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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 194

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#### Waste Characterization Program Documents Applicable to Transuranic Radioactive Waste From the Hanford Site for Disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; opening of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of, and soliciting public comments for 30 days on, Department of Energy (DOE) documents applicable to characterization of transuranic (TRU) radioactive waste at the Hanford site proposed for disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). The documents are entitled: "Hanford Site Transuranic Waste Characterization Quality Assurance Project Plan, HNF-2599," and "Hanford Site Transuranic Waste Certification Plan, HNF-2600." They are available for review in the public dockets listed in **ADDRESSES**. EPA will conduct an inspection of waste characterization systems and processes and the quality assurance program for waste characterization at Hanford to verify that the site can characterize transuranic waste in accordance with EPA's WIPP compliance criteria. EPA will perform this inspection the week of January 10, 2000. This notice of the inspection and comment period accords with 40 CFR 194.8.

**DATES:** EPA is requesting public comment on the documents. Comments must be received by EPA's official Air Docket on or before January 7, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted to: Docket No. A-98-49, Air Docket, Room M-1500 (LE-131), US Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460. The DOE documents are available for review in the official EPA Air Docket in Washington, DC, Docket No. A-98-49, Category II-A2, and at the following three EPA WIPP informational docket locations in New Mexico: in Carlsbad at

the Municipal Library, Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10am-9pm, Friday-Saturday, 10am-6pm, and Sunday 1pm-5pm; in Albuquerque at the Government Publications Department, Zimmerman Library, University of New Mexico, Hours: vary by semester; and in Santa Fe at the New Mexico State Library, Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm.

As provided in EPA's regulations at 40 CFR Part 2, and in accordance with normal EPA docket procedures, if copies of any docket materials are requested, a reasonable fee may be charged for photocopying.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott Monroe, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air, (202) 564-9310 or call EPA's toll-free WIPP Information Line, 1-800-331-WIPP.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

DOE is developing the WIPP near Carlsbad in southeastern New Mexico as a deep geologic repository for disposal of TRU radioactive waste. As defined by the WIPP Land Withdrawal Act (LWA) of 1992 (Pub. L. No. 102-579), as amended (Pub. L. No. 104-201), TRU waste consists of materials containing elements having atomic numbers greater than 92 (with half-lives greater than twenty years), in concentrations greater than 100 nanocuries of alpha-emitting TRU isotopes per gram of waste. Much of the existing TRU waste consists of items contaminated during the production of nuclear weapons, such as rags, equipment, tools, and sludges.

On May 13, 1998, EPA announced its final compliance certification decision to the Secretary of Energy (published May 18, 1998, 63 FR 27354). This decision stated that the WIPP will comply with EPA's radioactive waste disposal regulations at 40 CFR part 191, subparts B and C.

The final WIPP certification decision includes conditions that (1) Prohibit shipment of TRU waste for disposal at WIPP from any site other than the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) until the EPA determines that the site has established and executed a quality assurance program, in accordance with 194.22(a)(2)(i), 194.24(c)(3), and 194.24(c)(5) for waste characterization activities and assumptions (Condition 2 of Appendix A to 40 CFR Part 194); and (2) Prohibit shipment of TRU waste for disposal at WIPP from any site other than LANL until the EPA has approved the procedures developed to comply with the waste characterization requirements of 194.22(c)(4) (Condition 3 of Appendix A to 40 CFR Part 194). The EPA's approval process for waste

generator sites is described in 194.8. As part of EPA's decision-making process, the DOE is required to submit to EPA appropriate documentation of quality assurance and waste characterization programs at each DOE waste generator site seeking approval for shipment of TRU radioactive waste to WIPP. In accordance with 194.8, EPA will place such documentation in the official Air Docket in Washington, D.C., and informational dockets in the State of New Mexico for public review and comment.

