

when conveyed to VA unless someone properly in possession by virtue of a redemption period occupies it or VA otherwise directs the holder. This document also withdraws the proposal to amend the loan guaranty regulations that was published in the **Federal Register** on March 2, 1994 (59 FR 9944). In the March 2, 1994 document, we proposed to change the regulations by requiring that the mortgage holder provide notice to VA when refusing to accept partial payment on a loan in default and to clarify when a veteran is liable to VA for a loss due to a loan default. We are reconsidering the issues raised in both proposed rules in light of changes that have occurred in the industry since the proposals were promulgated. These issues may be the subject of a future rulemaking proceeding.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard Fyne, Assistant Director for Loan Management (261), Loan Guaranty Service, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420, phone (202) 273-7380. (This is not a toll-free number.)

Approved: February 15, 2001.

Anthony J. Principi,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 62

[Region 2 Docket No. NY46-217b, FRL-6977-3]

Approval and Promulgation of State Plans For Designated Facilities; New York

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve the New York supplementary submittal for meeting EPA's conditional approval of the New York State Plan for regulating existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills. The supplemental submittal documents that, except for two landfills, all are in compliance. A Title V permit containing a compliance schedule with all five federally enforceable increments of progress has been provided for one landfill and the other landfill is undergoing an applicability determination. In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this

Federal Register, EPA is approving the State's State Plan submittal, as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If EPA receives no adverse comments, EPA will not take further action on this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, EPA will withdraw the direct final rule and it will not take effect. EPA will address all public comments 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: Written comments must be received on or before June 11, 2001.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to: Raymond Werner, Chief, Air Programs Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 Office, 290 Broadway, New York, New York 10007-1866.

Copies of the State submittal are available at the following addresses for inspection during normal business hours:

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 Office, 290 Broadway, 25th Floor, New York, New York 10007-1866.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Air Resources, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12233.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Craig Flamm, Air Programs Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, 290 Broadway, 25th Floor, New York, New York 10278, (212) 637-4021.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the direct final rule which is located in the Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 19, 2001.

William J. Muszynski,

Acting Regional Administrator Region 2.

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FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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National Flood Insurance Program; Assistance to Private Sector Property Insurers

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Based on recent cost information, we (FEMA) propose to adjust the expense allowance under the Financial Assistance/Subsidy Arrangement between the Federal Insurance Administrator and the private sector insurers that sell and service flood insurance.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule should be received on or before June 11, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Please submit any written comments to the Rules Docket Clerk, Office of the General Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., room 840, Washington, DC 20472, (facsimile) 202-646-4536, or (email) rules@fema.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edward L. Connor, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Federal Insurance Administration, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, 202-646-3443, (facsimile) 202-646-3445, (email) Edward.Connor@fema.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Financial Assistance/Subsidy Arrangement between the Federal Insurance Administrator and the private sector insurers that sell and service flood insurance under the Write Your Own (WYO) program, participating insurers are entitled to an expense allowance—a portion of the flood premiums from the policies that the insurers sell. The expense allowance is based on data for the property/casualty industry published, as of March 15 of the prior Arrangement year, in Part III of the Insurance Expense Exhibit in A.M. Best Company's Aggregates and Averages for five property coverages.

Based on our analysis of recent expense information from the companies, we conclude that we should increase the current expense allowance under the Arrangement. We are therefore proposing a change in the expense allowance to reflect this new cost information.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

NEPA imposes requirements for considering the environmental impacts of agency decisions. It requires that an agency prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for "major federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment." If an action may or may not have a significant impact, the agency must prepare an environmental assessment (EA). If, as a result of this study, the agency makes a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), no further