

Alternative Tier 2 provisions for baseline gasoline and oxygenated gasolines, and the proposed schedule for completion and submission of such tests. A copy of the letter as well as the proposed tests and schedule under the Alternative Tier 2 provisions have been placed in the Public Docket No. A-96-16, Waterside Mall (Room M-1500), Environmental Protection Agency, Air Docket Section, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. The notification letter is also available on the internet via the EPA's Mobile Sources home page at <http://www.epa.gov/OMSWWW/>. The Agency is requesting public comment on these proposed requirements.

III. Environmental Impact

This proposal will result in no immediate environmental impact, but may provide a basis for further regulatory action, should the collected data indicate that health risks exist.

IV. Economic Impact

This proposed Alternative Tier 2 notification for baseline gasoline and gasolines containing the specified oxygenates will have a significant impact on oil refiners and manufacturers whose total annual sales are more than \$50 million. The F/FAs regulations at 40 CFR 79.58(d) contain provisions for those fuel or fuel additive manufacturers whose total annual sales are less than \$50 million, and therefore these parties are not subject to the requirements in this notice.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 79

Environmental Protection, Air Pollution Control, Gasoline, Conventional Gasoline, Oxygenates, Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether, and Motor Vehicle Pollution.

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Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 260, 261, and 273

[SWH-FRL-5889-2]

Hazardous Waste Management System; Modification of the Hazardous Waste Program; Mercury-Containing Lamps; Notice of Data Availability; Notice of Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of data availability; notice of extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The comment period for the Mercury Emissions study relating to the management of spent mercury-containing lamps under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Subtitle C hazardous waste management system which was announced in the **Federal Register** on July 11, 1997 (62 FR 37183) is extended from August 25, 1997 to October 9, 1997.

DATES: EPA will accept public comments on this Notice of Data Availability until close of business on October 9, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Commenters must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing docket number F-97-FLEA-FFFFF to: RCRA Docket Information Center, Office of Solid Waste (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters (EPA, HQ), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460. Hand deliveries of comments should be made to the Arlington, VA, address listed below. Comments may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail through the Internet to: rcradocket@epamail.epa.gov. Comments in electronic format should also be identified by the docket number F-97-FLEA-FFFFF. All electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. If comments are not submitted electronically, EPA is asking prospective commenters to voluntarily submit one additional copy of their comments on labeled personal computer diskettes in ASCII (TEXT) format or a word processing format that can be converted to ASCII (TEXT). It is essential to specify on the disk label the word processing software and version/edition as well as the commenter's name. This will allow EPA to convert the comments into one of the word processing formats utilized by the

Agency. Please use mailing envelopes designed to physically protect the submitted diskettes. EPA emphasizes that submission of comments on diskettes is not mandatory, nor will it result in any advantage or disadvantage to any commenter.

Commenters should not submit electronically any confidential business information (CBI). An original and two copies of CBI must be submitted under separate cover to: RCRA CBI Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460.

Public comments and supporting materials are available for viewing in the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway I, First Floor, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The RIC is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. To review docket materials, it is recommended that the public 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 \$0.15/page. For information on accessing paper and/or electronic copies of the document, see the "Supplementary Information" section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, contact the RCRA Hotline at (800) 424-9346 or TDD (800) 553-7672 (hearing impaired). In the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area, call (703) 412-9810 or TDD (703) 412-3323. For information on specific aspects of the report, contact Mr. Lyn Luben, Office of Solid Waste (5307W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460, phone (703) 308-0508.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 11, 1997 EPA published a Notice of Data Availability (NODA) (62 FR 37183) announcing the availability of its mercury emissions study. The Mercury Emissions study contains information relating to the July 1994 proposed rule addressing the management of spent mercury-containing lamps. The Agency established a 45-day comment period in the NODA and indicated that comments on the study would be accepted until August 25, 1997. EPA has received several written requests to extend the comment period. The additional time requested ranged from 45 to 90 days. As justification for the time extension, stakeholders noted the large amount of information contained in the report and the complexity of the study. The Agency has decided to grant an additional 45 days beyond the initial 45-day comment period to allow stakeholders additional