DOE has notified EPA that the Hanford site is preparing to ship waste to the WIPP. EPA will perform an inspection of Hanford's technical and quality assurance programs for waste characterization in accordance with Conditions 2 and 3 of the WIPP certification. The inspection is scheduled to take place the week of January 10, 2000.

EPA has placed two documents pertinent to the inspection in the public docket described in **ADDRESSES**. The documents are entitled: (1) "Hanford Site Transuranic Waste Characterization Quality Assurance Project Plan, HNF-2599," and (2) "Hanford Site Transuranic Waste Certification Plan, HNF-2600" (Items II-A2-22 and II-A2-23). In accordance with 40 CFR 194.8, as amended by the final certification decision, EPA is providing the public 30 days to comment on these documents.

If EPA determines as a result of the inspection that the proposed processes and programs at Hanford adequately control the characterization of transuranic waste, we will notify DOE by letter and place the letter in the official Air Docket in Washington, DC, as well as in the informational docket locations in New Mexico. A letter of approval will allow DOE to ship transuranic waste from Hanford to the WIPP. The EPA will not make a determination of compliance prior to the inspection or before the 30-day comment period has closed.

Information on the certification decision is filed in the official EPA Air Docket, Docket No. A-93-02 and is available for review in Washington, DC, and at three EPA WIPP informational docket locations in New Mexico. The dockets in New Mexico contain only major items from the official Air Docket in Washington, DC, plus those documents added to the official Air Docket since the October 1992 enactment of the WIPP LWA.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA No. 99-2584, MM Docket No. 99-340, RM-9778]

#### Radio Broadcasting Services; Seymour, TX

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document requests comments on a petition filed by Seymour Radio Broadcasting Company proposing the allotment of Channel 222C2 at Seymour, Texas, to provide the community with additional FM broadcast service. The channel can be allotted to Seymour in compliance with the Commission's Rules provided there is a site restriction 4 kilometers (2.51 miles) west of the community. The coordinates for Channel 222C2 at Seymour are 33-34-49 NL and 99-18-01 WL.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before January 13, 2000, and reply comments on or before January 28, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC. 20554.

In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner's counsel, as follows: Robert Lewis Thompson, Taylor Thiemann & Aitken, 908 King Street, Suite 300, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 99-340, adopted November 10, 1999, and released November 22, 1999. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission's Reference Center, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Services, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC. 20036, (202) 857-3800, facsimile (202) 857-3805.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding. Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments. See 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contact.

For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, see 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

#### List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA No. 99-2564, MM Docket No. 99-331, RM-9728]

#### Radio Broadcasting Services; College Station and Madisonville, TX

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document requests comments on a petition filed by Sunburst Media, LP, requesting the reallocation of Channel 241C2 from Madisonville, Texas, to College Station, Texas, and modification of the license for Station KAAG to specify College Station, Texas, as the community of license. The coordinates for Channel 241C2 at College Station are 30-45-26 and 96-24-33. In accordance with Section 1.420(i) of the Commission's Rules, we shall not accept competing expressions of interest in the use of Channel 241C2 at College Station.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before January 10, 2000, and reply comments on or before January 25, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554.

In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner's counsel, as follows: Gregg P. Skall, Lee G. Petro, Pepper & Corazzini, L.L.P., 1776 K Street, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen Scheuerle, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 99-331, adopted November 10, 1999, and released November 19, 1999. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission's Reference Center, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Services, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036, (202) 857-3800, facsimile (202) 857-3805. Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding. Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments. See 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contact. For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, see 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

#### List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA No. 99-2582, MM Docket No. 99-338, RM-9746]

#### Radio Broadcasting Services; Shiner, TX

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document requests comments on a petition filed by Elgin FM Limited Partnership proposing the allotment of Channel 232C3 at Shiner, Texas, as the community's first FM broadcast service. The channel can be allotted to Shiner in compliance with the Commission's Rules provided there is a site restriction 15.5 kilometers (9.7 miles) east of the community. The