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Gregg A. Cooke,

Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 194

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Change in Dates of EPA Inspection of Transuranic Waste Characterization Systems and Processes at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site Related to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a change in the dates of a planned inspection of systems and processes for characterizing certain transuranic (TRU) radioactive waste at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site (RFETS), as described in EPA's **Federal Register** document of March 25, 1999 (64 FR 14418). The original dates were April 12-16, as announced in the March 25 notice. The inspection will now be held the week of April 26, 1999. This will allow for the 30-day public comment period on Department of Energy (DOE) documents applicable to characterization of TRU waste at RFETS, which was announced in the March 25 notice, to occur in advance of the inspection. The documents available for comment are entitled: (1) "Transuranic Waste Management Manual, Rev. 2," (2) "RFETS TRU Waste Characterization Program Quality Assurance Project Plan," and (3) "Salt Residue Stabilization, Building 707 Process Control/Qualification Plan." They are available for review in the public dockets listed in **ADDRESSES**. In accordance with EPA's WIPP Compliance Criteria at 40 CFR 194.8, EPA will conduct an inspection of waste characterization systems and processes at RFETS to verify that the proposed systems and processes at RFETS can characterize transuranic waste at issue properly, consistent with the Compliance Criteria. This notice of the inspection and comment period accords with 40 CFR 194.8.

DATES: Comments must be received by EPA's official Air Docket on or before May 10, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to: Docket No. A-98-49, Air Docket, Room M-1500 (LE-131), U.S. 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-A-2, and at the following three EPA WIPP informational docket locations in New Mexico: in Carlsbad at the Municipal Library, Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 am-9 pm, Friday-Saturday, 10 am-6 pm, and Sunday 1 pm-5 pm; in Albuquerque at the Government Publications Department, Zimmerman Library, University of New Mexico, Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am-9 pm, Friday, 8 am-5 pm, Saturday-Sunday, 1 pm-5 pm; and in Santa Fe at the Fogelson Library, College of Santa Fe, Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am-12 am, Friday, 8 am-5 pm, Saturday, 9 am-5 pm, and Sunday, 1 pm-9 pm.

Copies of items in the docket may be requested by writing Docket A-98-49 at the address provided above, or by calling (202) 260-7548. As provided in EPA's regulations at 40 CFR part 2, and in accordance with normal EPA docket procedures, 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.

Dated: April 12, 1999.

Robert Perciasepe,

Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 194

[FRL-6327-3]

RIN 2060-AG85

Waste Characterization Program Documents Applicable to Transuranic Radioactive Waste at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory Proposed 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 on waste characterization programs applicable to certain transuranic (TRU) radioactive waste at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL) proposed for disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). The documents are: "Quality Assurance Project Plan for the Transuranic Waste Characterization Program (PLN-190), Revision 3 (April 1999)," "INEEL TRU Waste Characterization, Transportation, and Certification Quality Program Plan (PLN-182), Revision 3 (April 1999)," and "Program Plan for Certification of INEEL Contact-Handled Stored Transuranic Waste (INEL-96/0345), Revision 2 (April 1999)." These documents are available for review in the public dockets listed in **ADDRESSES**. The EPA will use these documents to evaluate waste characterization systems and processes at INEEL that DOE described as applicable to waste streams containing homogeneous solids, debris, and soils and gravels. In accordance with EPA's WIPP Compliance Criteria at 40 CFR 194.8, EPA will conduct an inspection of waste characterization systems and processes at INEEL to verify that the proposed systems and processes at INEEL can characterize transuranic waste at issue properly, consistent with the Compliance Criteria. This notice of the inspection and comment period accords with 40 CFR 194.8.

DATES: The EPA is requesting public comment on these documents. Comments must be received by EPA's official Air Docket on or before May 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to: Docket No. A-98-49, Air Docket, Room M-1500 (LE-131), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC, 20460.

