

responsibilities among the various levels of government, as specified in Executive Order 13132, "Federalism" (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999). The rule merely proposes to approve existing requirements under state law, and does not alter the relationship or the distribution of power and responsibilities between the State and the Federal government established in the Clean Air Act. This proposed rule also is not subject to Executive Order 13045, "Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks" (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997) or Executive Order 13211, "Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use" (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001), because it is not a significantly regulatory action under Executive Order 12866. This action will not impose any collection of information subject to the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, other than those previously approved and assigned OMB control number 2060-0243. For additional information concerning these requirements, see 40 CFR part 70. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

In reviewing State operating permit programs submitted pursuant to Title V of the Clean Air Act, EPA will approve State programs provided that they meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act and EPA's regulations codified at 40 CFR part 70. In this context, in the absence of a prior existing requirement for the State to use voluntary consensus standards (VCS), EPA has no authority to disapprove a State operating permit program for failure to use VCS. It would thus be inconsistent with applicable law for EPA, when it reviews an operating permit program, to use VCS in place of a State program that otherwise satisfies the provisions of the Clean Air Act. Thus, the requirements of section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 note) do not apply.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 70

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Air pollution control, Intergovernmental relations, Operating permits, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: August 30, 2001.

Sally Seymour,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 271

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District of Columbia: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia has applied to EPA for Final authorization of changes to its hazardous waste program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). EPA proposes to grant such Final authorization to the District of Columbia. In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is authorizing the changes by an immediate final rule. EPA did not make a proposal prior to the immediate final rule because we believe this action is not controversial and we do not expect comments that oppose it. We have explained the reasons for this authorization in the preamble to the immediate final rule. Unless we get written comments which oppose this authorization during the comment period, the immediate final rule will become effective on the date it establishes, and we will not take further action on this proposal. If we get comments that oppose this action, we will withdraw the immediate final rule, and it will not take effect. We will then respond to public comments in a later final rule based on this proposal. You may not have another opportunity for comment. If you want to comment on this action, you must do so at this time.

DATES: Send your written comments by October 10, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Charles Bentley, Mailcode 3WC21, RCRA State Programs Branch, U.S. EPA Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029, Phone number: (215) 814-3379. You can examine copies of the materials submitted by the District of Columbia during normal business hours at the following locations: District of Columbia Department of Health, Environmental Health Administration, Bureau of Hazardous Materials and Toxic Substances, Hazardous Waste Division, 51 N Street, NE., 3rd Floor, Washington DC 20002, Phone number (202) 535-2290, attn: James Sweeney; or EPA Region III, Library, 2nd Floor, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029, Phone number: (215) 814-5254.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charles Bentley, Mailcode 3WC21, RCRA State Programs Branch, U.S. EPA Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029, Phone number: (215) 814-3379.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, please see the immediate final rule published in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 24, 2001.

Donald S. Welsh,

Regional Administrator, Region III.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

45 CFR Part 1611

Solicitation for Expressions of Interest in Participation in Negotiated Rulemaking Working Group

AGENCY: Legal Services Corporation.

ACTION: Request for expressions of interest in participation in Negotiated Rulemaking Working Group.

SUMMARY: LSC is conducting a Negotiated Rulemaking to consider revisions to its eligibility regulations at 45 CFR Part 1611. LSC hereby solicits expressions of interest in appointment to the Working Group from the regulated community, its clients, advocates, the organized bar and other interested parties.

DATES: Expressions of interest must be received by September 25, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mattie C. Condray, Senior Assistant General Counsel, Legal Services Corporation, 750 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20002-4250; (202) 336-8817; mcondray@lsc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 45 CFR part 1611 sets forth the requirements relating to determination and documentation of client eligibility. The current version of 1611 was adopted in 1983. There have been two proposed revisions to 1611 published since then, one in 1989 and another in 1995, but neither rulemaking was completed. Many outstanding issues prompting the 1995 proposed rulemaking remain extant and there are other issues, particularly related to documentation requirements, which are appropriate for discussion. In addition, there is a FY1998 statutory change which should be incorporated into the regulation.

In light of the above, the LSC Board of Directors identified 45 CFR part 1611, Eligibility, as an appropriate subject for

rulemaking on January 27, 2001. On June 30, 2001, the LSC President and the Chair of the Operations and Regulations Committee made a determination to proceed with the institution of a Negotiated Rulemaking to consider amendments to Part 1611. In accordance with the LSC Rulemaking Protocol, LSC is now formally soliciting suggestions for appointment to the Working Group from the regulated community, its clients, advocates, the organized bar and other interested parties.

