

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 62**

[MD-091-3041b; FRL-6433-6]

Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Maryland; Control of Emissions from Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve the municipal solid waste landfill 111(d) plan submitted by the Air and Radiation Management Administration, Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) on March 23, 1999 for the purpose of controlling landfill gas emissions from existing municipal solid waste (MSW) landfills. In the final rules section of the **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the plan. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this rule. If EPA receives relevant adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by October 8, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Walter Wilkie, Chief, Technical Assessment Branch, Mailcode 3AP22, Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James B. Topsale at (215) 814-2190, or by e-mail at topsale.jim@epa.gov. While additional information may be obtained via e-mail, comments must be submitted in writing to the address provided above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the direct final rule of the same title which is located in the rules section of the **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 30, 1999.

Thomas Voltaggio,*Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.*

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Parts 148, 261, 268, 271, and 302**

[SWH-FRL-6434-3]

Extension of Comment Period for the Proposed Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste/Dye and Pigment Wastes

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 listing determination for dyes and pigments, which appeared in the **Federal Register** on July 23, 1999 (64 FR 40192). The public comment period for this proposed rule was to end on September 21, 1999. The purpose of this notice is to extend the comment period to end on October 21, 1999.

DATES: EPA will accept public comments on this proposed listing determination until October 21, 1999; comments postmarked after this date will be marked "late" and may not be considered.

ADDRESSES: The public must send an original and two copies of their comments to EPA RCRA Docket Number F-1999-DPIP-FFFFF, RCRA Information Center (5305W), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC. To hand-deliver comments, the address is U.S. EPA, Crystal Gateway, First Floor, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. You may also submit comments electronically by sending electronic mail through the Internet to: rcradocket@epamail.epa.gov. See the beginning of Supplementary Information for instructions on electronic submission.

You should not submit electronically any confidential business information (CBI). You must submit an original and two copies of CBI under separate cover to: RCRA CBI Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460. See the Supplementary Information for information of viewing public comments and supporting materials.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical information concerning this notice, please contact Mr. Narendra Chaudhari, Office of Solid Waste (5304W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460, (703) 308-0454 (chaudhari.narendra@epamail.epa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposed rule was issued under section 3001(b) of RCRA. EPA proposed to list as hazardous certain wastes generated from the production of certain dyes and pigments because these wastes present a substantial present or potential risk to human health or the environment. See 64 FR 40192 (July 23, 1999) for a more detailed explanation of the proposed rule.

The comment period for this proposed rule was scheduled to end on September 21, 1999. However, several commenters have requested that EPA extend the comment period by 30 days. EPA is extending the comment period until October 21, 1999.

As noted in the proposed rule, you should identify any comments in electronic format with the docket number F-1999-DPIP-FFFFF. You must submit all electronic comments as an ASCII (text) file, avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. If you do not submit comments electronically, EPA is asking prospective commenters to voluntarily submit one additional copy of their comments on labeled personal computer diskettes in ASCII (text) format or a word processing format that can be converted to ASCII (text). It is essential to specify on the disk label the word processing software and version/edition as well as the commenter's name. This will allow EPA to convert the comments into one of the word processing formats utilized by the Agency. Please use mailing envelopes designed to physically protect the submitted diskettes. EPA emphasizes that submission of comments on diskettes is not mandatory, nor will it result in any advantage or disadvantage to any commenter. Supporting documents in the docket for this Notice are also available in electronic format on the Internet. Follow these instructions to access these documents.

WWW: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/id/dyes/index.htm>
FTP: <ftp://ftp.epa.gov>
Login: anonymous
Password: your Internet address
Files are located in /pub/gopher/OSWRCRA.

EPA will keep the official record for this action in paper form. Accordingly, we will transfer all comments received electronically into paper form and place them in the official record, which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in **ADDRESSES** at the beginning of this document.

EPA responses to comments, whether the comments are written or electronic,

will be in a document in the **Federal Register** or in a response to comments document placed in the official record for this rulemaking. We will not immediately reply to commenters electronically other than to seek clarification of electronic comments that may be garbled in transmission or during conversion to paper form, as discussed above.

You may view public comments and supporting materials in the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway I, First Floor, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The RIC is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. To review docket materials, we recommend that you make an appointment by calling (703) 603-9230. You may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any regulatory docket at no charge. Additional copies cost \$0.15/page.