time to review the study and formulate comments for the Agency's consideration. The Agency does not believe that more than a 45-day extension is necessary. Stakeholders were aware of the types of issues that would be discussed in the study and have had, therefore, adequate time to prepare comments to the Agency on the general issues. As for specific information presented in the study, 90 days provides adequate time to respond. The Agency wishes to move forward with the mercury-containing lamps rulemaking and believes that an extension beyond 45 days would cause unnecessary delay. See 62 FR 37183 (July 11, 1997) for a more detailed explanation of the study. Accordingly, the Agency is extending the comment period 45 days to October 9, 1997 to provide for a 90-day comment period.

Dated: August 25, 1997.

Elizabeth A. Cotsworth,

Acting Director Office of Solid Waste.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 261

[FRL-5890-2]

Revised Technical Standards for Hazardous Waste Combustion Facilities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of data availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: This document is a notice of data availability and invitation for comment on the following information pertaining to the proposed revised standards for hazardous waste combustors (61 FR 17358 (April 19, 1996)): additional data on various fuel oils to be used to establish a total halogen specification to exclude comparable fuels from the definition of solid waste.

Readers should note that only comments about new information discussed in this notice will be considered during the comment period. Issues related to the April 19, 1996 proposed rule and other subsequent notices that are not directly affected by the documents or data referenced in today's Notice of Data Availability are not open for further comment.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by September 24, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Commenters must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing docket number F-97-CS5A-FFFFF to: RCRA Docket Information Center, Office of Solid Waste (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters (EPA, HQ), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460. Deliveries of comments should be made to the Arlington, Virginia address listed below. Comments may also be submitted electronically through the Internet to: rcra-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Comments in electronic format should also be identified by the docket number F-97-CS5A-FFFFF. All electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. For other information regarding submitting comments electronically or viewing the comments received or supporting information, please refer to the proposed rule (61 FR 17358 (April 19, 1996)).

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For more detailed information on specific aspects of this notice, contact Mary Jo Krolewski, Office of Solid Waste (5302W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, 703-308-7754, e-mail address:

krolewski.maryjo@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 19, 1996, EPA proposed revised standards for hazardous waste combustors (i.e., incinerators and cement and lightweight aggregate kilns) that burn hazardous waste. See 61 FR 17358. After an extension, the comment period closed on August 19, 1996. In that proposal, EPA included a comparable fuels provision under which EPA used a benchmark approach to develop a series of technical specifications that would allow hazardous waste similar in composition to a commercially available fossil fuel to be excluded under RCRA when burned. One of the specifications for comparable fuels was a limit on total halogens in comparable fuels. Although total halogens are not listed in Appendix VIII, Part 261, EPA proposed a total halogen specification to ensure that halogenated products of incomplete combustion (PICs) and HCl and Cl₂ generated from burning a comparable fuel would not be emitted at higher levels than from burning a benchmark fossil fuel. See proposal (61 FR at 17461) and a subsequent notice of data availability (61 FR 43501 (August 23, 1996)). PICs resulting from the burning of halogenated compounds can pose a particular hazard to human health and the environment.

Using the benchmark approach, EPA initially proposed total halogen¹ specifications ranging from 10 ppmw to 25 ppmw. These initial total halogen specifications included both organic and inorganic halogens. However, the total halogen data used by EPA in the proposed rule for its No. 4 and No. 6 fuel oils were based on analytical methods measuring only total organic halogens, not both organic and inorganic halogens. EPA's decision to use a method that measured only organic halogens for No. 4 and No. 6 fuel oils was based on two factors. First, EPA was concerned about possible method interferences and poor matrix recovery when measuring total halogen in No. 4 and No. 6 fuel oils and used a method that measures only total organic halogen.² Second, EPA was concerned that No. 4 and No. 6 fuel oils

¹ Expressed as chlorine.

² The Agency has since determined that EPA Method 325.3 for total halogens should not result in poor matrix recovery.