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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Parts 30, 31, 33, 35 and 40

[Docket ID No. OA-2002-0001; FRL-7575-4]

RIN 2020-AA39

### Public Hearings on Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Procurement Under Environmental Protection Agency Financial Assistance Agreements

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the dates and locations of Tribal and other public hearings wherein EPA will take comments on its proposed rule for "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Procurement under Environmental Protection Agency Financial Assistance Agreements," published on July 24, 2003, at 68 FR 43824. These Tribal and other public hearings will be held during the 180-day public comment period for the proposed rule, which ends on January 20, 2004. EPA will publish information concerning additional Tribal hearings during the comment period when that information becomes available.

**DATES:** The hearings are scheduled as follows:

1. October 23, 2003, 1:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Temecula, CA
2. October 28, 2003, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., San Juan, PR
3. October 30, 2003, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Thomas, VI

**ADDRESSES:** The hearings will be held at the following locations:

1. Pechanga Resort and Casino, 45000 Pechanga Parkway, Temecula, California 92592.
2. Inter American University of PR, Central Office of the System, 399 Galileo Street—End, Jardines Metropolitanos, Rio Piedras, San Juan, PR 00927.
3. Ron De Lugo Federal Building, 5500 Veteran's Drive, St. Thomas, VI 00802.

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Advisor, at (202) 564-5386, or David Sutton, Deputy Director, at (202) 564-4444, Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 1230A, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EPA published its proposed rule for Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Procurement under Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Financial Assistance Agreements on July 24, 2003 at 68 FR 43824. EPA has established an official public docket for this action under Docket ID No. OA-2002-0001. The proposed rule and supporting materials are available for public viewing at the Office of Environmental Information Docket in the EPA Docket Center (EPA/DC), EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Office of Environmental Information is (202) 566-1752. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment systems, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket> to submit or view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically. Once in the system, select "search," and then key in docket identification number OA-2002-0001. You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr>.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 271

[FRL-7574-9]

### West Virginia: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** West Virginia has applied to EPA for final authorization of the changes to its hazardous waste program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). EPA proposes to grant final authorization to West Virginia. 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 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 receive 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. However, if we receive comments that oppose this action, or portions thereof, we will withdraw the relevant portions of the immediate final rule, and they 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 November 14, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Lillie Ellerbe, Mailcode 3WC21, RCRA State programs Branch, U.S. EPA Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Phone number: (215) 814-5454. Comments may also be submitted electronically to [ellerbe.lillie@epa.gov](mailto:ellerbe.lillie@epa.gov), or by facsimile at (215) 814-3163. Comments in electronic format should identify this specific notice. You may inspect and copy West Virginia's application from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the following locations: West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Water and Waste Management, 1356 Hansford Street, Charleston, WV 25301-1401, Phone number: (304) 558-4253, attn: Carroll Cather or EPA Region III, Library, 2nd Floor, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029, Phone Number: (215) 814-5254.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lillie Ellerbe, Mailcode 3WC21, RCRA State Programs Branch, U.S. EPA Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, Phone Number: (215) 814-5454.

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