The Negotiated Rulemaking Working Group

LSC anticipates that the Working Group will be a group of 15–20 persons comprised of LSC representatives and affected and/or interested parties (*i.e.*, individual recipients, clients, national organizations, local and national bar associations, etc.). LSC anticipates that the Working Group will include LSC representatives from the Office of Legal Affairs, the Office of Program Performance, and the Office of Compliance and Enforcement, along with a liaison from the Office of Inspector General. LSC is seeking external members representing national legal services advocacy organizations; individual recipients (preferably reflecting large/small and/or urban/rural diversity); clients; national and local organized bar associations; and other interested stakeholders. While there are no specific “criteria” for membership, it is expected that members will have the support of their organizations in participating in the effort and be knowledgeable about the issues.

Once appointed, the Working Group will meet under the direction of a trained facilitator with the aim of developing a consensus-based proposed rule. LSC expects that the Working Group will meet in 2–3 day, face-to-face sessions over the coming several months.

Solicitation of Expressions of Interest in Appointment to the Working Group

LSC hereby solicits expressions of interest in appointment to the Working Group from the regulated community, its clients, advocates, the organized bar and other interested parties. Expressions of interest must be submitted no later than 15 days from the date of publication of this notice. Expressions of interest must be submitted in writing (by regular mail, fax or email) to LSC’s Mattie Condray at the addresses listed in this notice.

Once LSC has received expressions of interest, the President, working in consultation with the Operations and

Regulations Committee, acting through its Chair, will make appointments of individuals and organizations to the Working Group. Groups or organizations asked to participate in the Working Group will be responsible for selecting and designating their own representatives.

Victor M. Fortuno,

General Counsel and Vice President for Legal Affairs.

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LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION

45 CFR Part 1626

Solicitation for Expressions of Interest in Participation in Negotiated Rulemaking Working Group

AGENCY: Legal Services Corporation.

ACTION: Request for expressions of interest in participation in Negotiated Rulemaking Working Group.

SUMMARY: LSC is conducting a Negotiated Rulemaking to consider revisions to its alien representation regulations at 45 CFR part 1626. LSC hereby solicits expressions of interest in appointment to the Working Group from the regulated community, its clients, advocates, the organized bar and other interested parties

DATES: Expressions of interest must be received by September 25, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mattie C. Condray, Senior Assistant General Counsel, Legal Services Corporation, 750 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20002–4250; (202) 336–8817; *mcondray@lsc.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 45 CFR part 1626 sets forth the restrictions on legal assistance LSC grant recipients may provide to non-U.S. citizens. Although Part 1626 was last amended relatively recently (1997), this regulation has been identified both by staff and field representatives as in need of additional amendment. In the years since its last amendment, several practical issues have emerged, such as issues relating to documentation requirements, representation of groups of aliens, and representation of legal aliens not currently covered by the rule. In addition, the findings of the Erlenborn Commission and certain provisions from the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000 need to be incorporated into the 1626 regulations.

In light of the above, the LSC Board of Directors identified 45 CFR part 1626,

Restrictions on Legal Assistance to Aliens, as an appropriate subject for rulemaking on January 27, 2001.¹ On June 30, 2001, the LSC President and the Chair of the Operations and Regulations Committee made a determination to proceed with the institution of a Negotiated Rulemaking to consider amendments to part 1626. In accordance with the LSC Rulemaking Protocol, LSC is now formally soliciting suggestions for appointment to the Working Group from the regulated community, its clients, advocates, the organized bar and other interested parties.

The Negotiated Rulemaking Working Group

LSC anticipates that the Working Group will be a group of 15–20 persons comprised of LSC representatives and affected and/or interested parties (*i.e.*, individual recipients, clients, national organizations, local and national bar associations, etc.). LSC anticipates that the Working Group will include LSC representatives from the Office of Legal Affairs, the Office of Program Performance, and the Office of Compliance and Enforcement, along with a liaison from the Office of Inspector General. LSC is seeking external members representing national legal services advocacy organizations; individual recipients (preferably reflecting large/small and/or urban/rural diversity); clients; national and local organized bar associations; and other interested stakeholders. While there are no specific “criteria” for membership, it is expected that members will have the support of their organizations in participating in the effort and be knowledgeable about the issues.

Once appointed, the Working Group will meet under the direction of a trained facilitator with the aim of developing a consensus-based proposed rule. LSC expects that the Working Group will meet in 2–3 day, face-to-face sessions over the coming several months.

Solicitation of Expressions of Interest in Appointment to the Working Group

LSC hereby solicits expressions of interest in appointment to the Working Group from the regulated community, its clients, advocates, the organized bar and other interested parties. Expressions of interest must be submitted no later

¹ The LSC Board of Directors had previously identified 1626 as an appropriate subject for rulemaking as it relates to the incorporation of the findings of the Erlenborn Commission as adopted by the LSC Board of Directors in 1999. The current action supercedes and subsumes that previously announced rulemaking action.