

At the request of a segment of the mining community to extend the time to submit comments, we are extending the comment period. The comment period will close September 7, 1999. We believe that this will provide sufficient time for all interested parties to review the ANPRM and submit comments.

Dated: July 21, 1999.

**Marvin W. Nichols,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 268

[FRL-6408-5]

RIN-2050-AE54

#### Potential Revisions to the Land Disposal Restrictions Mercury Treatment Standards; Extension of Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA, the Agency).

**ACTION:** Advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM); extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** On May 28, 1999 (64 FR 28949), EPA issued an ANPRM presenting potential revisions to the 40 CFR part 268 Land Disposal Restrictions treatment standards applicable to mercury-bearing hazardous wastes. The ANPRM requested comment on EPA's waste generation and treatment data for mercury-bearing hazardous waste, as well as on technical and policy issues regarding mercury waste treatment, and potential avenues by which current mercury treatment standards might be revised. The Agency is extending the comment period because several commenters have requested more time to address the Agency's request for comment on potential revisions to the mercury-bearing hazardous waste regulations. This notice extends the comment period for the ANPRM.

**DATES:** The comment period for this ANPRM is extended from the original closing date of July 27, 1999 to October 25, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** If you wish to comment on the ANPRM, you must send an original and two copies of the comments referencing docket number F-1999-MTSP-FFFFF to: RCRA Docket Information Center, Office of Solid Waste (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters (EPA,

HQ), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Hand deliveries of comments should be made to the Arlington, VA, address listed below. You may also submit comments electronically by sending electronic mail through the Internet to: rcradocket@epamail.epa.gov. You should identify comments in electronic format with the docket number F-1999-MTSP-FFFFF. You must submit all electronic comments as an ASCII (text) file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. If you do not submit comments 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.

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

You may view public comments and supporting materials 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, we recommend that you make an appointment by calling (703) 603-9230. You may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any regulatory docket at no charge. Additional copies cost \$0.15/page.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general information or to order paper copies of this **Federal Register** document, contact the RCRA Hotline, Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. EST, toll free at (800) 424-9346; or (703) 412-9810 from Government phones or if in the Washington, DC local calling area; or (800) 553-7672 for the hearing impaired. For technical information contact Rita Chow at (703) 308-6158 or

Josh Lewis (703) 308-7877, Office of Solid Waste (5302W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 268

Environmental protection, Hazardous waste, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: July 20, 1999.

**Judy A. Kertcher,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration

#### 42 CFR Part 414

[HCFA-1010-P]

RIN 0938-AJ00

#### Medicare Program; Replacement of Reasonable Charge Methodology by Fee Schedules

**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** We are proposing to implement fee schedules to be used for payment of services, excluding ambulance services, still subject to the reasonable charge payment methodology. The authority for establishing these fee schedules is provided by section 4315 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (Public Law 105-33), which adds to the Social Security Act a new section 1842(s). A fee schedule for ambulance services is mandated by a different statutory provision. Section 1842(s) of the Social Security Act specifies that statewide or other areawide fee schedules may be implemented for the following services: medical supplies; home dialysis supplies and equipment; therapeutic shoes; parenteral and enteral nutrients, equipment, and supplies; electromyogram devices; salivation devices; blood products; and transfusion medicine.

**DATES:** Comments will be considered if we receive them at the appropriate address, as provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on September 27, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail an original and 3 copies of written comments to the following address: Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: HCFA-1010-P, P.O. Box 26688, Baltimore, MD 21207-0488.