

The increase in the base charge and rates results from higher annual costs and lower non-power revenues. The significant increase in annual costs is due to increased security staff at Hoover Dam, and limitations on public tours at the Hoover visitor center. Another contributing factor is an increase in the replacement costs.

Procedural Requirements

Although the proposed base charge and rates do not constitute a major rate adjustment as defined by the procedures for public participation in general rate adjustments, Western will hold both a public information forum and a public comment forum. After considering comments, Western will recommend the proposed base charge and rates for final approval by the DOE Deputy Secretary.

The proposed firm power service base charge and rates for BCP are being established pursuant to the DOE Organization Act 42 U.S.C. 7101-7352; the Reclamation Act of 1902, ch. 1093, 32 Stat. 388, as amended and supplemented by subsequent enactments, particularly section 9(c) of the Reclamation Project Act of 1939, 43 U.S.C. 485h(c); and other acts specifically applicable to the project involved.

Availability of Information

Interested parties may review and copy all brochures, studies, comments, letters, memorandums, or other documents made or kept by Western for developing the proposed base charge and rates. These documents are at the Desert Southwest Customer Service Regional Office, located at 615 South 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona.

Regulatory Procedural Requirements

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

The Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 (5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*) requires Federal agencies to perform a regulatory flexibility analysis if a final rule is likely to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities, and there is a legal requirement to issue a general notice of proposed rulemaking. This action does not require a regulatory flexibility analysis since it is a rulemaking that applies to rates or services for public property.

Environmental Compliance

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321, *et seq.*); Council On Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508); and DOE NEPA Regulations (10 CFR part 1021), Western has determined that this action is categorically excluded

from preparing an environmental assessment or an environmental impact statement.

Determination Under Executive Order 12866

Western has an exemption from centralized regulatory review under Executive Order 12866; therefore, this notice requires no clearance by the Office of Management and Budget.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

Western has determined that this rule is exempt from congressional notification requirements under 5 U.S.C. 801 because the action is a rulemaking of particular applicability relating to rates or services and involves matters of procedure.

Dated: February 8, 2002.

Michael S. Hacksaylo,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Request for Nominations to the Good Neighbor Environmental Board

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites nominations to fill several potential vacancies on the Good Neighbor Environmental Board (GNEB), a federal advisory committee that reports to the President and Congress on environmental infrastructure issues along the U.S. border with Mexico. Under Executive Order, responsibility for committee management was delegated to the Administrator of EPA. The Agency seeks qualified senior-level decision makers from diverse sectors living in one of the four U.S. border states to be considered for appointments. EPA expects to make new appointments or reappointments by the end of May, 2002 and encourages nomination submissions by March 31, 2002.

CONTACT: Submit nominations to Elaine M. Koerner, Designated Federal Officer, Good Neighbor Environmental Board (see below for contact details).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GNEB is a federal advisory committee authorized

under section 6 of the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative Act, 7 U.S.C. Section 5404. Board members include representatives from eight federal government agencies and from each of the four U.S. border states—Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas. The combined expertise at the table reflects perspectives from many U.S. sectors including federal, tribal, state, and local government; non-governmental; academic institutions; and businesses. It meets three times a year at various border locations.

Good Neighbor submits its advice to the President and Congress in the form of reports containing recommendations for action. It also issues occasional comment letters on timely topics. The Board is managed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Its meetings are open to the public.

Recruitment of new members is based on a goal of maintaining a balance and diversity of experience, knowledge, and judgement. Continued representation from many sectors to achieve broad-based, nonpartisan consensus remains a key consideration in member selection. New member appointments and reappointments are made by EPA Administrator Christine Todd Whitman.

Representatives from state, local and tribal agencies, industry, academia, environmental justice organizations, grassroots organizations, NGOs, and other groups are encouraged to submit applications. Potential candidates should possess the following qualifications:

- Senior responsibilities within their organization
- Broad experience outside of their current position
- Experience dealing with public policy issues
- Membership in broad-based networks
- Extensive experience in environmental issues along the U.S.-Mexico border
- Recognized expertise in one or more major border-region issues

Nominations for membership must include a resume and a short biography describing the educational and professional qualifications of the nominee, as well as the nominee's current contact information. This information should include business address, phone, fax, and e-mail. For those who self-nominate, a letter of support from a reference is encouraged.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elaine M. Koerner, Designated Federal Officer for GNEB, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (1601A), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.,

Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 564-1484, e-mail: koerner.elaine@epa.gov

Dated: February 15, 2002.

