

On May 13, 1998, EPA announced its final compliance certification decision to the Secretary of Energy (published May 18, 1998, 63 FR 27354). This decision states that the WIPP will comply with the EPA's radioactive waste disposal regulations at 40 CFR part 191, subparts B and C.

The final WIPP certification decision includes a condition that prohibits shipment of TRU waste for disposal at WIPP from any site other than LANL until EPA has approved the procedures developed to comply with the waste characterization requirements of § 194.24(c)(4) (Condition 3 of Appendix A to 40 CFR part 194). The EPA's approval process for waste generator sites is described in § 194.8. As part of EPA's decision making process, DOE is required to submit to EPA relevant documentation of waste characterization programs at each DOE waste generator site seeking approval for shipment of TRU radioactive waste to the WIPP. In accordance with § 194.8, EPA will place such documentation in the official Air Docket in Washington, DC, and in informational dockets in the State of New Mexico, for public review and comment.

We initially approved certain waste characterization processes at INEEL following an inspection on July 28–30, 1998. INEEL has requested approval to characterize organic sludge waste using nondestructive assay systems and other processes previously approved for characterization of other waste streams. Several relevant INEEL documents related to nondestructive assay systems and acceptable knowledge have been placed in Air Docket A–98–49. They are as follows: (1) TPR–1573, Rev. 34, 8/10/01, Passive-Active Neutron (PAN) Assay System; (2) TPR–1588, Rev. 26, 1/4/01, SWEPP Gamma-Ray Spectrometer System; (3) TPR–1654, Rev. 2, 8/6/01, SWEPP Waste Assay Gamma Spectrometer (WAGS) System; (4) TPR–1719, Rev. 12, 7/17/01, Calibration of SWEPP Radioassay Systems; (5) MCP–2988, Rev. 14, 8/28/01, Confirmation, Resolution, and Reevaluation of Acceptable Knowledge Information; and (6) MCP–2989, Rev. 7, 11/29/00, Collection, Review, and Management of Acceptable Knowledge Documentation. These procedures are for processes that apply to organic sludges and other waste streams.

In accordance with § 194.8 of the WIPP compliance criteria, we are providing the public 30 days to comment on the documents. In the event that the inspection occurs during the comment period, we will respond to relevant comments received prior to, during, and after the inspection.

If EPA determines that the provisions in the documents are adequately implemented, we will notify DOE by letter and place the letter in the official Air Docket in Washington, DC, and also in the informational dockets located in New Mexico. A positive approval letter will allow DOE to ship TRU waste from INEEL to WIPP for disposal. We will not make a determination of compliance prior to the inspection or before the 30-day comment period has closed.

Information on EPA's radioactive waste disposal standards (40 CFR part 191), the compliance criteria (40 CFR part 194), and EPA's certification decision is filed in the official EPA Air Docket, Dockets No. R–89–01, A–92–56, and A–93–02, respectively, and is available for review in Washington, DC, and at the three EPA WIPP informational docket locations in New Mexico. The dockets in New Mexico contain only major items from the official Air Docket in Washington, DC, plus those documents added to the official Air Docket after the October 1992 enactment of the WIPP LWA.

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Robert Brenner,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Change in Dates of EPA Inspection of Transuranic Waste Characterization Systems and Processes at the Savannah River Site Related to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability and extending of comment period.

SUMMARY: Today, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA, or “we”), is announcing a change in the dates of an inspection previously planned for the week of September 24, 2001 at the Savannah River Site (SRS). The August 29 **Federal Register** notice announced the purpose of the EPA inspection and availability of Department of Energy (DOE) documents in the EPA Docket, and solicited public comments on the documents available in the docket for a period of 30 days (66 FR 45679). Now, the inspection will be held during the week of October 15, 2001. The following DOE documents entitled: (1) “CCP–PO–001–Revision 2,7/23/01–CCP

Transuranic Waste Quality Assurance Characterization Project Plan” (2) “CCP–PO–002–Revision 2, 7/23/01–CCP Transuranic Waste Certification Plan” (3)–Savannah River Site Statement of Work (SOW) 1E8863–Revision 2,9/17/01–Clarification of SRS TRU Waste” and (4) CBFOA–02–09–“Carlsbad Field Office Audit Plan.” These documents are available for review in the public dockets listed in **ADDRESSES**. In addition to changing the inspection dates, we are extending the public comment period for 30 additional days. The extension of the public comment period provides additional opportunity to interested individuals/entities if they have not already done so. We will consider public comments received on or before September 28 (the last day for the first 30-day comment period), and those received since then but on or before the due date mentioned in **DATES**. In accordance with EPA's WIPP Compliance Criteria at 40 CFR 194.8, we will conduct an inspection at SRS to verify that using the systems and processes developed as part of the DOE Carlsbad Office's central characterizations project (CCP), DOE can characterize TRU waste at SRS properly, consistent with the Compliance Criteria. This notice of the inspection and comment period accords with 40 CFR 194.8.

