

Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended, (CERCLA or Superfund), 42 U.S.C. 9604(d)(1). States (including U.S. Territories), political subdivisions (including cities, towns, counties), and federally recognized Indian Tribes are eligible to apply. EPA welcomes and encourages applications from coalitions of such entities, but a single eligible entity must be identified as the legal recipient. Cooperative agreement funds will be awarded only to a state, to an officially recognized political subdivision of a state, or to a federally recognized Indian tribe. For non-state applicants, please include a statement verifying that your entity has been authorized by the state to exercise governmental powers.

Through a brownfields cooperative agreement, EPA authorizes an eligible state, political subdivision, Territory, or Indian Tribe to undertake activities under CERCLA section 104. All restrictions on EPA's use of funding cited in CERCLA also apply to brownfields assessment pilot cooperative agreement recipients.

The proposal evaluation panels will review the proposals carefully and assess each response based on how well it addresses the selection criteria, briefly outlined below:

1. Problem Statement and Needs Assessment (4 points out of 20)
  - Effect of Brownfields on your Community or Communities
  - Value Added by Federal Support
2. Community-Based Planning and Involvement (6 points out of 20)
  - Existing Local Commitment
  - Community Involvement Plan
  - Environmental Justice Plan
3. Implementation Planning (6 points out of 20)
  - Government Support
  - Site Selection and Environmental Site Assessment Plan
  - Reuse Planning and Proposed Cleanup Funding Mechanisms
  - Flow of Ownership Plan
4. Long-Term Benefits and Sustainability (4 points out of 20)
  - Long-Term Benefits
  - Sustainable Reuse
  - Measures of Success

Dated : October 22, 1998.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6182-6]

### National Environmental Justice Advisory Council Notification of Meeting and Public Comment Period(s); Open Meetings

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463, we now give notice that the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) along with the subcommittees will meet on the dates and times described below. All times noted are Central Standard Time. All meetings are open to the public. Due to limited space, seating at the NEJAC meeting will be on a first-come basis. Documents that are the subject of NEJAC reviews are normally available from the originating EPA office and are not available from the NEJAC. The NEJAC and subcommittee meetings will take place at the Baton Rouge Hilton, 5500 Hilton Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808, phone: 504/924-5000. The meeting dates are as follows: December 7, 1998 through December 10, 1998.

Registration for the NEJAC meeting will begin on Monday, December 7, 1998 at 5 p.m. Two public comment periods have been scheduled for Monday, December 7, 1998 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and on Wednesday, December 9, 1998 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The full NEJAC will convene Tuesday, December 8, 1998 from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and on Thursday, December 10, 1998 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Business will include follow-up on pending items from the previous NEJAC meeting, discussion of activities related to the NEJAC Assessment Workgroup, and introduction and discussion of new business items. All subcommittees of the NEJAC, including the new Air and Water Subcommittee, will meet on Wednesday, December 9, 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Any member of the public wishing additional information on the subcommittee meetings should contact the specific Designated Federal Official at the telephone number listed below.

### Subcommittee and Federal Official and Telephone Number

#### Enforcement

Ms. Sherry Milan—202/564-2619

#### Health & Research

Mr. Lawrence Martin—202/564-6497

Mr. Chen Wen—202/260-4109

#### International

Ms. Wendy Graham—202/564-6602

#### Indigenous Peoples

Mr. Danny Gogal—202/564-2576

#### Public Participation

Ms. Renee Goins—202/564-2598

#### Waste/Facility Siting

Mr. Kent Benjamin—202/260-2822

#### Air & Water

Mr. Will Wilson—202/260-5574

Ms. Alice Walker—202/260-1919

Members of the public who wish to participate in one of the public comment periods should register to do so by December 2, 1998. Individuals or groups making oral presentations during the public comment period will be limited to a total time of five minutes. If you wish to submit written comments of any length (at least 50 copies), they should also be received by December 2, 1998. Comments received after that date will be provided to the Council as logistics allow. Correspondence concerning registration should be sent to Tama Clare of Tetra Tech Environmental Management, Inc. at: 1593 Spring Hill Road, Suite 300, Vienna, VA 22182, phone (703) 287-8808 or fax (703) 287-8843. Hearing-impaired individuals or non-English speaking attendees wishing to arrange for a sign language or foreign language interpreter, may make appropriate arrangements using these numbers also. In addition, NEJAC offers a toll-free Registration Hotline at 888/335-4299. For on-line registration, you may visit the Internet site: <http://www.ttemi.com/nejac/register.html>.

Dated: October 23, 1998.

