

Dated: December 17, 1997.

Brent Wahlquist,

Regional Director, Mid-Continent Regional Coordinating Center.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 62

[IL159-1b; FRL-5938-3]

Approval and Promulgation of State Plans For Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Illinois

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve Illinois' Section 111(d)/129 State Plan submitted on June 23, 1997, for implementing and enforcing the Emissions Guidelines applicable to existing municipal waste combustors with capacity to combust more than 250 tons/day of municipal solid waste. In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving this action as a direct final rule without prior proposal because EPA views this as a noncontroversial action and anticipates no adverse written comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse written comments are received in response to that direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse written comments (which have not already been responded to), the direct final rule will be withdrawn and the written public comments will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on the proposed rule. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments on this proposed rule must be received on or before January 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Copies of the State submittal are available for inspection at: Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark J. Palermo, Environmental Protection Specialist, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-6082.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the direct final rule published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 11, 1997

Gail A. Ginsberg,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region V.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 271

[FRL-5937-1]

Hazardous Waste Management Program: Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program for Louisiana

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve the Louisiana Department of Environment Quality's (LDEQ) RCRA Cluster IV hazardous waste program. The Louisiana RCRA Cluster IV hazardous waste program consists of the regulation of "Burning of Hazardous Waste in Boilers and Industrial Furnaces". In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the State's request as a immediate final rule without prior proposal because EPA views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for approving the State's request is set forth in the immediate final rule. If no adverse written comments are received in response to that immediate final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse written comments, a second **Federal Register** document will be published before the time the immediate final rule takes effect. The second document may withdraw the immediate final rule or identify the issues raised, respond to the comments and affirm that the immediate final rule will take effect as scheduled. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments on this proposed rule must be received on or before January 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be mailed to Alima Patterson, Region 6 Authorization Coordinator, Grants and Authorization Section (6PD-G), Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, at the address listed below. Copies of the materials submitted by LDEQ may be examined during normal business hours at the following locations: EPA Region 6 Library, 12th Floor, Wells Fargo Bank Tower at Fountain Place, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, Phone number: (214) 665-6444. Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, H.B. Garlock Building, 7290 Bluebonnet, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810, Phone number: (504) 765-0617.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alima Patterson (214) 665-8533.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the immediate final rule published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Authority: This document is issued under the authority of sections 2002(a), 3006 and 7004(b) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act as amended 42 U.S.C. 6912(a), 6926, 6974(b).

Dated: December 11, 1997.

Lynda F. Carroll,

Acting Deputy Regional Administrator, Region VI.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 272

[FRL-5935-6]

Hazardous Waste Management Program: Authorization and Incorporation by Reference of State Hazardous Waste Management Program for Louisiana

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to incorporate by reference EPA's approval of the Louisiana Department of Environment Quality's (LDEQ) base hazardous waste program and to approve its revisions to that program submitted by the State of Louisiana. In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the State's request as an immediate final rule without prior proposal because EPA views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale

for approving the State's request is set forth in the immediate final rule. If no adverse written comments are received in response to that immediate final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse written comments, a second **Federal Register** document will be published before the time the immediate final rule takes effect.

The second document may withdraw the immediate final rule or identify the issues raised, respond to the comments and affirm that the immediate final rule will take effect as scheduled. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments on this proposed rule must be received on or before January 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be mailed to Alima Patterson, Region 6 Authorization Coordinator, Grants and Authorization Section (6PD-G), Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, at the address listed below. Copies of the materials submitted by LDEQ may be examined during normal business hours at the following locations: EPA Region 6 Library, 12th Floor, Wells Fargo Bank Tower at Fountain Place, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, Phone number: (214) 665-6444. Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, H.B. Garlock Building, 7290 Bluebonnet, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810, Phone number: (504) 765-0617.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alima Patterson (214) 665-8533.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the immediate final rule published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Authority

This document is issued under the authority of sections 2002(a), 3006 and 7004(b) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act as amended 42 U.S.C. 6912(a), 6926, 6974(b).

Dated: December 10, 1997.

Lynda F. Carroll,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region VI.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

43 CFR Part 3820

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[WO-320-1990-01-24 1A]

Surface Management of Mineral Activities Within the Bodie Bowl Under the Bodie Protection Act of 1994

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is withdrawing the proposed rule concerning mineral development in the Bodie Bowl which was previously proposed to implement the Bodie Protection Act of 1994. Because this Act closed the area to location of mining claims, and the state of California and the Nature Conservancy have acquired all existing unpatented mining claims and mill sites so that they may be reconveyed to BLM, the development of locatable minerals will not occur on Federal lands within the Bodie Bowl. Thus, regulations are no longer necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Fontecchio, Regulatory Affairs Group, Bureau of Land Management, Mail Stop 401LS, 1849 C Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20240; telephone (202) 452-5012 (Commercial or FTS).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Bodie Protection Act of 1994 (108 Stat. 4471, 4509), withdrew Federal lands within the Bodie Bowl to protect and preserve the historic mining town of Bodie. The withdrawal closed the area to further mineral location, and the Act compelled the Secretary of the Interior to manage those existing claims in accordance with rules which would minimize adverse effects on historic, cultural, recreational and natural resource values of the Bodie Bowl. Specifically, the Secretary was ordered to promulgate rules for management of mineral activities within the Bodie Bowl that are no less stringent than the rules promulgated by the National Park Service under the Mining in the Parks Act (16 U.S.C. 1901 *et seq.*), now codified at 36 CFR part 9. In consultation with the California State Department of Parks and Recreation, which administers the Bodie Historic Park, BLM issued proposed rules designed to carry out the terms of the Act on November 8, 1996 (61 FR 57837).

Since these rules were proposed, the State of California and the Nature Conservancy have acquired the

remaining mining claims and mill sites in the Bodie Bowl. BLM expects that the final stages of the agreement, whereby the State and the Nature Conservancy will quitclaim all unpatented mining claims and mill sites back to the United States, will be completed sometime in the near future. As a result, there will be no future mineral development activities in the Bodie Bowl, making BLM regulations of mining in the Bodie Bowl unnecessary. Therefore, the proposed regulations are withdrawn. If for some unforeseen reason development of locatable minerals becomes possible on Federal lands in the Bodie Bowl in the future, BLM would take appropriate action to promulgate any needed rules.

Date: December 17, 1997.

Bob Armstrong,

Assistant Secretary for Land Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

49 CFR Parts 191, 192, 193, 194, and 195

[Docket PS-153, Notice 3]

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Metric Equivalents

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This notice proposes to amend the pipeline safety regulations to provide metric equivalents. The metric equivalents are being provided for informational purposes only. Operators would continue to use the English measures for purposes of compliance and enforcement. No changeover to the metric system of measurement is being contemplated at this time. This may be reconsidered in the future.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments in duplicate by February 27, 1998. Late-filed comments will be considered to the extent practicable. Interested persons should submit as part of their written comments all the material that is relevant to any statement of fact or argument.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the subject of this notice may be submitted to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Research and Special