

file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number [PP 4E3060/P641]. No CBI should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this proposed rule may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found below in this document.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: By mail: Joanne Miller, Product Manager (PM 23), Registration Division (7505C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460. Office location and telephone number: Rm. 237, CM #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA 22202, (703)-305-6224.

A record has been established for this rulemaking under docket number [PP 4E3060/P641] (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in Room 1132 of the Public Response and Program Resources Branch, Field Operations Division (7506C), Office of Pesticide Programs, Environmental Protection Agency, Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Arlington, VA.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:
opp-Docket@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this rulemaking, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official rulemaking record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official rulemaking record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

The Office of Management and Budget has exempted this rule from the requirements of section 3 of Executive Order 12866.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (Pub. L. 96-354, 94 Stat. 1164, 5 U.S.C. 601-612),

the Administrator has determined that regulations establishing new tolerances or food additive regulations or establishing exemptions from tolerance requirements do not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. A certification statement to this effect was published in the Federal Register of May 4, 1981 (46 FR 24950).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 180

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Pesticides and pests, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: February 15, 1996.

Peter Caulkins,

Acting Director, Registration Division, Office of Pesticide Programs.

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40 CFR Part 261

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Extension of Comment Period for the Proposed Hazardous Waste Identification Rule (HWIR)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) is extending the comment period for the proposed Hazardous Waste Identification Rule (HWIR), which appeared in the Federal Register on December 21, 1995 (60 FR 66344). The extension is necessary for two reasons: the first is the government shutdown during the original comment period which did not allow commentors to review the background documentation supporting the rulemaking and the second is the Agency has received an overwhelming number of requests for comment period extensions due to the complexity of the proposed rulemaking. The public comment period for this proposed rule was to end February 20, 1996. The comment period is extended to April 22, 1996.

DATES: EPA will continue to accept public comments on the proposed Hazardous Waste Identification Rule until April 22, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The public must send an original, two copies, and whenever possible, a 3.5 inch computer disk containing the comments in a common word processing format such as

WordPerfect version 5.1 to: EPA RCRA Docket (5305W), 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

Place "Docket number F-95-WHWP-FFFFF" on your comments. The RCRA docket is located at: EPA's Crystal Gateway Office, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia, and is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. The public must make an appointment to review docket materials by calling (703) 603-9230. The public may copy material from any regulatory docket at a cost of \$0.15 per page. Copies of the background documents, Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) chemical files, and other references (which are not readily available) are available for *viewing and copying only* in the RCRA docket.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The RCRA/Superfund Hotline at (800) 424-9346 or at (703) 412-9810. For technical information contact Mr. William A. Collins, Jr., Mr. Greg Helms, Ms. Pamela McMains, or Ms. Tracy Atagi, Office of Solid Waste (5304), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460, (202) 260-8100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed rule was issued under the authority of sections 2002(a), 3001, 3002, 3004 and 3006 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). EPA proposed to amend its regulations under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) by establishing constituent-specific exit levels for low-risk solid wastes that are designated as hazardous because they are listed, or have been mixed, derived from, or contain listed hazardous wastes. See 60 FR 66344 (December 21, 1995) for a more detailed explanation of the proposed rule.

Extension of Comment Period

The comment period for this proposed rule was scheduled to end on February 20, 1996. However, the RCRA Docket was closed due to the partial government shutdown from December 15, 1995 until January 6, 1996, and from January 8 until January 12, 1996 due to inclement weather. As a result of the partial government shutdown and snow closures, background documents located in the RCRA Docket were available to the public for only one day during the first three and one-half weeks of the public comment period. Similarly, during the same period EPA personnel were unavailable to answer questions about the notice of proposed rulemaking or to make other arrangements to obtain documents relevant to the rulemaking.

This severely reduced the effectiveness of the first half of the 60-day comment period.

EPA has also received requests for comment period extensions on other grounds. The notice proposed "exit values", or specific concentrations at which chemicals pose only low risk to human health or the environment, for over 400 chemicals found in hazardous wastes currently regulated under RCRA. See 60 FR 66349-66380. The risk assessment used to generate the exit values is unusually complex. EPA has received at least seven written requests to extend the comment period by up to 120 days. The requestors believe such extensions are essential to allow them to analyze the risk assessment and prepare meaningful comments.

