

1.5 Certification of Eligible Recipients by Organizations

An organization using the free matter privilege (for mailings of at least 200 pieces) to mail matter to persons who claim eligibility under 1.3 is required to certify on statements of mailing that each recipient is eligible to receive free matter. An organization is subject to Postal Service audits of addressees receiving free matter to substantiate recipients' eligibility consistent with the standards of eligibility articulated by the Library of Congress on its applications for free library service and as specified in these standards.

1.6 Qualifying Individuals

The Postal Service may require individuals claiming entitlement to the free matter privilege to furnish evidence of eligibility consistent with the standards in 1.3 and 1.4, or verify by other means that the recipients are eligible to receive free matter.

2.0 Matter Sent to Blind or Other Physically Handicapped Persons

2.1 Acceptable Matter

Subject to 2.2, this matter may be mailed free:

[Amend item a by adding "in braille or 14-point or larger sightsaving type" to read as follows:]

a. Reading matter in braille or 14-point or larger sightsaving type and musical scores.

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2.2 Conditions

The matter listed in 2.1 must meet these conditions:

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[Amend item d by adding "as defined in E211" to read as follows:]

d. The matter contains no advertising as defined in E211.

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3.0 Matter Sent by Blind or Other Physically Handicapped Persons

[Amend 3.1 to read as follows:]

3.1 Acceptable Letters

Only letters in braille or in 14-point or larger sightsaving type or in the form of sound recordings, and containing no advertising, may be mailed free, and only if unsealed and sent by a blind or other physically handicapped person as described in 1.3.

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[Add new section 5.0 to read as follows:]

5.0 Documentation

5.1 Register to Mail

Before submitting free matter mailings of 200 pieces or more, mailers must register with the post office(s) where the mailings will be presented.

5.2 Reporting Mailings

Each mailing of 200 pieces or more of free matter must be presented with a statement of mailing, Statement of Mailing, Free Matter for the Blind and Other Physically Handicapped Persons. [Note: This statement of mailing is currently being developed.] The statement of mailing must be completed in ink, by typewriter, or by computer printer (in duplicate if the mailer wants a receipted copy) and signed by the mailer. The mailer may submit a computer-generated facsimile of the USPS form.

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An appropriate amendment to 39 CFR. part 111 will be published if this proposal is adopted.

Stanley F. Mires, Chief Counsel, Legislative. [FR Doc. 02-78 Filed 1-2-02; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 7710-12-P

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 3, 51, 60, 63, 70, 123, 142, 145, 162, 233, 257, 258, 271, 281, 403, 501, 745 and 763

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Extension of Comment Period for and Public Meetings on the Proposed Establishment of Electronic Reporting; Electronic Records Rule

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period; announcement of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is extending by an additional 30 days the comment period on its proposed rule for establishment of electronic reporting and electronic records. On August 31, 2001 (66 FR 46162), EPA proposed conditions under which EPA would allow submission of electronic documents and maintenance of electronic records to satisfy federal environmental reporting and recordkeeping requirements in EPA's regulations. The comment period is being extended by 30 days to provide

the public with additional time to evaluate and comment upon the complex provisions of this proposed rule. As extended by this action, the comment period will now close on February 27, 2002.

This document also announces the dates and locations for two additional public meetings on the proposed rule's recordkeeping provisions, which will be held before the public comment period closes.

DATES: The meetings will be held on: (1) Thursday, January 17, 2002, 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (EST); and (2) Thursday, January 31, 2002, 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (CST).

In order to be considered, written comments on the proposed electronic reporting and electronic records rule must be submitted on or before February 27, 2002. Comments provided electronically will be considered timely if they are submitted electronically by 11:59 p.m. (Eastern time) February 27, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at: (1) The Wyndham Washington, 1400 M Street, NW, Washington, DC; and (2) the Holiday Inn Select, 4440 West Airport Freeway, Irving, Texas.

