

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6339-7]

Notice of FIPS Waiver**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The Chief Information Officer for the Environmental Protection Agency has granted an extension to the Agency of its waiver (published at 62 FR 17187, effective March 21, 1997) to use the RSA cryptographical features provided in Lotus Notes in lieu of the Secure Hashing Standard (FIPS PUB 180-1), Digital Signature Standard (FIPS PUB 186), and Data Encryption Standard (FIPS PUB 46-2). This waiver is pursuant to section 111(d)(3) of the Federal Property and Services Act of 1949, as amended.

DATES: This waiver extension takes effect on April 9, 1999 and is valid until January 1, 2002. If the vendor incorporates Federal standards into the core product prior to January 1, 2002, EPA will end the waiver early at that time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Day, Office of Information Resources Management, 401 M Street SW (3401), Washington, DC 20460, 202-260-4465.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Federal Information Processing Standards publications (FIPS PUBS) for the Secure Hashing Standard (FIPS PUB 180-1), Digital Signature Standard (FIPS PUB 186-1), and the Data Encryption Standard (FIPS PUB 46-2) establish standards for generating digital signatures (which can be used to verify authenticity) and for the encryption of sensitive information transmitted and stored electronically. These FIPS publications also allow Federal agencies to waive them under certain circumstances.

A waiver may be granted if compliance with a standard would adversely affect the accomplishment of the mission of an operator of a Federal computer system; or compliance with a standard would cause a major adverse financial impact on the operator which is not offset by Government-wide savings.

The Chief Information Officer for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has granted a waiver of FIPS PUBS 180-1, 186-1, and 46-2 to enable EPA to use the build-in cryptographic features of the groupware product Lotus Notes. The installed version of Lotus Notes, currently used by EPA, does not employ FIP standard cryptography. Rather it

uses cryptography that enjoys widespread use in the private sector, domestically and internationally. This cryptography is Message Digest 2 (MD-2), the Rivest, Shamir, and Adelman (RSA) signature algorithm, and RC-4 symmetric encryption algorithm.

EPA determined that the cryptographic protection embedded in Lotus Notes provides an appropriate level of security to protect the unclassified information used, communicated, and stored by EPA. Upon reviewing RSA's cryptographic capabilities, Agency personnel have concluded that if properly implemented, Lotus Notes provides a full range of security functionality that fully satisfies Agency requirements.

The additional costs required to purchase and maintain FIPS-complaint products that provide equivalent security functionality as that provided by non-standard, but commercially acceptable cryptography found in Lotus Notes is a significant factor underlying the granting of this waiver. The acquisition costs for either software- or hardware-based products that implement existing Federal cryptographic standards are unnecessary. By using the cryptography embedded in Lotus Notes, EPA is able to avoid unnecessary costs, while utilizing security functionality widely accepted by the public and private sectors.

In accordance with FIPS requirements, notice of this waiver has been sent to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Government Affairs of the Senate.

Dated: April 9, 1999.

Alvin M. Pesachowitz,
Acting Assistant Administrator and Chief Information Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6338-8]

Use of Monitored Natural Attenuation at Superfund, RCRA Corrective Action, and Underground Storage Tank Sites; OSWER Directive 9200.4-17P; Final**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This Directive replaces the Interim Draft that was released

December 1, 1997. The Directive clarifies the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) policy regarding the use of Monitored Natural Attenuation for the remediation of contaminated soil and groundwater at sites regulated under Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) programs. These include programs administered under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or "Superfund"), the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Office of Underground Storage Tanks (OUST), and the Federal Facilities Restoration and Reuse Office (FFRRO). The Directive is intended to promote consistency in how monitored natural attenuation remedies are proposed, evaluated, and approved. As a policy document, it does not provide technical guidance on evaluating Monitored Natural Attenuation remedies. It provides guidance to EPA staff, to the public, and to the regulated community on how EPA intends to exercise its discretion in implementing national policy on the use of Monitored Natural Attenuation. The Directive does not, however, substitute for EPA's statutes or regulations, nor is it a regulation itself and, thus, it does not impose legally-binding requirements on EPA, States, or the regulated community, and may not apply to a particular situation based upon the circumstances. EPA may change this guidance in the future, as appropriate.

ADDRESSES: Electronic Access. This document can be accessed in electronic form (PDF format) through the Internet at (<http://www.epa.gov/swrust1/directiv/d9200417.htm>). Order Copies. To order paper copies of this report, please call the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) RCRA, Superfund, OUST & EPCRA Hotline at (800) 424-9346 or DC Area Local (703) 412-9810 or TDD (800) 553-7672 or TDD DC Area Local (703) 412-3323 Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. EST. Docket. This document is available at three OSWER dockets:

(1) The UST Docket is open to the general public by appointment only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. EST Monday through Friday. No security clearance is necessary. Visitors may make photocopies of documents. The street address is: Office of Underground Storage Tanks Docket, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Ground Level, Arlington, VA 22202. Telephone numbers are (703) 603-9230 and (703) 603-9234 (fax).

