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III. Public Record

A record has been established for this action under docket control number "OPPTS-00207" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at: oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in ADDRESSES at the beginning of this document.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection and Information collection requests.

Dated: February 11, 1997.

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Effluent Guidelines Plan Update

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has obtained approval in U.S. District Court to modify a Consent Decree covering the Agency's Effluent

Guidelines Program. The modified Decree extends deadlines for several rulemaking projects described in the 1996 Effluent Guidelines Plan.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA published its 1996 Effluent Guidelines Plan on October 7, 1996 (61 FR 52582). The Plan described the Effluent Guidelines Program and listed regulations that the Agency was developing or intended to develop. As mentioned in the Plan, several of these regulation projects are required by a Consent Decree in *Natural Resources Defense Council et al v. Browner* (D.D.C. 89-2980, January 31, 1992 (the "Consent Decree"). Table 1 in the Plan listed deadlines for the rules, with a footnote explaining that EPA was discussing extensions to the deadlines with the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC). See 61 FR 52583.

EPA and NRDC have agreed on revised deadlines and related adjustments for several of the rules listed in the Plan, and have obtained Court approval of modifications to the Decree. An unopposed motion to modify the Decree was filed in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia on January 31, 1997, and the motion was approved by District Judge Royce C. Lamberth on February 4, 1997. In addition to extending several deadlines, the modifications allow the Agency to merge two ongoing rules, Metal Products and Machinery Phases 1 and 2, into a single project. The modified dates are listed in the following table.

MODIFICATIONS TO EFFLUENT GUIDELINES DEADLINES

Category	Proposal	Final action
Centralized Waste Treatment (proposed 1/27/95, 60 FR 5464)	8/15/99
Pharmaceutical Manufacturing (proposed 5/2/95, 60 FR 21592)	4/98
Industrial Laundries ...	9/97	6/99
Transportation Equipment Cleaning	1/98	2/00
Landfills and Incinerators	11/97	11/99

MODIFICATIONS TO EFFLUENT GUIDELINES DEADLINES—Continued

Category	Proposal	Final action
Metal Products and Machinery (Phase 1 proposed 5/30/95, 60 FR 28209) ..	10/00	12/02

EPA and NRDC signed a related Settlement Agreement stating the Agency's intent to take final action on air emission standards for pharmaceutical production, under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act, jointly with the Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Effluent Guidelines in April 1998. A separate notice describing this action was published on February 21, 1997 at 62 FR 8012.

The parties also agreed on revised deadlines for completion of four Preliminary Studies, which the Agency uses to support decisions on selecting industries for additional rulemaking. The deadlines for the studies are as follows:

- Chemical Formulators and Packagers: April 1997.
- Feedlots: 1998.
- Urban Stormwater: 1998.
- Airport De-Icing: 1999.

EPA and NRDC are continuing negotiations on deadlines for other rules covered by the Decree.

Dated: February 19, 1997.

Tudor T. Davies,

Director, Office of Science and Technology.
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EPA's Interim Approach to Implementation of the 1996 Food Quality Protection Act; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing its interim approach to implementation of the new food safety requirements of the Food Quality Protection Act through a Pesticide Registration (PR) Notice 97-1. Interested parties may request this document as described in the ADDRESSES unit of this notice.

ADDRESSES: PR Notice 97-1 is available by mail from the Policy and Special Projects Staff, Mail Code 7506C, Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location,