

circumstances surrounding the action. First, the entity must make an applicability determination. If the net total direct and indirect emissions do not exceed de minimis levels established in the regulations or if the action meets certain criteria for an exemption, a conformity determination is not required. Actions requiring conformity determinations vary from straightforward, requiring minimal information, to complex, requiring significant amounts of information. The Federal entity must determine the type and quantity of information on a case-by-case basis. State and local air pollution control agencies are usually requested to provide information to the Federal entities making a conformity determination and are provided opportunities to comment on the proposed determinations. The public is also provided an opportunity to comment on the proposed determinations.

The EPA would like to solicit comments to:

- (i) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- (ii) Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- (iii) Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- (iv) Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Burden Statement: The estimated annual projected hour burden and cost for the respondents (generally Federal agencies) are 32,560 hours and \$1,118,119. The estimated annual projected hour burden and cost for the State and local agencies are 1,156 hours and \$323,354. The estimated annual projected hour burden and cost for the EPA are 1,846 hours and \$51,173. Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by persons to generate, maintain, retain, or disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and

maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; search data sources; complete and review the collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

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John Seitz,
Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5955-2]

Guidance for Implementing the 1-Hour Ozone and Pre-Existing PM₁₀ National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the EPA has issued guidance for continuing the implementation of the Clean Air Act requirements for the 1-hour ozone and pre-existing PM₁₀ (particles with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal 10 micrometers) NAAQS following EPA's promulgation of the new 8-hour ozone (62 FR 38856, July 18, 1997) and PM (62 FR 38652, July 18, 1997) NAAQS. The EPA has issued the guidance to ensure that momentum is maintained by the States in their current programs while moving toward developing their plans for implementing the new NAAQS, and it applies to all areas now subject to the 1-hour ozone standard and the pre-existing PM₁₀ standard regardless of attainment status. On July 16, 1997 (62 FR 38421, July 18, 1997), President Clinton issued a directive to EPA Administrator Browner on implementation of the new standards for ozone and PM. In that directive, the President laid out a plan on how these new standards, as well as the current 1-hour ozone and pre-existing PM standards, are to be implemented. The guidance reflects the Presidential Directive.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the guidance are available from the World Wide Web site listed in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions and comments on the ozone portion of this guidance, contact

Ms. Sharon Reinders, U.S. EPA, MD-15, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-5284; for specific questions and comments on the PM portion of this guidance, contact Ms. Robin Dunkins, U.S. EPA, MD-15, Research Triangle Park NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-5335.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this guidance is to set forth EPA's current views on key issues regarding the ongoing programs implemented by State, local and tribal air pollution control agencies to attain the 1-hour ozone and pre-existing PM₁₀ NAAQS. These issues will be addressed in future rulemakings as appropriate. The EPA will propose to take a particular action based in whole or in part on its views of the relevant issues, and the public will have an opportunity to comment on EPA's interpretations during the rulemakings. When EPA issues final rules based on its reviews, those views will be binding on the States, the public, and EPA as a matter of law.

Electronic Availability

A World Wide Web (WWW) site has been developed for overview information on the NAAQS and the ozone, PM, and regional haze (RH) implementation process. The Uniform Resource Location (URL) for the home page of the web site is <http://ttnwww.rtpnc.epa.gov/implement>. For assistance, the TTN Helpline is (919) 541-5384. For those persons without electronic capability, a copy may be obtained from Ms. Tricia Crabtree, MD-15, Air Quality Strategies and Standards Division, RTP NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-5688.

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Henry C. Thomas,
Acting Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5967-9]

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

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting of the Industrial Non-Hazardous Waste Stakeholders Focus Group.

SUMMARY: As required by section 10 (a)(2) of the Federal Advisory

Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the EPA is giving notice of the sixth meeting of the Industrial Non-Hazardous Waste Policy Dialogue Committee, also known as the Industrial Non-Hazardous Waste Stakeholders Focus Group. 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 waste in landfills, waste piles, surface impoundments, and land application units. The Focus Group will facilitate the exchange of information and ideas among the interested parties relating to the development of such guidance. The purpose of the sixth meeting will be to continue discussion of issues related to the development of such guidance. Issues to be discussed will include ground-water modeling/risk results (i.e., leachate concentration threshold values for the Tier I national approach for the four types of management units), development of a screening tool to evaluate the need for air emission controls, and waste characterization. In addition, presentations will be made to the Focus Group concerning the development of the landfill neural net software (i.e., the tool to be used by facility managers for the Tier II site-specific adjustments) and the latest draft of the CD-ROM being developed for this project. There will be an opportunity for limited public comment at the end of each day of the meeting.

DATES: The committee will meet on March 18 and 19, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on March 18, and from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on March 19.

ADDRESSES: The location of the meeting is the Sheraton Washington Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road at Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20008. The phone number is 202-328-2000. The seating capacity of the room is approximately 60 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 \$0.15/page. The material to be discussed at the March Focus Group meeting will be available for viewing in the above

docket on and after March 4, 1998. 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 703-412-9810 or TDD 703-412-3323.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Persons needing further information on the committee should contact Paul Cassidy, Municipal and Industrial Solid Waste Division, Office of Solid Waste, at (703) 308-7281 or e-mail at cassidy.paul@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is available on the Internet. Follow these instructions to access electronically:

WWW: <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>

FTP: <ftp.epa.gov>

Login: anonymous

Password: your Internet address

File is located in /pub/epaoswer

Background

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 document is to provide a guide to facility managers so that they can provide safe industrial waste management. The guidance document will address such topics as appropriate controls for ground-water, surface-water, and air protection, liner designs, public participation, waste reduction, daily operating practices, monitoring and corrective action, and closure and post-closure considerations.

The State/EPA Steering Committee has convened 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.

Copies of the minutes of all Stakeholder Focus Group meetings have been made available through the docket at the RCRA Information Center, including minutes of the previous 5 Focus Group meetings, which were held on April 11-12, 1996, September 11-12, 1996, February 19-20, 1997, May 20-21, 1997, and October 8-9, 1997.

Dated: February 6, 1998.

Matthew Hale,

Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-5967-6]

Announcement and Publication of the Policy for Municipality and Municipal Solid Waste; CERCLA Settlements at NPL Co-Disposal Sites

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This policy supplements the "Interim Policy on CERCLA Settlements Involving Municipalities and Municipal Wastes" (1989 Policy) that was issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on September 30, 1989. This policy states that EPA will continue its policy of not generally identifying generators and transporters of municipal solid waste (MSW) as potentially responsible parties at NPL sites. In recognition of the strong public interest in reducing contribution litigation, however, EPA identifies in the policy a settlement methodology for making available settlements to MSW generators and transporters who seek to resolve their liability. In addition, the policy identifies a presumptive settlement range for municipal owners and operators of co-disposal sites on the NPL who desire to settlement their Superfund liability.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leslie Jones (202-564-5123) or Doug Dixon (202-564-4232), Office of Site Remediation Enforcement, 401 M. St. S.W., 2273A, Washington, D.C. 20460. This policy is available electronically at <http://www.epa.gov/oeca/osre.html>. Copies of this policy can be ordered from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), U.S. Department of Commerce, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161. Each order must reference the NTIS item number PB98-118003. For telephone orders or further information on placing an order, call NTIS at (703) 487-4650 or (800) 553-NTIS. For orders via E-mail/Internet, send to the following address: orders@ntis.fedworld.gov.