

Illinois 60604-3590, (312) 886-7889. Comments should refer to: In the Matter of: MIG/DeWane Landfill Administrative Order on Consent. Please submit an original and three copies of any comments, if possible.

A copy of the proposed settlement is available at the following address for review: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region V, Office of Superfund, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590. Please telephone Diana Embil, at (312) 886-7889, before visiting the Region V Office.

PUBLIC MEETING: A public meeting in the affected area may be held upon request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diana Embil, (C-14J), Assistant Regional Counsel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590, (312) 886-7889.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: From 1969 to 1988, the MIG/DeWane Landfill received industrial and solid wastes, some of which contained hazardous substances. On August 30, 1990, U.S. EPA placed the Landfill on the National Priorities List. On March 29, 1991, U.S. EPA issued an administrative consent order concerning various responsible parties for a removal action at the Site. On May 15, 1995, U.S. EPA reached a *de minimis* settlement with other responsible parties. Gunit Corporation was not a signatory to either agreement.

Gunit Corporation is a potentially responsible party that may have arranged for the disposal of hazardous substances at the MIG/DeWane Landfill Site. Gunit Corporation's share of the waste delivered to the site is believed not to exceed 0.05% of the total waste delivered to the site.

Pursuant to section 122(i) of CERCLA, the 30-day period for comments on the proposed settlement with this Respondent begins on the date of publication of today's notice.

William E. Muno,

Director, Superfund Division.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6117-1]

Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste in the United States: 1997 Update

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In recent years, community officials and the general public have

increased their attention to the waste generated by households, institutions, and commercial businesses. They have used information about municipal solid waste (MSW) to plan for programs to reduce and recycle this waste and to properly dispose of the remainder. The "Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste in the United States" report was first prepared by EPA in 1986 in order to determine the amounts of waste generated, recovered, and discarded in the nation, and to project amounts of waste which will be managed in the future. The report has been updated six times since its initial publication in 1986. Planners nation-wide use this special study to estimate the amount and types of MSW that may be generated in their communities, and thus are able to plan more effectively for the management of the wastes generated, recovered, and/or discarded.

The Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste in the United States: 1997 Update report is now available. The 1997 Update is similar to the 1996 Update, but it contains updated information on the types and amounts of municipal solid waste generated, recovered, and discarded in the United States through 1996. Some new informational categories are also included in the 1997 Update. These include an expanded discussion of the markets for recovered recyclable materials.

Finally, due to sustained interest in tracking national generation, recovery, and discard rates for MSW, EPA plans to continue providing annual updates of this Report as a service to its stakeholders from State and local governments, industry, environmental groups, and the public.

DATES: June 26, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

A paper copy of Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste in the United States: 1997 Update (EPA Publication Number EPA530-98-R-007) or the Report's Executive Summary (EPA Publication Number EPA530-S-98-007) may be obtained by calling the RCRA Hotline at 1-800-424-9346. The Report is also available in electronic format on the Internet System through the EPA Public Access Server at www.epa.gov.

Dated: May 5, 1998.

Elizabeth A. Cotsworth,

Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6114-7]

Massachusetts Marine Sanitation Device Standard; Receipt of Petition

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been received from the State of Massachusetts requesting a determination of the Regional Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, pursuant to section 312(f)(3) of Public Law 92-500 as amended by Public Law 95-217 and Public Law 100-4, that adequate facilities for the safe and sanitary removal and treatment of sewage from all vessels are reasonably available for the coastal regions of the town of Harwich, State of Massachusetts, to qualify as a "No Discharge Area" (NDA). The areas covered under this petition include the major harbors and contiguous beaches between and including Allen, Wychmere and Saquatucket harbors and to the Herring River. The latitudes and longitude defining the boundaries are Town line of Dennis 70°07'03", 41°39'16", Herring River 70°06'33", 41°40'08", Allens Harbor 70°05'22", 41°40'04", Wychmere Harbor 70°03'56", 41°40'04", Saquatucket Harbor 70°03'31", 41°40'09", Town line of Chatham 70°02'17", 41°39'58", and the water boundaries are 70°02'55", 41°39'52",—70°04'38", 41°39'46",—70°06'00", 41°39'35".

The State of Massachusetts has certified that there are two facilities to service the town of Harwich. A stationary shore side pump-out facility at the Saquatucket Municipal Marina has a 60 gallon per cycle capacity with discharge to a 2,500 gallon tight tank. This facility provides access for vessels with 6 feet draft at mean low water. This facility is available daily from May 1st through November 15th, weather permitting and open during daylight hours. Harbormaster personnel will be available to demonstrate the self-service system Tuesday through Sunday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Harwich Harbormaster's office number is (508) 430-7532. The second facility is a pump-out boat typically docked at Saquatucket Municipal Marina, unless the private marinas request it for a short period of time. This pump-out boat will come to individual boats by appointment, which can be made by calling the Harwich Harbormaster on channel VHF 68 or calling the office at (508) 430-7532. The pump-out boat will be available May 1st through November 15th, and service is normally available

Tuesday through Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., weather permitting.

In addition to these pump-out facilities, there is a town comfort station located on the Allen harbor town boat ramp parking area, and the Saquatucket Municipal Marina has on-shore bathroom and shower facilities available 24 hours a day. There are also private facilities at the Allen Harbor Yacht Club.