DATES: Comments must be received by EPA's official Air Docket on or before November 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to: Docket No. A–98–49, Air Docket, Room M–1500 (LE–131), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC, 20460.

DOE documents related to the CCP are available for review in the official EPA Air Docket in Washington, D.C., Docket No. A–98–49, Category II–A2, and at the following three EPA WIPP informational docket locations in New Mexico: in Carlsbad at the Municipal Library, Hours: Monday–Thursday, 10 am–9 pm, Friday–Saturday, 10 am–6 pm, and Sunday, 1 pm–5 pm; in Albuquerque at the Government Publications Department, General Library, University of New Mexico, Hours: vary by semester; and in Santa Fe at the New Mexico State Library, Hours: Monday–Friday, 9 am–5 pm. The documents also are available electronically at EPA's WIPP Homepage and may be accessed at: <http://www.epa.gov/radiation/wipp>.

Copies of items in the docket may be requested by writing to Docket A–98–49 at the address provided above, or by calling (202) 260–7548. As provided in

EPA's regulations at 40 CFR Part 2, and in accordance with normal EPA docket procedures, a reasonable fee may be charged for photocopying Air Docket A-98-49 in Washington, DC, accepts comments sent electronically or by fax (fax no.: 202-260-4400; E-mail: a-and-r-docket@epa.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Rajani D. Joglekar, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air, (202) 564-9310, or call EPA's 24-hour, toll-free WIPP Information Line, 1-800-331-WIPP, or visit our website at <http://www.epa.gov/radiation/wipp/announce.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See 66 FR 45679-80, August 29, 2001.

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Public Report on Minor Use Pesticides; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA hereby announces the availability of a public report prepared by the Office of Pesticide Programs on minor uses of pesticides pursuant to requirements of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, as amended by the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996. This report includes descriptions of measures that EPA, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Department of Health and Human Resources, and the Food and Drug Administration, has undertaken to consider minor use needs in registering and reregistering minor use pesticides.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Cimino, Office Director's Immediate Office (7501C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-9357; fax number: (703) 308-4776; e-mail address: cimino.pat@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

This action is directed to the public in general. This action may, however, be of interest to crop producers, public health vector control programs and

those persons who are or may be required to conduct testing of chemical substances under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FFDCA), or the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA). Since other entities may also be interested, the Agency has not attempted to describe all the specific entities that may be affected by this action. If you have any questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

II. What Action is the Agency Taking?

In amending FIFRA, the Food Quality Protection Act of 1996 includes a directive for the Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) to prepare a public report concerning the progress made and activities related to the registration and reregistration of minor use pesticides (7 U.S.C. 136w-6b (FIFRA section 31(b))). With this document, EPA is announcing the availability of the public report prepared by OPP pursuant to this directive.

The Report describes EPA's minor use activities since enactment of FQPA. These include establishment of the position of Minor Crop Advisor/Ombudsperson reporting directly to the OPP Director and creation of the Minor Use Team composed of representatives from each of the relevant OPP divisions. Other important activities include expedited registration of minor use and reduced risk pesticides with increasing numbers of registration decisions being made. Also, EPA established the position of Public Health Coordinator and a steering committee to address public health minor use issues. The report addresses issues raised by the public: Maintaining an adequate supply of effective pesticides; retaining critically needed pesticide uses; relying on sound science and real world data in making decisions; establishing a transparent regulatory process; ensuring a reasonable transition for agriculture to new methods and alternatives; maintaining a level playing field in world markets, increasing outreach and communications. The report specifies the significant progress that EPA has made in addressing these issues.

III. How Can I Get A Copy of this Report?

1. *Electronically.* You may access an electronic copy of this report through the OPP Internet Home Page at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides>. To access this document, on the Home Page select "Pesticide Use," and under this select "Minor Use Report."

2. *By mail.* You may submit a request to have this document mailed to you by submitting a written request to the Public Information and Records Integrity Branch (PIRIB), Information Resources and Services Division (7502C), Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460. You may also contact the contact person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Minor crops, IR-4, Pesticides, Public health vector control programs.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[Docket No. FRL-7072-5]

Availability of "Guidelines for Implementing the Three Percent Set-Aside Provision Contained in the State and Tribal Assistance Grants Account Section of the Agency's FY 2001 Appropriations Act"

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing availability of a memorandum entitled "Guidelines for Implementing the Three Percent Set-Aside Provision Contained in the State and Tribal Assistance Grants Account Section of the Agency's FY 2001 Appropriations Act." This memorandum provides information and guidelines on how EPA will implement the three percent set-aside provision contained in the State and Tribal Assistance Grants (STAG) account section of the Agency's FY 2001 Appropriations Act (Public Law 106-377). The provision authorizes EPA to establish a permanent set-aside to support the Agency's management and oversight of projects identified in the STAG account of FY 2001 and subsequent Appropriations Acts. The set-aside can only be used to fund grants to the States, interagency agreements with the Corps of Engineers and contracts. The Corps of Engineers and State agencies will receive a copy of this document from EPA.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for electronic access of the guidance memorandum.