Comments should be addressed to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Enforcement and Compliance Docket and Information Center, (Mail Code 2201A), Attn: Docket Number EC-2000-007, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460. Commenters are also requested to submit an original and 3 copies of their written comments as well as an original and 3 copies of any attachments, enclosures, or other documents referenced in the comments. Commenters who would like EPA to acknowledge receipt of their comments should include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. All comments must be postmarked or delivered by hand by February 27, 2002. No facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted. Public comments and supporting materials are available for viewing in the Enforcement and Compliance Docket and Information Center, located at 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, (Ariel Rios Building), 2nd Floor, Room 2213, Washington, DC 20460. The documents are available for viewing from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. To review docket materials, it is recommended that the public make an appointment by calling (202) 564-2614 or (202) 564-2119. The public may copy a maximum of 266 pages from any regulatory document at no cost. Additional copies cost \$0.15 per page. The rule and some supporting materials

are also available electronically on the Internet for public review, using a www browser type, at <http://www.epa.gov/>.

EPA will also accept comments electronically. Comments should be addressed to the following Internet address: docket.oeca@epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII, WordPerfect 5.1/6.1/8 format file and avoid the use of special characters or any form of encryption. Comments in electronic format should also be identified by the docket number EC-2000-007. Electronic comments will be transferred into a paper version for the official record. EPA will attempt to clarify electronic comments if there is an apparent error in transmission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On August 31, 2001 (66 FR 46162), EPA proposed a rule that would set forth the conditions under which EPA would prospectively allow submission of electronic documents and maintenance of electronic records to satisfy federal environmental reporting and recordkeeping requirements in EPA's regulations. As noted in the proposal (66 FR 46163), the rule would affect a broad spectrum of EPA programs (not merely those where specific amendments to the Code of Federal Regulations would be made). While the rule is voluntary because it does not require electronic reporting or recordkeeping, for most programs regulated entities that currently maintain electronic records and who wish to continue to do so after the rule takes effect would be required to meet the recordkeeping criteria in subpart D. As currently defined in the proposal, the term electronic record is broad in scope. Given the breadth and complexity of the rule, several commenters have requested additional time to evaluate and comment upon the proposed rule. EPA greatly values the input provided by the regulated community as well as the input from States that administer EPA programs. Accordingly, the comment period was extended by 60 days, to January 28, 2002, in a notice published in the **Federal Register** on Wednesday, November 28, 2001 (66 FR 59392-

59393), to provide additional time to evaluate and comment upon the proposed rule.

To help foster this comment and evaluation, EPA has scheduled two additional public meetings on the proposed rule's recordkeeping provisions, on January 17, 2002, and on January 31, 2002. The meetings will focus on electronic recordkeeping issues raised by the proposed rule, and will be structured to take comments on at least the following questions: What kinds of records do companies currently keep electronically to satisfy EPA regulatory requirements? How prevalent is this electronic recordkeeping, and what kinds of systems are used? How are automatically captured data and other raw data maintained electronically? How will the proposed rule affect companies' electronic recordkeeping practices, and do some of the proposed provisions raise more issues than others? How do companies currently ensure the integrity and reliability of their electronic records, especially where they do not use audit trails, and what role do recognized industry standards play? What special issues are raised by proposed criteria for long-term archiving, and how do companies currently address this problem? Where archiving involves the conversion of electronic records to paper, how do companies assure data integrity and reliability, and what role do recognized industry standards play? Are there new products or technologies that will help companies address the proposed standards for electronic recordkeeping?

Also, to allow participants and other interested stakeholders to develop comments based on discussions at these public meetings, EPA is extending the comment period an additional 30 days. During this extended comment period, EPA particularly seeks comment on whether or not the recordkeeping provisions in subpart D of the proposed rule should be withdrawn and addressed in a separate rulemaking. EPA also seeks comment on revisions to the recordkeeping criteria or other provisions of the proposed rule that would make it easier for those in the regulated community who already maintain electronic records to continue to do so after the rule takes effect.

Dated: December 21, 2001.

Kim Nelson,

Assistant Administrator and Chief Information Officer, Office of Environmental Information.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 62

[R4-200212(b), FRL-7124-8]

Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; States of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, and South Carolina

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve the small Municipal Waste Combustion (MWC) units section 111(d) negative declarations submitted by the states of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, and South Carolina. These negative declarations certify that small MWC units subject to the requirements of sections 111(d) and 129 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) do not exist in these states. Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, EPA may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before February 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Scott Davis, EPA Region 4, Air Planning Branch, Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960.

Copies of documents relative to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the above-listed Region 4 location. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the office at least 24 hours in advance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Davis at (404) 562-9127 or Sean Lakeman at (404) 562-9043.

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

Dated: December 21, 2001.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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