Elaine M. Koerner,

Designated Federal Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Full Program Adequacy Determination of State Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Permit Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of tentative determination of full program adequacy of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Permitting Program, public hearing, and public comment period.

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, 42 U.S.C. 6945(1)(B), requires states to develop and implement permit programs to ensure that municipal solid waste landfills (MSWLFs), which may receive hazardous household waste or conditionally exempt small quantity generator waste, comply with the revised Federal MSWLF Criteria. Section 4005(c)(1)(C) of RCRA requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to determine whether States have adequate permit programs for MSWLFs. Approval of State permit programs allows the State to tailor permits to include site-specific conditions. Only those owners/operators located in States with approved permit programs can use the site-specific flexibilities provided by 40 CFR part 258 to the extent the State permit program allows such flexibility. EPA notes that, regardless of the approval status of any facility, the federal landfill criteria shall apply to all permitted and unpermitted MSWLF facilities.

The CNMI is defined as a "State" in 40 CFR 258.2. The CNMI has applied for a determination of adequacy under Section 4005(c)(1)(C) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. 6945(c)(1)(C). EPA Region IX has reviewed the CNMI's MSWLF permit program application and has made a tentative determination that all portions

of the CNMI's permit program application are adequate to ensure compliance with the revised MSWLF criteria. The CNMI's application for program adequacy is available for public review and comment during regular business hours at the place(s) listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below.

Although RCRA does not require EPA to hold a public hearing on a determination to approve any State's MSWLF permit program, the Region has tentatively scheduled a public hearing on this determination. If a sufficient number of persons express an interest in participating in a hearing by writing to the Region IX Office of Pollution Prevention and Solid Waste at the address listed in the **ADDRESSES** section below or by calling the contact given in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice, the Region will hold a hearing in Susupe, Saipan, CNMI. The Region will notify all persons who submit comments on this notice if it appears that there is sufficient public interest to warrant a hearing. In addition, anyone who wishes to learn whether the hearing will be held may call the person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below.

DATES: All comments on the CNMI's application for a determination of adequacy must be received by the close of business on April 29, 2002.

If, and only if, sufficient public interest in having a public hearing is requested on or before March 29, 2002, a public hearing to receive oral and written testimony on EPA's tentative determination will be held on April 29, 2002, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. If EPA determines that more time for receiving testimony is needed, EPA may extend the closing time up to 8:30 p.m. on this date. The hearing, if held, will be April 29, 2002. At the hearing, EPA may limit oral testimony to five minutes per speaker, depending on the number of commenters. Commenters presenting oral testimony must also submit their comments in writing at the hearing on April 29, 2002. The hearing may adjourn earlier than 8:00 p.m. if all of the speakers deliver their comments before that hour. The State will participate in the public hearing, if held by EPA, on this subject.

Requests for a public hearing must be in writing and must be received by the EPA contact shown in this document before the close of business on March 29, 2002, and should include a statement on the writer's reason for wanting a public hearing. EPA will determine, within twelve calendar days

of the date by which requests must be received, whether a public hearing is warranted. After twelve days, anyone may contact the EPA person listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to find out if a public hearing will be held.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for a public hearing should be sent to Ms. Heidi Hall, Chief, Office of Pollution Prevention and Solid Waste, mail code WST-7, EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105. Comments may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) through the Internet to: hall.heidi@epa.gov. Comments in electronic format should clearly identify the subject matter. All electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The public hearing, if held, will be at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Susupe, Saipan, CNMI. Copies of the CNMI's application for adequacy determination are available at the following addresses for inspection and copying: CNMI Division of Environmental Quality, Third Floor, Morgen Building, San Jose, Saipan, CNMI, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., telephone 670-664-8500; and, by prior visiting arrangements, at the EPA Region IX Library, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., telephone 415-972-3658 or 415-972-3383 to make visiting arrangements.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kelly Doordan, Office of Pollution Prevention and Solid Waste, mail code WST-7, EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California 94105, telephone 415-972-3383, or via the Internet: doordan.kelly@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

On October 9, 1991, EPA promulgated revised Criteria for MSWLFs (40 CFR part 258). Subtitle D of RCRA, as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA), requires states to develop permitting programs to ensure that MSWLFs comply with the Federal Criteria under 40 CFR part 258. Subtitle D also requires in Section 4005 (c) (1) (C), 42 U.S.C. 6945 (c) (1) (C), that EPA determine the adequacy of state municipal solid waste landfill permit programs to ensure that facilities comply with the revised Federal Criteria. To fulfill this requirement, the EPA has promulgated the Final State Implementation Rule