

is changed to reflect the time of this revision. Although the proposal listed multiple dates for each method, EPA is now considering listing only the latest version and not previous ones. This will enable the Agency to comply with the trend other Federal agencies are following with these methods. To remove the uncertainty over which previous methods will then be acceptable, the preamble to the final rule will note that the unlisted versions that were previously listed will be acceptable for future use. We have considered the impact of this change on affected parties and do not anticipate any adverse effects. The EPA is soliciting public comments on this move to list only the latest versions of the ASTM methods.

List of Subjects

40 CFR Part 60

Environmental protection, New sources, Test methods and procedures, Performance specifications, Continuous emission monitors.

40 CFR Part 61

Environmental protection, Test methods and procedures.

40 CFR Part 63

Environmental protection, Hazardous air pollutants, Test methods and procedures.

Dated: January 7, 1998.

Robert Brenner,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 62

[UT001-0010b and UT001-0011b; FRL-5948-8]

Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Utah; Control of Landfill Gas Emissions From Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing to approve the Utah plan for implementing the Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Landfill Emission Guidelines at 40 CFR part 60, subpart Cc, which was required pursuant to section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act (Act). The State's plan, which

was originally submitted to EPA on April 2, 1997 with revisions to the plan submitted on October 31, 1997, establishes performance standards for existing MSW landfills and provides for the implementation and enforcement of those standards.

In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the State's submittal in a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial action and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this proposed rule, no further activity is contemplated and the direct final rule will become effective. If EPA receives 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 proposed rule. Any parties interested in commenting on this proposed rule should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received in writing by February 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to Vicki Stamper, 8P2-A, at the EPA Region VIII Office listed. Copies of the documents relevant to this proposed rule are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations: Air Program, Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado 80202-2466; and the Division of Air Quality, Utah Department of Environmental Quality, 150 North 1950 West, P.O. Box 144820, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4820.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vicki Stamper, EPA Region VIII, (303) 312-6445.

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

Dated: December 30, 1997.

Patricia D. Hull,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region VIII.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 660

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Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Precious Corals Fisheries; Draft Amendment 3

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability of an amendment to a fishery management plan; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) is seeking comments on Draft Amendment 3 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Precious Corals Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region (FMP).

DATES: Comments on Draft Amendment 3 must be received by the Council office no later than March 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to, and copies of Draft Amendment 3 are available from, the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813; 808-522-8220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; 808-522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council is seeking comments on Draft Amendment 3 to the Precious Corals FMP. Draft Amendment 3 would establish framework procedures for regulatory changes under the FMP. Under the framework procedures, new management measures may be added through rulemaking if new information demonstrates that there are biological, social, or economic concerns in the precious coral permit areas. The framework procedures would authorize the implementation of measures that may affect the fishing season, classification of coral beds, harvest quotas for all management unit species, size restrictions, gear restrictions, area restrictions, incidental catches and permit conditions. Each action taken under the framework processes would entail documentation of the analysis of impacts of that action. To the extent appropriate, the Council would prepare regulations, regulatory analyses, environmental assessments, or other documents depending on the scope of the action, which framework process is being used, and the types and

magnitude of impacts involved. Advance public notice, public discussion and consideration of public comment would be required.

Draft Amendment 3 also would include the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) around the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands under the FMP as a new Exploratory Permit Area. At present, there are no Federal regulations in place that govern the harvest of precious corals in the EEZ surrounding the Northern Mariana Islands. The management measures proposed for the EEZ around the

Northern Mariana Islands are consistent with the regulations in place for other Exploratory Permit Areas defined in the FMP. Exploratory Areas are the unexplored portions of the EEZ in which coral beds are likely to exist but where no beds have yet been located. The Northern Mariana Islands would be incorporated into a new Exploratory Permit Area, with a 1,000 kg (2,204.62 lb) annual harvest quota for all species of precious corals combined.

To provide greater opportunity for public involvement, the Council directed its staff to formally submit the

amendment for Secretarial review only if no substantive or critical comments are received during the 45-day public review period.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: January 7, 1998.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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