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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The part 70 operating permits regulations were originally promulgated on July 21, 1992 (57 FR 32250). Revisions to part 70 were proposed on August 29, 1994 (59 FR 44460) and August 31, 1995 (60 FR 45530). On May 13, 1997, the Agency released a draft of the final preamble and regulatory revision rulemaking that would revise part 70 for purposes of considering any final comments from interested parties before final action. The draft rulemaking reflected EPA's consideration of comments on the 1994 and 1995 proposals, and included additional regulatory changes that EPA believed appropriate based on comments. Availability of the May 13, 1997 draft and a 30-day public review period were announced in a June 3, 1997 **Federal Register** notice (62 FR 30289).

Subsequently, after discussing the draft rulemaking with industry, environmental, and State/local permitting agency representatives ("stakeholders"), EPA decided that additional changes were necessary, particularly to the section on permit revision procedures. Consequently, EPA announced in a July 3, 1997 notice (62 FR 36039) that the public should withhold comment on the May 1997 draft until a new draft was prepared.

Since May 1997, EPA has discussed with stakeholders alternative approaches to the permit revision system contained in the May draft. While the discussions with stakeholders to date have involved the provisions of §§ 70.7 and 70.8, EPA also wants to discuss with the stakeholders any concerns with the remaining sections. To prepare for those discussions, it is important to be aware of concerns from the public at large on the remaining sections. Therefore, the March 25, 1998 notice (63 FR 14392) announced availability of the remaining sections of part 70 for public review and provided for a period until April 25, 1998 for the public to submit any comments. The preamble and regulatory revisions related to §§ 70.7 and 70.8 will be made available in a future **Federal Register** notice of availability.

Items VI-A-4 and VI-A-5 in docket A-93-50 contain the portions of the preamble and regulations for the

revisions that may be made to §§ 70.2 through 70.6 and §§ 70.9 through 70.11 of the part 70 regulations. That material is also available on the Internet at the address noted above. As in the June 3, 1997 notice, EPA seeks comment only on regulatory revisions that have changed since the August 1994 and August 1995 proposals. The changes since the proposals are addressed in the preamble discussions on the relevant sections of part 70 (e.g. § 70.2).

This action extends the comment submittal period until May 26, 1998. Please send comments directly to Docket A-93-50 at the address previously provided and specify that they are in response to this notice. Comments will be forwarded from the Air Docket to the Operating Permits Group of EPA.

Dated: April 21, 1998.

Richard D. Wilson,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 86

[FRL-6005-2]

Control of Air Pollution From New Motor Vehicles and New Motor Vehicle Engines; Draft Tier 2 Study and Fuel Sulfur Paper Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The Clean Air Act requires EPA to prepare a study and submit a report to Congress regarding whether or not further reductions in emissions from light-duty vehicles and light-duty trucks should be required. EPA has performed the required study, called the "Tier 2 Study." Today EPA is releasing a draft of the study for public comment prior to submitting it to Congress.

In the very near future, EPA will also be releasing a related document titled "EPA Staff Paper on Gasoline Sulfur Issues" and encourages public comment on this document as well.

DATES: EPA requests that comments on the draft Tier 2 Study be submitted by June 12, 1998. A public meeting to discuss the gasoline sulfur issues and the Gasoline Sulfur Staff Paper will be held on May 12, 1998 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Materials relevant to this rulemaking are contained in Docket No.

A-97-10 which may be found at 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460 and may be viewed in room M1500 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The telephone number is (202) 260-7548 and the fax number is (202) 260-4400. A reasonable fee may be charged by EPA for copying docket material.

The Draft Tier 2 Study is also available electronically from the EPA Office of Mobile Sources World Wide Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/omswwww/tr2home/htm>. The Gasoline Sulfur Staff Paper will also be available on this Web site upon its release.

Comments should be sent to Docket No. A-97-10 at the above address. EPA requests that a copy of comments also be sent to Tad Wysor, U.S. EPA, Engine Programs and Compliance Division, 2565 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105 or to the Tier 2 E-mailbox "tier2-study@epamail.epa.gov."

