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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

16 CFR Part 1700

Household Products Containing Petroleum Distillates and Other Hydrocarbons; Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; Extension of Comment Period

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Extension of comment period for advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: There are child-resistant packaging standards in effect under the Poison Prevention Packaging Act ("PPPA") for some products that contain petroleum distillates or other hydrocarbons. In the **Federal Register** of February 26, 1997, the Consumer Product Safety Commission ("CPSC" or "Commission") published an advance notice of proposed rulemaking ("ANPR") requesting comments on whether additional products containing these substances should be subject to child-resistant packaging standards. 62 FR 8659.

As requested by the Chemical Specialties Manufacturers Association ("CSMA"), the Commission is extending the period for receiving written comments on the ANPR.

DATES: Written comments in response to the ANPR must be received by the Commission by July 11, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments, preferably in five copies, should be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207-0001, or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814; telephone (301) 504-0800. Alternatively, comments may be filed by telefacsimile to (301) 504-0127 or by e-mail to cpsc-os@cpsc.gov. Comments should be captioned "Comments on ANPR for Petroleum Distillates."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Suzanne Barone, Directorate for Epidemiology and Health Sciences, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0477, ext. 1196.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Existing PPPA standards require child-resistant packaging for some products that contain petroleum distillates or other hydrocarbons. Aspiration of small amounts of these chemicals into the lung can cause chemical pneumonia, pulmonary damage, and death.

In the **Federal Register** of February 26, 1997, the CPSC published an ANPR that initiated a rulemaking proceeding to consider whether additional household products containing petroleum distillates and other hydrocarbons should be subject to PPPA standards. 62 FR 8659. The Commission solicited written comments from interested persons concerning these risks, the regulatory alternatives discussed in the ANPR, other possible means to address the risks, and the economic impacts of the various regulatory alternatives. The Commission provided for a 75-day comment period, which expires May 12, 1997.

CSMA requested a 60-day extension of the comment period, which it stated was needed due to the breadth of issues involved. CSMA also stated that additional time was needed to complete the processing of its request for CPSC documents.

CSMA represents many companies that manufacture products that contain petroleum distillates or other hydrocarbons. Therefore, the information that they can supply concerning these issues is important to the rulemaking. Accordingly, the Commission granted its request for an extension of the comment period, and extends the period for submission of written comments to July 11, 1997.

Dated: April 22, 1997.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

18 CFR Chapter I

[Docket Nos. RM96-12-000 and RM97-4-000]

Pipeline Customer Coalition Petition for Expedited Complaint Procedures; Interstate Natural Gas Association of America Petition for Rulemaking

April 17, 1997.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, DOE

ACTION: Petitions for rulemaking.

SUMMARY: Two petitions for rulemaking have been filed with the Commission that propose certain procedures for the expedited consideration of complaints concerning the services of interstate natural gas pipelines. The Commission is providing a period for comment on these proposals.

DATES: Comments are due on or before May 16, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington DC 20426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lois D. Cashell, Office of the Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Take notice that on April 3, 1997, the Pipeline Customer Coalition (the Coalition) filed a petition in Docket No. RM96-12-000, requesting the Commission to adopt certain expedited procedures for the consideration of formal complaints concerning the services of interstate natural gas pipelines. Take notice also that on April 10, 1997, the Interstate Natural Gas Association of America (INGAA) filed a petition in Docket No. RM97-4-000, requesting the Commission to adopt an alternative to the Coalition's proposal.

The Coalition's April 3, 1997 proposal amends an earlier filed petition submitted on May 31, 1996. The April 3 petition requests the adoption of regulations that would (1) require each interstate pipeline to include in its tariff a procedure for addressing informally whatever complaints are presented to it by any of its customers, (2) provide for

the codification of the Commission Staff's Enforcement Task Force Hot Line procedures, and (3) provide specific criteria defining the subject matter and other procedural factors required of complaints that would qualify for expedited Commission resolution.

INGAA opposes the Coalition's amended petition. INGAA's April 10, 1997 alternative proposal (1) initially requires informal negotiations between representatives of the complainant and the natural gas company; (2) if the negotiations are unsuccessful, the complainant could then utilize a codified Hot Line procedure to seek advice from Commission Staff; and (3) if the Hot Line procedure is unsuccessful, the complainant would either ask the natural gas company to agree to arbitration, or the complainant could initiate a formal complaint under Rule 206 (18 CFR 385.206), with expedition obtainable at the Commission's discretion, after a recommendation by the Hot Line Staff.

