Institute; James Meiers, Indianapolis Power and Light Company; Andrew Miles, The Dexter Corporation; Scott Murto, General Motors Corporation; Lisa Williams, The Aluminum Association; Jonathan Greenberg, Browning-Ferris Industries; and Ed Skernolis, WMX Technologies, Inc.

States—James Warner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency; Anne Dobbs, Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission.

Federal officials—Paul Cassidy, Patricia Cohn, Richard Kinch, John Sager and Bruce Weddle of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Dated: February 22, 1995.

Bruce R. Weddle,

Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared February 12, 1996 through February 16, 1996 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564–7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 14, 1995 (60 FR 19047).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D–DOE–A09825–00 Rating EC2, Disposition of Surplus Weapons-Usable Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU) to Low Enriched Uranium (LEU), Site Selection, Y–12 Plant Oak Ridge, TN; Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC; Babcock & Wilcox Naval Nuclear Fuel