**Robert J. Knox,**

*Designated Federal Official, National Environmental Justice Advisory Council.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Notice of Availability: The Office of Solid Waste (OSW) is Announcing the Availability of a New Draft Guidance Document Entitled Human Health Risk Assessment Protocol for Hazardous Waste Combustion Facilities

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of document availability and public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA" or "the Agency") is providing notice that the following draft guidance document: Human Health Risk

Assessment Protocol for Hazardous Waste Combustion Facilities (Peer Review Draft) is available and that a 60-day public review period of the document will begin today. In addition, this document will be undergoing an external peer review which will be organized and conducted by EPA's contractor, Tech Law. Information regarding the peer review process will be published in a **Federal Register** notice at a later date.

This EPA document will serve to update and replace the existing draft guidance entitled: "Guidance for Performing Screening Level Risk Analyses at Combustion Facilities Burning Hazardous Wastes" (April 15, 1994 draft). This updated document contains the Office of Solid Waste's recommended approach for conducting site-specific risk assessments on RCRA hazardous waste combustors. The goal of this guidance document is to develop an understanding of the potential human health risks associated with the emissions from hazardous waste combustors. This guidance document includes specific parameters, pathways and algorithms to evaluate both direct and indirect risks. OSW intends to use the results of the risk assessments to provide a basis for risk management decisions in hazardous waste combustor permitting and to ensure that the permits are protective of human health and the environment.

All public comments should be received by December 29, 1998 to be considered by the Agency. The public comments will be for the Agency's evaluation only and will not be part of the peer review process. All comments received from the public and the peer review will be considered when the Agency finalizes this document.

**DATES:** Public comments on the document Human Health Risk Assessment Protocol for Hazardous Waste Combustion Facilities should be received by the docket no later than December 29, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information contact the RCRA Hotline at (800) 424-9346 or TDD (800) 553-7672 (hearing impaired). In the Washington, DC metropolitan area, call (703) 412-9810 or TDD (703) 412-3323. For specific questions on implementation of the methods described in this document, please contact your RCRA regulatory authority; for other questions contact Karen Pollard, Office of Solid Waste, 5307W U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460; phone: (703) 308-3948; e-mail: Pollard.Karen@EPA mail.EPA.gov.

**ADDRESSES:** Commenters must send the original and two copies of their comments referencing docket number F-98-HHRA-FFFFF to: RCRA Information Center (RIC), Office of Solid Waste (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters (EPA, HQ), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Comments submitted electronically comments should be identified by the docket number F-98-HHRA-FFFFF and submitted to: [RCRA-docket@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:RCRA-docket@epamail.epa.gov). Submit electronic comments in an ASCII file and avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. EPA's Office of Solid Waste (OSW) also accepts data on disks in Wordperfect 6.1 file format.

Commenters should not submit any confidential business information (CBI) electronically. An original and two copies of the CBI must be submitted under separate cover to: Regina Magbie, RCRA CBI Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460.

Public comment and supporting materials will be made available for viewing from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (except Federal holidays) in the RIC, located at Crystal Gateway One, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, First Floor, Arlington, Virginia. To review docket materials, the public must make an appointment by calling (703) 603-9230. The public may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any regulatory docket at no charge. Additional copies cost \$0.15 per page. The docket index and notice are available electronically. See the "Supplementary Information" section for information on accessing it.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For paper or CD-ROM copies of the guidance document, please contact the RCRA Information Center (RIC), Office of Solid Waste (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters (EPA, HQ), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, (703) 603-9230. The document is a three volume set, the document numbers are EPA 530-D-98-001A; 530-D-98-001B; and 530-D-98-001C. Copies of this document may also be obtained from the RCRA Hotline at (800) 424-9346 or TDD (800) 553-7672 (hearing impaired). In the Washington, DC metropolitan area, call (703) 412-9810 or TDD (703) 412-3323. The document is also available in electronic format on the world wide web at: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/combust/riskhtm>.

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. This expedited procedure is in conjunction with the Agency "Paperless Office" campaign.

Dated: October 21, 1998.

**Elizabeth A. Cotsworth,**

*Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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### Issuance of NPDES General Permits for Wastewater Lagoon Systems Located On Indian Reservations in MT, ND, SD, and UT

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Notice of final permit decision—issuance of NPDES general permits.

**SUMMARY:** Region VIII of EPA is hereby giving notice of its issuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permits for wastewater lagoon systems located on Indian Reservations in the States of MT, ND, SD, and UT, and treating primarily domestic wastewater. The use of wastewater lagoon systems is the most common method of treating municipal wastewater and domestic wastewater from isolated housing developments, schools, etc., on the Indian Reservations in those states. Region VIII will be using general permits instead of individual permits for permitting the discharges from many of those facilities in order to reduce the Region's administrative burden of issuing separate individual permits. The administrative burden for the regulated sources is expected to be about the same under the general permits as with individual permits, but it will be much quicker to obtain permit coverage with general permits than with individual permits. The discharge