The waste from stationary shore side pump-out facility at the Saquatucket Municipal Marina and the pump-out boat is collected and stored in a Department of Environmental Protection approved, 2,500 gallon tight tank. This tank is fitted with alarms that activate in time to ensure waste removal long before the capacity is reached. The town of Harwich has an annual agreement with a licensed waste hauler to pump-out, on demand by the Harbormaster, and then transport the septage to the Town of Yarmouth's Sewage Treatment Facility. The Town Harwich has a contract with the Town of Yarmouth for the use of the Yarmouth-Dennis Septage Treatment Facility.

There are approximately 753 boats either moored or docked within Herring Creek, Allens Harbor, Wychmere Harbor and Saquatucket Harbor and are primarily "parking lot" harbors where the majority of boats are under 27 feet. Of these 735 boats there are 35 commercial fishing vessels, and an estimated transient population of 68 vessels.

The resources of the Herring Creek, Allens Harbor, Wychmere Harbor and Saquatucket Harbor are recreational and commercial. Wychmere Harbor is used by both recreational and commercial shell fishermen for the harvest of quahogs, clams, oysters, and bay scallops. Saquatucket Harbor is also used by both recreational and commercial shell fishermen for the harvest of quahogs, clams, oysters and is the site of the Town's commercial aquaculture operations. The beaches are located on the contiguous boundary with Nantucket Sound.

Comments and reviews regarding this request for action may be filed on or before July 2, 1998. Such communications, or requests for information or a copy of the applicant's petition, should be addressed to Ann Rodney, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—New England Region, Water Quality Unit (CWQ), JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203. Telephone: 617-565-4885. E-Mail: RODNEY.ANN@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV.

Dated: June 17, 1998.

John P. DeVillars,

Regional Administrator, Region I.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6116-3]

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permits for Discharges From Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed reissuance of NPDES general permits.

SUMMARY: Proposed reissuance of NPDES general permits for discharges from concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFOs) in (1) EPA Region 6 States of New Mexico (NMG800000), Oklahoma (OKG800000), and Texas (TXG800000); (2) all Indian Country Lands in Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico without certification authority; and (3) the following Indian Pueblos in New Mexico that have certification authority: Pueblo of Isleta, Pueblo of Nambe, Pueblo of Picuris, Pueblo of Pojoaque, Pueblo of Sandia, Pueblo of San Juan, Pueblo of Santa Clara, and Pueblo of Tesuque.

Also proposed in this action are watershed-specific NPDES general permits for CAFOs located in watersheds that have been impaired by CAFO-related activities in EPA Region 6 States of (1) New Mexico (NMG810000), Oklahoma (OKG810000), and Texas (TXG810000); (2) all Indian Country lands in Oklahoma, Texas, and New Mexico without certification authority; and (3) the following Indian Pueblos in New Mexico that have certification authority: Pueblo of Isleta, Pueblo of Nambe, Pueblo of Picuris, Pueblo of Pojoaque, Pueblo of Sandia, Pueblo of San Juan, Pueblo of Santa Clara, and Pueblo of Tesuque.

EPA Region 6 today proposes to (1) reissue NPDES general permits authorizing limited discharges from CAFOs in New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas; and (2) issue new NPDES general permits for all CAFOs within these States that are located in watersheds impaired by CAFO-related activities. The permits' requirements are based on NPDES regulations (40 CFR Parts 122 and 412). As proposed, the general permits prohibit discharges of process wastewater pollutants from CAFOs to waters of the United States except

during catastrophic or chronic rainfall events. When effective, these permits will replace the general permits published at 58 FR 7610 (February 8, 1993). The requirements of the watershed-specific permits are designed to protect nutrient-impaired watersheds against further degradation and nutrient pollution resulting from CAFO-related activities, such as manure and wastewater land application activities and offsite land disposal of manure at rates that exceed crop agronomic requirements.

DATES: Written comments on this proposal may be submitted to EPA Region 6 until August 25, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments to EPA should be mailed to Ms. Wilma Turner (6WQ-CA), EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733. The public record is located at the EPA Region 6 office, and is available upon request. Requests for copies of the public record should be addressed to Ms. Wilma Turner at the address provided above. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information on the proposed draft permits or to request for a complete copy of the entire fact sheet and draft general permits, contact Ms. Wilma Turner at the address provided above or by telephone at (214) 665-7513. Also, the draft permits and the fact sheet can be obtained from the Internet at the following website address: www.epa.gov/region6/6wq/npdes/publicnotice.htm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Hearings

Informal Public Meetings and formal Public Hearings will be held in New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas to provide information on the draft permit conditions and to allow for public comment on the draft permits. Informal public meetings with question and answer sessions are scheduled, prior to each of the formal Public Hearings, to allow the public to make informal statements and comments before the formal Public Hearing sessions begin. The schedule for informal meetings and formal public hearings are as follows:

Monday August 3, 1998: Informal Public Meeting with question and answer session from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., followed by a formal Public Hearing from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., in the Oklahoma/Texas Rooms on the 12th floor of the EPA office, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

Thursday August 13, 1998: Informal Public Meeting with question and answer session from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00