EPA determined that it needed to extend the comment period by a total of 60 days to provide an adequate opportunity for public participation in this rulemaking. EPA is therefore extending the comment period for this rulemaking to April 22, 1996.

Dated: February 15, 1996.

Elizabeth A. Cotsworth,

Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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40 CFR Part 300

[FRL-5428-3]

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

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of intent to delete the Amnicola Dump Superfund Site, Chattanooga, Tenn., from the National Priorities List (NPL).

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 announces its intent to delete the Amnicola Dump Site from the National Priorities List (NPL) and request public comment on this proposed action. The NPL constitutes Appendix B of 40 CFR Part 300 which is the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), which EPA promulgated pursuant to Section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, as amended. EPA and the State of Tennessee Department of the Environment & Conservation have determined that the Site poses no significant threat to public health or the environment, therefore,

further remedial measures pursuant to CERCLA are not appropriate.

DATES: Comments must be submitted by March 25, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Robert West, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 345 Courtland Street NE., Atlanta, Georgia, 30365.

Comprehensive information on this Site is available for viewing through the site information repositories at the following locations:

Chattanooga Hamilton County
Bicentennial Library, Local History
Department, 1001 Broad Street,
Chattanooga, TN 37402.

U.S. EPA Record Center, 345 Courtland
Street NE., Atlanta, GA 30365.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert West, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 345 Courtland Street NE., Atlanta, Georgia, 30365, 404-347-3555 Ext. 2033 or 1-800-435-9233 Ext. 2033.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 4 announces its intent to delete the Amnicola Dump Site from the National Priorities List (NPL), Appendix B of National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 CFR part 300, and requests comments on this deletion. EPA identifies sites that appear to present a significant risk to public health, welfare, or environment and maintains the NPL as the list of these sites.

As described in 300.425(e)(3) of the NCP, sites deleted from the NPL remain eligible for remedial actions in the unlikely event that conditions at the site warrant such action.

EPA will accept comments on the proposal to delete this Site for thirty days after publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

NPL Deletion Criteria

Section 300.425(e) of the NCP provides that sites may be deleted from the NPL where no further response is appropriate. EPA, in consultation with the State of Tennessee, has concluded that the Amnicola Dump Site meets the following criteria for site deletion:

(i) Responsible parties have implemented all appropriate response actions required; and

(ii) All appropriate response under CERCLA has been implemented.

Even if a site is deleted from the NPL, where hazardous substances remain at the site above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure, EPA's policy is that a subsequent review of the site will be

conducted at least every five years after the initiation of the remedial action at the site. If new information becomes available which indicates a need for further action, EPA may initiate remedial actions. Whenever there is significant release from a site deleted from the NPL, the site may be restored to the NPL without the application of the Hazardous Ranking System.

Deletion Procedures

The following procedures were used for the intended deletion of this Site: (1) EPA Region 4 issued a Final Close Out Report which addressed the Site conditions, quality assurance and control during construction, and technical criteria for satisfying the completion requirements; (2) a notice has been published in the local newspaper and has been distributed to appropriate federal, state, and local officials announcing the commencement of a 30-day public comment period on EPA's Notice of Intent to Delete; and (3) all relevant documents have been made available for public review in the local Site information repositories.

Deletion of the Site from the NPL does not itself create, alter, or revoke any individual's rights or obligation. The NPL is designed primarily for information purposes and to assist Agency management. As mentioned in Section VI of this document, § 300.425(e)(30) of the NCP states that deletion of a Site does not preclude eligibility for future response actions.

For deletion of this Site, EPA's Regional Office will accept and evaluate public comments of EPA's Notice of Intent to Delete before making a final decision to delete. If necessary, the Agency will prepare a Responsiveness Summary to address any significant public comments received.

A deletion occurs when the Regional Administrator places a final notice in the Federal Register. Generally, the NPL will reflect deletions in the final update following the Notice. Public notices and copies of the Responsiveness Summary will be made available to local residents by the Regional office.

Basis For Intended Site Deletion

The following site summary is the Agency's rationale for the proposal to delete Amnicola Dump from the NPL.

A. Site Background and History

The Site is an 18-acre inactive construction debris disposal area located in Chattanooga, TN. From mid-1970 to 1973, the Site was operated as a construction debris disposal area by the city of Chattanooga. The debris disposed included 25 percent or less