(2) The RCRA Docket is located in the RCRA Information Center (RIC). The RIC is open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, however, it is recommended that visitors call ahead to make an appointment so that the material they wish to view is ready when they arrive. Patrons may call for assistance at (703) 603-9230, send a fax to (703) 603-9234, or send an E-mail to rcra-docket@epamail.epa.gov. Patrons may write to: RCRA Information Center (5305W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. The RIC is located at 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Ground Level, Arlington, VA 22202.

(3) The Superfund Docket is open to the general public by appointment only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. No clearance is necessary and requestors of documents must make their own photocopies. There is no photocopying charge for documents less than 266 pages in length. The street address of the Superfund Docket/Document Information Center is 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Ground Level, Arlington, VA 22202. The telephone numbers are (703) 603-9232 and (703) 603-9240 (fax). The E-mail address is: superfund.docket@epamail.epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the OSWER Monitored Natural Attenuation Directive contact Hal White, via E-mail at white.hal@epa.gov, telephone at (703)-603-7177, fax at (703)-603-9163, or via U.S. Mail to US EPA (5403G), 401 M Street, SW, Washington DC 20460.

Dated: April 28, 1999.

Sammy Ng,

Acting Director, Office of Underground Storage Tanks.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

[CC Docket No. 92-237; DA 99-845]

Next Meeting of the North American Numbering Council

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On May 5, 1999, the Commission released a public notice announcing the May 25 and May 26, 1999, meeting and agenda of the North American Numbering Council (NANC). The intended effect of this action is to

make the public aware of the NANC's next meeting and its agenda.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannie Grimes at (202) 418-2320 or jgrimes@fcc.gov. The address is: Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, The Portals, 445 Twelfth Street, SW, Suite 6-A320, Washington, DC 20554. The fax number is: (202) 418-2345. The TTY number is: (202) 418-0484.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Released: May 5, 1999.

The next meeting of the North American Numbering Council (NANC) will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 1999, from 8:30 a.m., until 5:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, May 26, 1999, from 8:30 a.m., until 12 noon. The meeting will be held at the Federal Communications Commission, Portals II, 445 Twelfth Street, SW, Room TW-C305, Washington, DC 20554.

This meeting is open to the members of the general public. The FCC will attempt to accommodate as many participants as possible. The public may submit written statements to the NANC, which must be received two business days before the meeting. In addition, oral statements at the meeting by parties or entities not represented on the NANC will be permitted to the extent time permits. Such statements will be limited to five minutes in length by any one party or entity, and requests to make an oral statement must be received two business days before the meeting. Requests to make an oral statement or provide written comments to the NANC should be sent to Jeannie Grimes at the address under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**, stated above.

Proposed Agenda—Tuesday, May 25, 1999

1. Approval of April 21-22, 1999, meeting minutes.
2. Local Number Portability Administration (LNPA) Working Group Report. Description of "next steps" regarding the identification and management of LNP implementation issues.
3. Industry Numbering Committee (INC) Report.
4. Numbering Resource Optimization (NRO) Working Group Report. Update on review of three COCUS alternatives (AT&T, Lockheed Martin NANPA, and US West models) and possible fourth alternative.
5. Cost Recovery Working Group Report.
6. North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA) Oversight Working Group Report.

Wednesday, May 26, 1999

7. Lockheed Martin NANPA periodic report on exhaust projection; information on Central Office Code (CO Code) numbering usage and assignment trends. NANC discussion of future collaboration with NANPA on the exhaust study.

8. Steering Group Report.

9. Number Portability N-1 Structure. Informational report regarding an initiative by Committee T1S1, proposing reexamination of the number portability N-1 structure.

10. Other Business.

Federal Communications Commission.

Diane Griffin Harmon,

Assistant Chief, Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau.

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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Change in Bank Control Notices; Acquisitions of Shares of Banks or Bank Holding Companies

The notificants listed below have applied under the Change in Bank Control Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)) and § 225.41 of the Board's Regulation Y (12 CFR 225.41) to acquire a bank or bank holding company. The factors that are considered in acting on the notices are set forth in paragraph 7 of the Act (12 U.S.C. 1817(j)(7)).

The notices are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The notices also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing to the Reserve Bank indicated for that notice or to the offices of the Board of Governors. Comments must be received not later than May 24, 1999.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis (JoAnne F. Lewellen, Assistant Vice President) 90 Hennepin Avenue, P.O. Box 291, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55480-0291:

1. *Wittkopf Enterprises Limited Partnership*, Florence, Wisconsin; to acquire voting shares of Florence Bancorporation, Inc., Florence, Wisconsin, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of State Bank of Florence, Florence, Wisconsin.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, May 4, 1999.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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