

change to NRC regulations, the NRC staff requests that stakeholders responding to this solicitation address the following questions:

(1) Is the proposed definition of TEDE consistent with the technical basis of the current regulations in 10 CFR part 20 (e.g., recommendations of the International Commission on Radiological Protections in its Publications 26 and 30)?

(2) Does the language clarify the existing requirements as explained in Regulatory Issue Summary 2003-04?

(3) Should the rule address approvals by Agreement States of dosimetry methods for using effective dose equivalent when external exposure is determined by measurement? If so, how should approval by one jurisdiction be considered by other jurisdictions to ensure consistent results and to minimize state-by-state variations in approach for licensees operating in multiple jurisdictions?

The draft rule language is preliminary and may be incomplete in one or more respects. The NRC staff is releasing the draft rule language to inform stakeholders of the NRC staff's consideration of possible changes to 10 CFR parts 19, 20, and 50, and to invite stakeholders to comment on the draft revisions. As appropriate, the Statements of Consideration for the proposed rule will briefly discuss substantive changes made to the rule language as a result of comments received. Comments may be provided as indicated under the **ADDRESSES** heading. The NRC may post updates periodically on the rulemaking web site that may be of interest to stakeholders.

Dated at Rockville, Maryland, this 18th day of February, 2004.

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

William H. Ruland,

Director, Project Directorate IV, Division of Licensing Project Management, Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

29 CFR Part 1926

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Announcement of Stakeholder Meetings for Hearing Conservation Program for Construction Workers

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA); Department of Labor.

ACTION: Scheduling of stakeholder meetings.

SUMMARY: The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is inviting the public to participate in informal stakeholder meetings on a Hearing Conservation Program for Construction Workers. The Agency invites the public to address the following subjects: Noise exposure monitoring, audiometric testing, and portability of records for workers in the construction industry with significant noise exposures.

DATES: *Stakeholder meetings.* Stakeholder meetings will be held on March 24th and 25th, 2004 in Chicago, Illinois, at Embassy Suites Hotel—Rosemont, 5500 North River Road, Rosemont, Illinois 60018 (telephone 847-678-4000, fax 847-928-7659). Both meetings will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. Interested parties are requested to notify OSHA of their intent to participate in one of the stakeholder meetings by March 8, 2004. Each half day session will have the same agenda and format. Stakeholders are encouraged to attend only one half-day meeting. OSHA plans to schedule an additional meeting in the Washington, DC area at a later date.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to participate in a stakeholder meeting you must notify OSHA by e-mail, facsimile, or mail, as set forth below, giving your name, affiliation, contact information, the stakeholder session you plan to attend, and whether you wish to be an active participant or an observer.

Electronic: OSHA encourages you to submit your notice of intent to participate in a stakeholder meeting via e-mail to garner.christie@dol.gov.

Facsimile: You may fax your notice of intent to participate in a stakeholder meeting to Christie Garner at (202) 693-1678.

Mail: You may also notify OSHA of your intent to participate in a stakeholder meeting, by mail, to Christie

Garner, Directorate of Standards and Guidance, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3718, 200 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Seymour, Office of Physical Hazards, Directorate of Health Standards, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-3718, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20210, telephone (202) 693-1950.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: OSHA issued a section 6(b)(5) health standard mandating a comprehensive hearing conservation program for noise-exposed workers in general industry in 1983. However, no rule was promulgated to cover workers in the construction industry. Studies show that as many as 750,000 construction workers are currently exposed to noise levels of 85 dBA or greater at work. The largest number of worker exposures to excessive noise occurs during road construction, carpentry, and concrete work. International experience and data show that hearing conservation programs in the construction industry can be effective in reducing occupational hearing loss.

On August 5, 2002, the OSHA published an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) addressing noise-induced hearing loss among workers in the construction industry, current practices to reduce this loss, and additional approaches and protections that could be used to prevent such loss in the future (67 FR 50610). The Agency has reviewed the forty-seven comment received in response to the ANPR and other available information. The stakeholder meetings announced here are a continuation of the information gathering process.

Stakeholder Meetings

OSHA requests the public to address the following issues.

- *Exposure Monitoring:* OSHA seeks further information from stakeholders' experiences on the most effective approach to evaluating noise exposures in construction;
- *Audiometric Testing:* OSHA seeks practical approaches to providing audiometric testing in construction, where a significant portion of the workforce is transient; and
- *Portability of Records:* OSHA seeks ideas and approaches on how to create long-term audiometric records for short-term employees, and solicits ideas on how to decrease the difficulty of

maintaining historic records, transferring audiometric test results between employers, and ensuring privacy.

