

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Gregory Crawford at the EPA Regional Office listed below. Copies of the documents relevant to this proposed rule are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the day of the visit.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3104.

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Bureau of Air Quality Control, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Davis at (404) 562-9127 or Gregory Crawford at (404) 562-9046. Air, Pesticides & Toxics Management Division, Region 4, Environmental Protection Agency, 61 Forsyth Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the direct final rule which is published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 7, 1998.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 62

[MN51-01-7276b; FRL-6128-7]

Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Minnesota; Control of Landfill Gas Emissions From Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to approve the Minnesota State Plan submittal for implementing the Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Landfill Emission Guidelines. The State's plan submittal was made pursuant to requirements found in the Clean Air Act (Act). The State's plan was submitted to EPA on March 4, 1997 in accordance with the requirements for adoption and submittal of State plans for designated facilities in 40 CFR part 60, subpart B. It establishes performance standards for

existing MSW landfills and provides for the implementation and enforcement of those standards. The EPA finds that Minnesota's Plan for existing MSW landfills adequately addresses all of the Federal requirements applicable to such plans. In the final rules of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving this action as a direct final without prior proposal because EPA views this as a noncontroversial action and anticipates no adverse comments. If no adverse comments are received in response to that direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this proposed action must be received by August 26, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Carlton T. Nash, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), EPA, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Aburano, (312) 353-6960.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, see the Direct Final document which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**. Copies of the request and the EPA's analysis are available for inspection at the following address: (Please telephone Douglas Aburano at (312) 353-6960 before visiting the Region 5 office.) EPA, Region 5, Air and Radiation Division, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: July 10, 1998.

David A. Ullrich,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 20

RIN 1018-AE66

Migratory Bird Hunting; Temporary Approval of Tungsten-Polymer Shot as Nontoxic for the 1998-99 Season

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) proposes to amend Section 20.21(j) and provide temporary approval of tungsten-polymer shot as nontoxic for the 1998-99 migratory bird hunting season, except in the Yukon-Kuskokwim (Y-K) Delta, Alaska. A toxicological report includes an extensive literature review, and analysis of tungsten and Nylon 6 (the polymer) suggests that these compounds are nontoxic under assumed use and in the environment. The toxicity study reveals no adverse effects over a 30-day period on mallards (*Anas platyrhynchos*) dosed with 8 BB-size tungsten-polymer shot. However, there is some concern that the absorption of tungsten into the femur, kidney, and liver could potentially affect the spectacled eider (*Somateria fischeri*), a species already subject to adverse weather, predation, and lead poisoning on the Yukon-Kuskokwim (Y-K) Delta, Alaska. Until a reproductive/chronic toxicity test has been completed and the Service has reviewed the results, the Service proposes not to approve the use of tungsten-polymer shot on the Y-K Delta.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule must be received no later than August 26, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be sent to the Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management (MBMO), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 1849 C Street, NW., ms 634-ARLSQ, Washington, DC 20240. The public may inspect comments during normal business hours in room 634, Arlington Square Building, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul R. Schmidt, Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management, (703) 358-1714.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Since the mid-1970s, the Service has sought to identify shot that does not pose a significant toxic hazard to migratory birds or other wildlife. Currently, only steel and bismuth-tin shot are approved by the Service as nontoxic. The Service previously granted temporary approval