Dated: August 31, 1999.

Elizabeth A. Cotsworth,

Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018-AE04

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Proposed Reclassification of Certain Vicuña Populations From Endangered to Threatened and a Proposed Special Rule

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) proposes to reclassify vicuña (*Vicugna vicugna*) populations of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile and Peru from endangered to threatened under the U.S. Endangered Species Act (Act or ESA). The recently re-introduced population of Ecuador, treated as a distinct population segment under the Act in accordance with the Service's Policy on Distinct Vertebrate Population Segments (61 FR 4722), will remain listed as endangered. The Service also proposes to establish a special rule (under Section 4(d) of the Act) allowing the importation into the United States of wool and legal vicuña products produced with wool from vicuña populations listed both as threatened under the Act and in Appendix II of the

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), except that the Appendix II semi-captive populations of Catamarca, Jujuy, La Rioja, Salta, and San Juan Provinces in Argentina are specifically excluded from the special rule until such time as their conservation benefit for wild vicuña populations has been demonstrated adequately. It is proposed that importation into the United States of wool and legal vicuña products made from wool that originated from threatened and approved Appendix II populations will require valid CITES export permits from the country of origin and also the country of re-export, when applicable. Should the conservation or management status of threatened vicuña populations change in one or more range countries, the potential would remain to repeal the special rule or reclassify the population as endangered, should that become necessary for the conservation of the vicuña. The Service invites information and comments on this proposed rule. The analysis of the information and comments received could lead to a final decision that would differ substantially from this proposal.

DATES: Comments must be received by December 7, 1999. Public hearing requests must be received by October 25, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments and relevant information concerning this proposal should be sent to the Chief, Office of Scientific Authority; mail stop: Arlington Square, room 750, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Washington, DC 20240, or via E-mail to: r9osa@fws.gov. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection by appointment, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, in Room 750, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Susan S. Lieberman, Chief, Office of Scientific Authority, at the above address, or by phone (703-358-1708), fax (703-358-2276), or E-mail (r9osa@fws.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The vicuña (*Vicugna vicugna*) was listed as endangered under the U.S. Endangered Species Act on June 2, 1970. Among other things, the effect of that listing was the prohibition of U.S. interstate or international commerce in vicuña products. All populations of the vicuña were included in Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna

and Flora (CITES) on July 1, 1975 (the date of entry into force of the CITES Convention), which thereby prohibited all primarily commercial, international trade in vicuña products. Certain populations of vicuña in Chile and Peru were subsequently transferred to CITES Appendix II at the sixth meeting of the CITES Conference of the Parties (COP6) in 1987. The remaining vicuña populations in Peru were transferred to Appendix II in 1994 at CITES COP9, and certain populations in Argentina and Bolivia were transferred to Appendix II in 1997 at CITES COP10. These transfers to Appendix II, reflecting improved conservation status for specified vicuña populations, allow the international trade under carefully controlled conditions, of products manufactured from vicuña wool. This international trade, however, is still excluded from the United States, because of the species' listing under the Endangered Species Act. The United States supported the CITES transfers of the populations to Appendix II, based on the information received at the aforementioned meetings of the Conference of the Parties, where the CITES Parties voted to adopt the proposed transfers to Appendix II. The information in the relevant CITES listing proposals is available on request from the Office of Scientific Authority (see **ADDRESSES** Section).

We received a petition on October 5, 1995, from the President of the International Vicuña Consortium, requesting that the vicuña be removed from the U.S. list of endangered and threatened wildlife, or reclassified with a special rule that would allow for a commercial trade that would benefit the conservation of the species. The petitioners cited the following as reasons for the requested ACTION: (1) Improved management of vicuña populations, (2) improved enforcement and trade controls, and (3) recognition that regulated commerce could be beneficial to both rural communities that share landscapes with vicuñas and the vicuñas themselves. The petitioners provided limited supportive documentation.

Our 90-day finding on whether the petition presents substantial scientific data is subsumed within this proposed rule, which finds that: (1) Reclassification of the vicuña from endangered to threatened is warranted for all range countries except Ecuador; and (2) that a special rule (also referred to as a 4(d) rule) is warranted for all Appendix II populations, with the exception of the Appendix II semi-captive populations of Catamarca, Jujuy, La Rioja, Salta, and San Juan Provinces