

significantly or uniquely affect their communities.”

Today's action does not significantly or uniquely affect the communities of Indian tribal governments. The final rule published on April 15, 1998 does not create mandates upon tribal governments. Because today's action interprets the requirements of the final rule, today's action does not create a mandate on tribal governments. Accordingly, the requirements of section 3(b) of Executive Order 13084 do not apply to this action.

J. National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act

Section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (NTTAA) directs all Federal agencies to use voluntary consensus standards instead of government-unique standards in their regulatory activities unless to do so would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. Voluntary consensus standards are technical standards (e.g., materials specifications, test methods, sampling procedures, business practices) that are developed or adopted by one or more voluntary consensus standards bodies. Examples of organizations generally regarded as voluntary consensus standards bodies include the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE). The NTTAA requires Federal agencies like the EPA to provide Congress, through OMB, with explanations when an agency decides not to use available and applicable voluntary consensus standards.

The proposed amendments do not involve any new technical standards or the incorporation by reference of existing technical standards. Therefore, consideration of voluntary consensus standards is not relevant to this action.

III. Legal Authority

These regulations are amended under the authority of sections 112, 114, and 301 of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. sections 7412, 7414, and 7601).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 63

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Air pollution control, Intergovernmental relations.

Dated: December 18, 1998.

Carol M. Browner,

Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 262, 264, 265, and 270

[FRL-6210-8]

Project XL Rulemaking for New York State Public Utilities; Hazardous Waste Management System

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Extension of Comment Period for Project XL Draft Final Project Agreement and Proposed Rule

SUMMARY: On December 7, 1998, EPA published a request for comments on a proposed rule and draft final project agreement (FPA) for the Project XL Rulemaking for New York State Public Utilities [FRL-6197-7, 63 FR 67561-67571]. The original comment period was thirty (30) days from the date of publication. EPA has received a request to extend the comment period. EPA is today granting a twenty-one (21) day extension from January 6, 1999, to January 27, 1999, for comments on the proposed rule and FPA for New York State's XL project.

DATES: The period for submission of comments ends on January 27, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for a hearing should be mailed to the RCRA Information Center Docket Clerk (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Please send an original and two copies of all comments, and refer to Docket Number F-98-NYSP-FFFFF. A copy should also be sent to Mr. Philip Flax at U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007-1866.

Viewing Docket Materials: A docket containing public comments and supporting materials is available for public inspection and copying at the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, First Floor, Arlington, Virginia. The RIC is open from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. The public is encouraged to phone in advance to review docket materials. Appointments can be scheduled by phoning the Docket Office at (703) 603-9230. Refer to RCRA docket number F-98-NYSP-FFFFF. The public may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any regulatory docket at no charge. Additional copies cost 15 cents per page.

A duplicate copy of the docket is available for inspection and copying at U.S. EPA, Region 2, 290 Broadway, New

York, NY 10007-1866 during normal business hours. Persons wishing to view the duplicate docket at the New York location are encouraged to contact Mr. Philip Flax in advance, by telephoning (212) 637-4143. Information is also available on the world wide web at <http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Philip Flax, U.S. EPA, Region 2, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007-1866, (212) 637-4143.

Dated: December 21, 1998.

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Deputy Associate Administrator for Reinvention.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

46 CFR Part 45

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Limited Service Domestic Voyage Load Lines for River Barges on Lake Michigan

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is extending the comment period for the notice of proposed rulemaking on Limited Service Domestic Voyage Load Lines for River Barges on Lake Michigan to March 4, 1999, to allow additional time for public comment.

DATES: Comments must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before March 4, 1999.

ADDRESSES: You may mail comments to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG-1998-4623), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington DC 20590-0001, or deliver them to room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401, located on the Plaza Level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You