

**Protection of Children**

We have analyzed this rule under E.O. 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This rule is not an economically significant rule and does not concern an environmental risk to health or safety that may disproportionately affect children.

**Environment**

The Coast Guard has considered the environmental impact of this action and has determined under figure 2-1, paragraph 34(g) of Commandant Instruction M16475.1C, that this rule is categorically excluded from further environmental documentation.

**List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165**

Harbors, Marine Safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and Record keeping requirements, Safety measures, Waterways.

Temporary Regulations: In consideration of the foregoing, the Coast Guard amends Subpart C of Part 165 of title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, as follows:

**PART 165—[AMENDED]**

1. The authority citation for Part 165 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191; 49 CFR 1.46 and 33 CFR 1.05-1(g), 6.04-1, 6.04-6, and 160.5.

2. Temporary § 165.T07-016 is added to read as follows:

**§ 165.T07-016 Safety Zone; Tampa Bay, Florida**

(a) *Regulated area.* A temporary fixed safety zone is established closing the entrance to Blind Pass, Saint Pete Beach, Florida from a line drawn across Blind Pass between Treasure Island and Long Key as defined by COLREGS Demarcation Line, 33 CFR 80.753 (a), to a line drawn 500 yards north, again crossing Blind Pass channel, during periods when oil spill recovery operations are being conducted in Blind Pass Channel.

(b) *Periods of closure.* The COTP will notify the maritime community and local agencies of periods when the safety zone is in effect by providing notice via telephone and/or Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

(c) *Regulations.* In accordance with the general regulations in 165.23 of this part, entry into this zone is prohibited to all vessels without the prior permission of the Coast Guard Captain of the Port.

(d) *Dates.* These regulations will remain in effect from between 9 a.m. on

March 9, 2000, through 9 a.m. on May 1, 2000.

Dated: March 9, 2000.

**D.M. Smith,**

*Commander, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Captain of the Port, Tampa, Florida.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****40 CFR Part 70**

[FRL-6567-2]

**Extension of Operating Permits Program Interim Approvals**

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

**ACTION:** Withdrawal of direct final rule.

**SUMMARY:** Due to an adverse comment, EPA is withdrawing the February 14, 2000 direct final rule: "Extending Operating Permits Program Interim Approval Expiration Dates." This rule would extend the dates by which interim approval of State or local operating permits programs will expire until June 1, 2002. The withdrawal of the rule will only affect those programs with interim approval as opposed to full approval.

**DATES:** The direct final rule, published on February 14, 2000 (65 FR 7290), is withdrawn as of March 29, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Docket No. A-93-50 containing supporting information used in the development of this notice is available for public inspection and copying between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The docket is located in EPA's Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, Waterside Mall, Room M-1500, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, or by calling (202) 260-7548. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying docket materials.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 14, 2000, EPA published a direct final rule (65 FR 7290) and a parallel proposal (65 FR 7333) to amend Appendix A of the 40 CFR part 70 operating permits regulations. This amendment would extend until June 1, 2002 the expiration dates of all interim

approvals of State or local operating permits programs. The purpose of this action was to allow State and local permitting authorities to combine the operating permits program revisions necessary to correct interim approval deficiencies with program revisions necessary to implement the revisions to the part 70 regulations that are now anticipated to be promulgated in late 2001. This action would allow the permitting authorities to preserve resources by preparing and submitting to EPA only one program revision instead of two.

The EPA stated in the direct final rule (65 FR 7291, February 14, 2000) that if relevant, adverse comments were received by March 15, 2000, EPA would publish a notice to withdraw the direct final rule before its effective date of May 30, 2000. The EPA received an adverse comment on the direct final rule and, therefore, is withdrawing the direct final rulemaking action. The adverse comment stated that the action was contrary to the express terms of the Clean Air Act. The EPA will address this comment on the withdrawn amendment in the subsequent final action on the proposed amendment.

Dated: March 21, 2000.

**Robert Perciasepe,**

*Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****40 CFR Part 258**

[FRL-6565-6]

**West Virginia: Final Determination of Partial Program Adequacy of the State's Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Permitting Program**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of Final Determination of Partial Program Adequacy for the State of West Virginia's Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Permitting Program.

**SUMMARY:** Section 4005(c)(1)(B) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments (HSWA) of 1984, requires states to develop and implement permit programs or other systems to ensure that municipal solid waste landfills (MSWLFs) which may receive hazardous household waste or small quantity generator waste will comply with the revised federal MSWLF criteria