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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Agency is extending the comment

period on this proposed rule in response to a written request for extension submitted to the rulemaking docket by the Hazardous Waste Information Management Task Force of the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO). ASTSWMO's membership consists of personnel in the State and territorial hazardous waste programs that have been authorized by EPA to implement hazardous waste programs under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The authorized state agencies are significant stakeholders in this rulemaking, as they will be called upon to implement and enforce any changes to the manifest system that result from this rulemaking. In its June 19, 2001 extension request, ASTSWMO pointed out that discussions among the states during the development of the proposal had identified a diversity of opinions among them on the subject matter of the rulemaking. ASTSWMO anticipates that the proposed rule will likewise generate a diversity of comments from the State waste management programs. Therefore, ASTSWMO requested additional time to closely review the proposal to identify all the various issues that may affect the States and require attention during the rulemaking.

The authorized State hazardous waste programs have contributed greatly to this rulemaking since its inception in 1990 with a rulemaking petition from ASTSWMO requesting modifications to the hazardous waste manifest system. EPA values highly the comments that ASTSWMO and its members are developing during the comment period, and the Agency believes that extending the time for submitting written comments will improve the quality and completeness of the comments that we eventually receive in response to the May 22, 2001 proposed rule notice. Therefore, EPA is granting ASTSWMO's extension request, and the Agency has decided to extend the public comment period until October 4, 2001.

Dated: August 3, 2001.

Michael H. Shapiro,

Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

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40 CFR Part 271

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Hazardous Waste Management Program: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions for State of New Mexico

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The EPA (also, "the Agency" in this preamble) is proposing to grant final authorization to the State of New Mexico Environment Department for its hazardous waste program revisions, specifically, revisions needed to meet the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Clusters V through IX, which contains Federal rules promulgated between July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1999. In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register** (FR), EPA is authorizing the State's program revisions as an immediate final rule without prior proposal because the EPA views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. The Agency has explained the reasons for this authorization in the preamble to the immediate final rule. If EPA does not receive adverse written comments, the immediate final rule will become effective and the Agency will not take further action on this proposal. If EPA receives adverse written comments, a second **Federal Register** document will be published before the time the immediate final rule takes effect. The second document may withdraw the immediate final rule or identify the issues raised, respond to the comments and affirm that the immediate final rule will take effect as scheduled. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before September 10, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments to Alima Patterson, Region 6, Regional Authorization Coordinator, Grants and Authorization Section (6PD-G), Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, at the address shown below. You can examine copies of the materials submitted by the State of New Mexico during normal business hours at the following locations: EPA Region 6, 1445

Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, (214) 665-6444; or New Mexico Environment Department, 2044 Galisteo, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, phone (505) 827-1561.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alima Patterson (214) 665-8533.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, please see the

immediate final rule published in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: May 18, 2001.

Jerry Clifford,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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