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call (703) 412-9810 or TDD (703) 412-3323. For information on specific aspects of the report, contact Maximo (Max) Diaz, Jr. or Robert Kayser, Office of Solid Waste (5304W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460. [E-mail addresses and telephone numbers: Diaz.max@epamail.epa.gov, (703) 308-0439; Kayser.robert@epamail.epa.gov, (703) 308-7304.]

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed rule and Notice of Data Availability were issued under Section 3001(b) of RCRA. EPA proposed and provided supplemental analyses (NODA) to list certain wastes generated during the refining of petroleum because these wastes may pose a substantial present or potential risk to human health or the environment when improperly managed. See 60 FR 57747 (November 20, 1995) and 62 FR 16747 (April 8, 1997) for a more detailed explanation of the proposed rule and the NODA.

In addition to the notice of extension to the NODA comment period, the Agency today is including in the docket information that was inadvertently excluded from the NODA and making a minor typographical correction. The excluded information consists of Tables A-5.1 through A-5.9 of Appendix A and Table 6.7 [Physical and Chemical Properties of Benzene and Exposure Factors Used in the Dermal Exposure Model], all pertaining to the Supplemental Background Document; Nongroundwater Pathway Risk Assessment [F-97-PRA-S0017]. The typographical correction in the same document is as follows: on page C-4 of Appendix C, replace "(see Section C.3)" with "(see Table C.1)." Some of this additional information has been added to the rulemaking docket and some will be added within the next few weeks, before the end of the comment period. Consequently, EPA cautions all interested parties to check the docket regularly.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 372

[OPPTS-400113; FRL-5720-8]

Toxic Chemical Release Reporting; Community Right-to-Know; Additional Time to Report

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Extension of time for submission of reports.

SUMMARY: EPA is announcing that it will allow facilities required to submit Toxic Release Inventory (TRI) reports for calendar year 1996 until August 1, 1997, to file those reports. These TRI reports under section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act and section 6607 of the Pollution Prevention Act would otherwise be due on or before July 1, 1997. EPA's distribution of the reporting package, which includes extensive materials and guidance for preparing TRI reports, for the 1996 reporting year has been delayed. To allow facilities adequate time to prepare and submit complete and accurate TRI reports, EPA is allowing facilities an extra month in which to report.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maria J. Doa, 202-260-9592, e-mail: doa.maria@epamail.epa.gov, for specific information on this notice, or for more information on EPCRA section 313, the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Hotline, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 5101, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Toll free: 1-800-535-0202, in Virginia and Alaska: 703-412-9877 or Toll free TDD: 1-800-553-7672.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. 11023 (EPCRA, which is also referred to as Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-499)), requires certain facilities manufacturing, processing, or otherwise using listed toxic chemicals to report their environmental releases of such chemicals annually. Such facilities also must report pollution prevention and recycling data for such chemicals, pursuant to section 6607 of the Pollution Prevention Act (PPA), 42 U.S.C. 13106. EPCRA section 313 and PPA section 6607 require that covered facilities report this information on or before July 1 of each year for activities

at those facilities during the previous calendar year. EPA is required to put the EPCRA section 313/PPA section 6607 information in an electronic data base that is accessible to the public. This data base is commonly referred to as the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI). State and local governments, industry, non-government organizations, and the public make extensive use of this data base.

Each year, prior to the reporting deadline, EPA develops and sends to facilities a reporting package containing the current TRI reporting form (Form R), the alternate threshold reporting form (Form A), the list of toxic chemicals subject to reporting, and instructions for reporting. In recent years, the package has also included computer diskettes containing the automated Form R for electronic reporting. EPA has found that providing this extensive reporting package reduces confusion and the number of reporting errors, and expedites the whole reporting process. In the past, these packages have been distributed by early March of the year in which reports are due to allow adequate time for review and use by the reporting facilities.