Any person desiring to be heard on the Coalition's and INGAA's petitions is invited to submit written comments on the matters and issues raised by the respective proposals. Additionally, comments should be submitted electronically. Participants can submit comments on computer diskette in WordPerfect® 6.1 or lower format or in ASCII format, with the name of the filer and Docket Nos. RM96-12-000 & RM97-4-000 on the outside of the diskette. Copies of the Coalition's and INGAA's petitions, and all written comments that are received, will be placed in the Commission's public files and will be available for inspection in the Commission's Public Reference Room at 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426. All comments must be filed on or before May 16, 1997.

Lois D. Cashell,

Secretary.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 281

[FRL-5815-7]

District of Columbia; Approval of Underground Storage Tank Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of tentative determination, public hearing, and public comment period.

SUMMARY: The District of Columbia has applied for approval of its underground storage tank program under Subtitle I of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed the District of Columbia's application and has made the tentative decision that the District of Columbia's underground storage tank program satisfies all of the requirements necessary to qualify for approval. The District of Columbia's application for approval is available for public review and comment. A public hearing will be held to solicit comments on the application unless insufficient public interest is expressed.

DATES: Unless insufficient public interest is expressed in holding a hearing, a public hearing will be held on June 5, 1997. However, EPA reserves the right to cancel the public hearing if sufficient public interest in a hearing is not communicated to EPA in writing by May 29, 1997. EPA will determine by June 2, 1997, whether there is sufficient interest to hold the public hearing. The District of Columbia will participate in any public hearing held by EPA on this subject. All written comments on the District of Columbia's application for program approval must be received by 4:30 p.m. on May 29, 1997.

ADDRESSEES: Copies of the District of Columbia's application for program approval are available between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the following locations for inspection and copying:

Location: D. C. Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Environmental Regulation Administration Underground Storage Tank Branch, 2100 Martin Luther King, Jr., Avenue, S.E., Suite 203, Washington, D.C. 20020-5732.

Contact: Dr. V. Sreenivas, Program Manager.

Telephone: 201-645-6080 ext. 3009.

Contact: Laura Gilbert, Environmental Legislative Analyst.

Telephone: 201-645-6080 ext. 3007.

Location: United States Environmental Protection Agency, Docket Clerk, Office of Underground Storage Tanks, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202.

Telephone: (703) 603-9231.

Location: United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region III Library, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107.

Contact: Hazardous Waste Technical Information Center;

Telephone: (215) 566-5534 or (215) 566-5364.

Written comments should be sent to: Karen L. Bowen, Program Manager, State Programs Branch, (3HW60), U.S. EPA Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107, (215) 566-3382.

Unless insufficient public interest is expressed, EPA will hold a public hearing on the District's application for program approval on June 5, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. at the Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs, Environmental Regulation Administration, 2100 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE., Room 300, Washington, DC 20020.

Anyone who wishes to learn whether or not the public hearing on the District's application has been cancelled should telephone after June 2, 1997, the EPA Program Manager listed above or Dr. Venkataiah Sreenivas, Chief, UST Branch, DC Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, Environmental Regulation Administration, (202) 645-6080, ext. 3009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen L. Bowen, State Programs Branch (3HW60), U.S. EPA Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107, (215) 566-3382.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

Section 9004 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) authorizes EPA to approve State underground storage tank programs to operate in lieu of the Federal underground storage tank (UST) program. EPA may approve a State program if the Agency finds pursuant to section 9004(b), 42 U.S.C. 6991c(b), that the State program is "no less stringent" than the Federal program in all seven elements set forth at section 9004(a) (1) through (7), 42 U.S.C. 6991c(a) (1) through (7), and meets the notification requirements of section 9004(a)(8), 42 U.S.C. 6991c(a)(8) and also provides for adequate enforcement of compliance with UST standards (section 9004(a), 42 U.S.C. 6991c(a)).

B. District of Columbia

The District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), is the implementing agency for UST activities in the District, a jurisdiction recognized as a "State" pursuant to Section 1004(31) of RCRA. The Underground Storage Tank Branch of DCRA is dedicating a substantial effort to prevent, control and remediate UST-related groundwater contamination. The Underground Storage Tank Branch maintains a strong field presence and works closely with