The public meeting will be held at Quality Hotel, 1200 N. Courthouse Rd., Arlington, VA 22201 (Telephone: (703) 524-4000).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Delores Frank, U.S. EPA, Fuels and Energy Division, 2565 Plymouth Road, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48105, Telephone 734-668-4295.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 1990 revisions to the Clean Air Act set specific exhaust emission standards for light-duty vehicles or LDVs (passenger cars) and light-duty trucks or LDTs (including sport-utility vehicles, minivans, and pickup trucks) beginning in the 1994 model year. These "Tier 1" standards were required by Sections 202(g) and (h) of the Clean Air Act as revised ("the Act"). Section 202(i) of the Act requires EPA to "study whether or not further reductions in emissions from light-duty vehicles and light-duty trucks should be required...." The Act required EPA to examine three specific issues related to that question: (1) the need for further emission reductions in order to attain or maintain compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS); (2) the technological feasibility of meeting more stringent standards by the 2004 model year; and (3) the cost-effectiveness of such further reductions as compared to alternate means of reducing emissions. The Study was to be submitted to Congress by June 1, 1997. EPA has recently entered into a draft consent decree to sign a letter transmitting the Study by July 31, 1998.

Section 202(i) of the Act also requires that EPA provide a reasonable opportunity for public comment on the Tier 2 study prior to its formal submittal to Congress. In response to this

requirement, the Agency is today releasing EPA's current draft of the Tier 2 study for comment. EPA will include a summary of any comments received on this draft when it submits the final report to Congress.

In the draft Tier 2 Study, EPA discusses and provides information on each of the three areas mentioned above but does not make a determination about whether further emission reductions are appropriate. EPA plans to make such a determination by way of later rulemaking action, to be finalized by the end of 1999, as required by the Act. In addition to addressing the three issues of need, feasibility, and cost effectiveness, the Study also discusses several key issues related to the development of a potential Tier 2 program and the next steps EPA is planning.

In addition to the draft Tier 2 Study, EPA will soon be releasing a related document titled "EPA Staff Paper on Gasoline Sulfur Issues." Because of its effect on catalytic converters, sulfur in gasoline is a very important issue when vehicle emission standards more stringent than today's standards are considered. The Staff Paper discusses a range of issues including the interactions between sulfur in gasoline and vehicle technology, the impact on refinery operations of reducing gasoline sulfur content, other fuel quality issues, a review of fuel sulfur control programs in other countries, and a review of proposals that have been put forward on this topic by key stakeholders. EPA plans to address any comments received on the Staff Paper as a part of any proposed rulemaking that EPA pursues relating to this Tier 2 emission standards. EPA will also hold a public meeting to discuss issues relating to gasoline sulfur and the Gasoline Sulfur Staff Paper (see **ADDRESSES** above).

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Richard D. Wilson,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 272

[FRL-6001-1]

Hazardous Waste Management Program: Final Authorization and Incorporation by Reference of State Hazardous Waste Management Program for New Mexico

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to incorporate by reference EPA's approval of the New Mexico Environment Department's (NMED) RCRA Cluster IV hazardous waste program and to approve its revisions to that program submitted by the State of New Mexico. In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the State's request as an immediate final rule without prior proposal because USEPA views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for approving the State's request is set forth in the immediate final rule. If no adverse written comments are received in response to that immediate final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse written comments, a second **Federal Register** document will be published before the time the immediate final rule takes effect. The second document may withdraw the immediate final rule or identify the issues raised, respond to the comments and affirm that the immediate final rule will take effect as scheduled. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments on this proposed rule must be received on or before May 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be mailed to Alima Patterson, Region 6 Authorization Coordinator, Grants and Authorization Section (6PD-G), Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, at the address listed below. Copies of the materials submitted by NMED may be examined during normal business hours at the following locations: EPA Region 6 Library, 12th Floor, Wells Fargo Bank Tower at Fountain Place, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, Phone number: (214) 665-6444. New Mexico Environment Department, 1190, St Francis Drive, Sante Fe, New Mexico 87502. Phone number: (505) 827-1558.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alima Patterson (214) 665-8533.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the immediate final rule published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 19, 1998.

Lynda F. Carroll,

Acting Deputy Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 300

[FRL-6003-7]

National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of intent to delete the Pine Bend Sanitary Landfill Site from the National Priorities List; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Region 5 announces its intent to delete the Pine Bend Sanitary Landfill (the Site) from the National Priorities List (NPL) and requests public comment on this action. The NPL constitutes Appendix B of 40 CFR part 300 which is the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), which U.S. EPA promulgated pursuant to Section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) as amended. This action is being taken by U.S. EPA, because it has been determined that all Fund-financed responses under CERCLA have been implemented and U.S. EPA, in consultation with the State of Minnesota, has determined that no further CERCLA response is appropriate. Moreover, U.S. EPA and the State have determined that remedial activities conducted at the Site to date have been protective of public health, welfare, and the environment.

DATES: Comments concerning the proposed deletion of the Site from the NPL may be submitted on or before May 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Gladys Beard, Associate Remedial Project Manager, Superfund Division, U.S. EPA, Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Blvd. (SR-6J), Chicago, IL 60604. Comprehensive information on the site is available at U.S. EPA's Region 5 office