

captures your e-mail address. E-mail addresses that are automatically captured by EPA's e-mail system are included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket.

ii. *Regulations.gov*. Your use of Regulation.gov is an alternative method of submitting electronic comments to EPA. Go directly to <http://www.regulations.gov>, then select "Environmental Protection Agency" at the top of the page and use the "go" button. The list of current EPA actions available for comment will be listed. Please follow the online instructions for submitting comments. The system is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity, e-mail address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

iii. *Disk or CD ROM*. You may submit comments on a disk or CD ROM that you mail to the mailing address identified in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. These electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect, Word or ASCII file format. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

2. *By Mail*. Written comments should be addressed to the EPA Regional Office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

For public commenters, it is important to note that EPA's policy is that public comments, whether submitted electronically or in paper, will be made available for public viewing at the EPA Regional Office, as EPA receives them and without change, unless the comment contains copyrighted material, confidential business information (CBI), or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. When EPA identifies a comment containing copyrighted material, EPA will provide a reference to that material in the version of the comment that is placed in the official public rulemaking file. The entire printed comment, including the copyrighted material, will be available at the Regional Office for public inspection.

#### Submittal of CBI Comments

Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI electronically to EPA. You may claim information that you submit to EPA as CBI by marking any part or all of that information as CBI (if you submit CBI on disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD ROM the specific information that is CBI). Information so marked will not be disclosed except in

accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes any information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the official public regional rulemaking file. If you submit the copy that does not contain CBI on disk or CD ROM, mark the outside of the disk or CD ROM clearly that it does not contain CBI. Information not marked as CBI will be included in the public file and available for public inspection without prior notice. If you have any questions about CBI or the procedures for claiming CBI, please consult the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

#### Considerations When Preparing Comments to EPA

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at your estimate.
5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
6. Offer alternatives.
7. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.
8. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, identify the appropriate regional file/rulemaking identification number in the subject line on the first page of your response. It would also be helpful if you provided the name, date, and **Federal Register** citation related to your comments.

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.

Dated: February 25, 2004.

**James W. Newsom,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 271

[FRL-7631-3]

#### Delaware: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** Delaware has applied to EPA for final authorization of the revisions to its hazardous waste program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). EPA proposes to grant final authorization to Delaware. In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is authorizing the revisions 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 April 5, 2004.

**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 Delaware's application from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the following locations: Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control, Division of Air & Waste Management, Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Branch, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901, Phone number 302-739-3689 and 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**.

Dated: February 20, 2004.

**James W. Newsom,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, EPA Region III.*

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## **CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **45 CFR Chapters XII and XXV**

#### **Notice Inviting Preliminary Informal Public Input in Advance of Rulemaking**

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice inviting preliminary informal public input in advance of rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (the Corporation) intends to undertake formal rulemaking in 2004, to address significant program and policy issues. The Corporation is initiating this rulemaking pursuant to Congressional interest, expressed in the Consolidated Appropriations Act for 2004, indicating that the Corporation should undertake notice and comment rulemaking for "any significant changes to program requirements or policy." Congress also states that the Corporation should "increase significantly the level of matching funds and in-kind contributions provided by the private sector," and "reduce the total Federal costs per participant in all programs." In addition, the Corporation's Board of Directors has directed the Corporation to consolidate its grant provisions and application guidelines and move them into regulation. Finally, on February 27, 2004, President Bush signed an Executive Order entitled "National and Community Service Programs" in which he expressed his vision of a culture of service, citizenship, and responsibility in the United States, and a strong, accountable, and efficient national and community service field. The Executive Order directs the Corporation to adhere to certain fundamental principles in

implementing policies governing national and community service programs authorized by the national service laws, including (1) Supporting and encouraging greater engagement of Americans in volunteering; (2) increasing responsiveness to State and local needs; (3) making Federal support more accountable and effective; and (4) providing greater involvement for faith-based and other community organizations.

The Corporation intends to undertake two rulemaking processes in 2004—the first to address any significant program and policy issues in time for the 2005 AmeriCorps grant cycle, and the second to respond to the Board's directive that we streamline our guidance and incorporate it into regulation. The Corporation believes that these rulemaking processes will improve the impact, efficiency, and cost-effectiveness of national and community service programs, and the quality and transparency of program guidance and rules.

The issues we plan to address through these rulemaking processes include: AmeriCorps grantee sustainability, including the parameters for capacity-building activities by AmeriCorps members and volunteer recruitment; current limitations on the Federal share of costs (match requirements); performance measures and evaluation; qualifications for AmeriCorps members serving as reading tutors and requirements for programs engaged in literacy activities; timing of the AmeriCorps grant cycle; program selection criteria; and the application process for and funding of the second and third years in a three-year grant. In addition, the Corporation intends to undertake formal rulemaking to reorganize the Corporation's current regulations as codified in chapter 25 of title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations and publish AmeriCorps grant provisions and guidelines in regulation.

To inform the rulemaking process, the Corporation is inviting preliminary informal input from the public concerning the specific issues identified above, as well as any other issues relating to the Corporation's current grant provisions, guidelines, or regulations. The Corporation's current AmeriCorps grant provisions, and the Corporation's regulations are available at <http://www.cns.gov/about/ogc/regulations.html>, and the Corporation's current AmeriCorps guidelines are posted at <http://www.americorps.org/resources/guidelines2004.html>. We will accept comments in writing, as described below, or orally in one of four

conference calls, and five public input meetings we will hold across the country in March and early April, 2004. The Corporation will not respond to this input, but will consider it in drafting any Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. The public will have a separate opportunity to provide formal comment on any proposed rule the Corporation publishes for comment in 2004 or thereafter. Please note that this Notice does not request comments on individual application forms used under the various programs of the Corporation. The Corporation periodically publishes separate requests for comments concerning such application forms.

**DATES:** Please submit written input to the Corporation as soon as possible. We will consider input as we begin drafting the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking. In addition, the Corporation will hold five public input meetings across the country, and four conference calls to seek oral input under this Notice. See Supplementary Information for conference call and input meetings information.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit written input to the Corporation by any of the following methods:

(1) Electronically through the Corporation's e-mail address system to [rulemaking@cns.gov](mailto:rulemaking@cns.gov).

(2) By fax to 202-565-2796, Attention Nicola Goren, Associate General Counsel.

(3) By mail sent to: Corporation for National and Community Service, Attn: Nicola Goren, Associate General Counsel, 1201 New York Avenue NW., Room 8209, Washington, DC 20525.

(4) By hand delivery or by courier to the Corporation's mailroom at Room 6010 at the mail address given in paragraph (3) above, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Due to continued delays in the Corporation's receipt of mail, we strongly encourage responses via e-mail or fax. You may request this notice in an alternative format for the visually impaired.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information about the substance of this notice, contact Nicola Goren at 202-606-5000 x.259 ([ngoren@cns.gov](mailto:ngoren@cns.gov)). For further information about the conference calls and public input meetings, please refer to our Web site at <http://www.americorps.org/rulemaking> or call Angela Martin at (202) 606-5000 x.448 ([amartin@cns.gov](mailto:amartin@cns.gov)). The TDD/TTY number is (800) 833-3722.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For more information on the Corporation, please