II. Additional Time to Report for 1996

For the 1996 reporting year, EPA revised the Form R to collect more specific information on disposal into underground injection wells and landfills. The Office of Management and Budget approved the reporting and recordkeeping requirements related to the revised Form R on April 30, 1997. Because EPA could not print the forms and instructions until the Agency received approval for the Form R, EPA's printing and distribution of the 1996 Form R will not be complete until June 1997. Thus, facilities subject to TRI reporting may not have sufficient time to prepare and submit their reports by July 1, 1997. EPA is concerned that in rushing to report by July 1, facilities may make errors that would reduce the accuracy and utility of the reports and, ultimately, the public data base. In addition, EPA believes that the delay in the distribution of the reporting package may create concern in the regulated community regarding potential enforcement actions, including civil penalties, for those facilities submitting reports that may contain errors as a result of the late distribution of the EPA reporting package or reporting after the July 1, 1997 deadline.

In recognition of the importance to State and local governments, industry, and the public that facilities submit complete and accurate TRI reports, EPA is allowing all reporting facilities an

additional month to August 1, 1997, to submit their 1996 TRI reports. However, reports for the 1996 reporting year that are filed after August 1, 1997, will be subject to EPA enforcement action, where appropriate. This allowance of additional time for reporting applies only to the EPCRA section 313/PPA section 6607 reporting obligations for TRI reports otherwise due on July 1, 1997, covering calendar year 1996. Nothing in this action shall be construed to apply to any other EPCRA reporting obligations, or to any TRI reports due for past or future reporting years. Further, this allowance of additional time for reporting applies only to the federal EPCRA section 313/PPA section 6607 reporting obligation; it does not apply to independent obligations under State laws which also require TRI-type reports. However, EPA encourages the States with similar requirements that relate to federal TRI reporting to embrace this allowance of additional time. To the extent that this action might be construed as rulemaking subject to section 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act, for the reasons stated above, EPA has determined that notice and an opportunity for public comment are impracticable and unnecessary. Providing for public comment might further delay reporting, and, because there is no substantive change in the reporting obligation, other than allowing an additional month, the public will continue to receive the same information. Moreover, a further delay in reporting would almost certainly mean a delay in the release of the information to the public. Also, public comment would not further inform EPA's decision because the events giving rise to the need to provide extra time for reporting have already occurred. In addition, additional notice and comment procedures in this situation would be contrary to the public interest in timely and accurate reporting of data under EPCRA section 313 and PPA section 6607.

III. Availability of the Form R and Instructions

A. The Internet

Notwithstanding the delay in distribution of the printed version, the revised Form R and Instructions, currently are available on the Internet. The Form R and Instructions, which can be downloaded as portable document format (PDF) files, are available at <http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/tri/formr.htm>. The Automated Form R (AFR) and Instructions is also available on the internet. The internet address for the

AFR is <http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/aftr96>.

B. Fax on Demand

Using a faxphone call 202-401-0527 and select item 5100 for an index of available material and corresponding item numbers related to this document.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 372

Environmental protection, Community right-to-know, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, and Toxic chemicals.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 1

[CC Docket No. 92-237, DA 97-1055]

The North American Numbering Council (NANC) Issues Recommendations on the North American Numbering Plan Administrator, Billing and Collection Agent, and Related Rules; Pleading Cycle Established

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: On May 19, 1997, the Commission released a public notice announcing the North American Numbering Council's (NANC) recommendation for a North American Numbering Plan Administrator, Billing and Collection Agent, and related rules filed with the Commission on May 15, 1997. The intended effect of this action is to make the public aware that the FCC is seeking comments on the NANC's recommendation.

DATES: Comments are due by June 20, 1997 and reply comments by July 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marian Gordon or Scott Shefferman, Network Services Division, Common Carrier Bureau, at (202) 418-2320.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Released: May 19, 1997

1. In a *Report and Order* released on July 13, 1995 in the above-referenced