The stakeholder meetings will be an opportunity for informal discussion and will allow for the exchange of ideas and points of view; participants are not expected to prepare and present formal testimony. The Agency is interested in hearing first hand from employers and employees in the construction industry their ideas of what can be done to reduce the noise exposures and hearing loss of workers within this industry.

Authority: This notice was prepared under the direction of John L. Henshaw, Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health. It is issued under sections 4 and 8 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 653, 655, 657).

Issued at Washington, DC, this 18th day of February, 2004.

John L. Henshaw,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 260 and 261

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Hazardous Waste Management System: Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste: Conditional Exclusions From Hazardous Waste and Solid Waste for Solvent-Contaminated Industrial Wipes; Notice of Public Hearing and Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of public hearing and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing a public hearing to be held March 9, 2004 on the proposed rule entitled "Proposed Conditional Exclusions from Hazardous and Solid Waste for Solvent-Contaminated Industrial Wipes," which appeared in the **Federal Register** on November 20, 2003 (68 FR 65586). EPA is also extending the comment period through April 9, 2004, to accommodate those who wish to respond to testimony given at the hearing in their comments. In this proposed rulemaking, EPA proposed a conditional exclusion from the definition of solid waste for industrial wipes that are contaminated with solvent and that are sent to

laundries or dry cleaners for cleaning and reuse. We also proposed a conditional exclusion from the definition of hazardous waste for industrial wipes that are contaminated with solvent and are sent for disposal. The public hearing is being held as a result of a request from the Sierra Club and UNITE, the Union of Needletrades, Industrial, and Textile Employees. The letter requesting this hearing can be found in the docket for this rulemaking available through EDOCKET (<http://www.epa.gov/edocket>), or in person at the OSWER Docket, EPA West Building, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The docket number for this rulemaking is RCRA-2003-0004.

DATES: A public hearing on the proposal will be held on March 9, 2004 in Washington, DC. In addition, the comment period for this proposal has been extended and now ends April 9, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will be held in Room 1153 of the EPA East Building on the corner of 12th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., in Washington, DC. For security reasons, photo identification will be required to get into the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions concerning the public hearing or this proposed rulemaking should be directed to Kathy Blanton at (703) 605-0761 or by e-mail at blanton.katherine@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public hearing on the proposed rule, entitled "Proposed Conditional Exclusions from Hazardous and Solid Waste for Solvent Contaminated Industrial Wipes," will be on March 9, 2004. Doors will open at 9 a.m. and the hearing will run beginning from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The public hearing may be adjourned early if there is not significant attendance or participation and, if necessary, will continue beyond 12:30 p.m. to ensure that all those who register by 9:30 a.m. on the day of the hearing have the opportunity to speak. Please leave extra time to get to the hearing in order to check in with security. Visitors will be asked to show photo identification, will be screened through security equipment, and will be escorted to the hearing room from the security check-in.

The public hearing will be held in Room 1153 of the EPA East Building at 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The metro stop is Federal Triangle, on both the Orange and the Blue lines.

We invite the public and representatives of interested

organizations and agencies to attend and provide comments on the proposed regulation. Any person who wishes may appear and speak at the public hearing; however, we encourage those planning to give oral testimony to pre-register with EPA. Those planning to speak at the hearings should notify Kathy Blanton, Office of Solid Waste, Hazardous Waste Identification Division, by telephone at (202) 605-0761, or by e-mail at blanton.katherine@epa.gov. Pre-registration will end March 5, 2004. If you cannot pre-register, sign-ups will be taken at the door until 9:30 a.m. on the day of the hearing.

Oral testimony will be limited to 7 minutes each. Any member of the public may file a written statement in addition to presenting orally. A verbatim transcript of the hearing and written statements will be made available at the OSWER Docket, at the above address.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, contact Kathy Blanton, at the above e-mail address or phone number.

Dated: February 13, 2004.

Matt Hale,

Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 300

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National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of intent to delete the Combe Fill North Landfill Superfund Site from the National Priorities List.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 2, is issuing a Notice of Intent to Delete the Combe Fill North Landfill Superfund Site (Site) from the National Priorities List (NPL) and requests public comment on this action. The Combe Fill North Landfill Site is located in Mount Olive Township, Morris County, New Jersey. The NPL is Appendix B of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 CFR part 300, which EPA promulgated pursuant to Section 105 of the Comprehensive