The DOE documents "Quality Assurance Project Plan for the Transuranic Waste Characterization Program (PLN-190), Revision 3 (April 1999)," "INEEL TRU Waste Characterization, Transportation, and Certification Quality Program Plan (PLN-182), Revision 3 (April 1999)," and "Program Plan for Certification of INEEL Contact-Handled Stored Transuranic Waste (INEL-96/0345), Revision 2 (April 1999)," are available for review in the official EPA Air Docket in Washington, D.C., Docket No. A-98-49, Category II-A-2, and at the

following three EPA WIPP informational docket locations in New Mexico: in Carlsbad at the Municipal Library, Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 am-9 pm, Friday-Saturday, 10 am-6 pm, and Sunday, 1 pm-5 pm; in Albuquerque at the Government Publications Department, Zimmerman Library, University of New Mexico, Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am-9pm, Friday, 8 am-5 pm, Saturday-Sunday, 1 pm-5 pm; and in Santa Fe at the Fogelson Library, College of Santa Fe, Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8 am-12 pm, Friday, 8 am-5 pm, Saturday, 9 am-5 pm, and Sunday, 1 pm-9 pm.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Oliver, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air, (202) 564-9310, or call EPA's 24-hour, toll-free WIPP Information Line, 1-800-331-WIPP, or visit our website at <http://www.epa.gov/radiation/wipp/announce.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 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 (Public Law 102-579), as amended (Public Law 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. Most TRU waste consists of items contaminated during the production of nuclear weapons, such as rags, equipment, tools, and organic and inorganic 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 states that the WIPP will comply with the EPA's radioactive waste disposal regulations at 40 CFR part 191, subparts B and C.

The final WIPP certification decision includes a condition that prohibits shipment of TRU waste for disposal at WIPP from any site other than LANL until EPA has approved the procedures developed to comply with the waste characterization requirements of § 194.24(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, DOE is required to submit to EPA appropriate documentation of 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 in informational dockets in the State of New Mexico, for public review and comment.

EPA inspected certain waste characterization processes at INEEL on July 28-30, 1998. DOE is proposing to use processes that EPA did not previously inspect at INEEL that are applicable to waste streams in the categories of homogeneous solids, debris waste, and soils and gravels. EPA will conduct an inspection of INEEL to verify that these additional processes comply with 40 CFR 194.24.

The INEEL documents submitted to EPA are: "Quality Assurance Project Plan for the Transuranic Waste Characterization Program (PLN-190), Revision 3 (April 1999)," "INEEL TRU Waste Characterization, Transportation, and Certification Quality Program Plan (PLN-182), Revision 3 (April 1999)," and "Program Plan for Certification of INEEL Contact-Handled Stored Transuranic Waste (INEL-96/0345), Revision 2 (April 1999)." The "Quality Assurance Project Plan for the Transuranic Waste Characterization Program (PLN-190), Revision 3 (April 1999)" and the "INEEL TRU Waste Characterization, Transportation, and Certification Quality Program Plan (PLN-182), Revision 3 (April 1999)" set forth the quality assurance program applied to TRU waste characterization at INEEL. The "Program Plan for Certification of INEEL Contact-Handled Stored Transuranic Waste (INEL-96/0345), Revision 2 (April 1999)" sets forth the waste characterization procedures for TRU wastes at INEEL. After EPA reviews these documents, EPA will conduct an inspection of INEEL to determine whether the requirements set forth in these documents are being adequately implemented in accordance with Condition 3 of the EPA's WIPP certification decision (appendix A to 40 CFR part 194). In accordance with § 194.8 of the WIPP compliance criteria, EPA is providing the public 30 days to comment on the documents placed in EPA's docket relevant to the site approval process.

If EPA determines that the provisions in the documents are adequately implemented, EPA will notify the DOE by letter and place the letter in the

official Air Docket in Washington, D.C., and in the informational docket locations in New Mexico. A positive approval letter will allow DOE to ship additional TRU waste from INEEL. 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 EPA's radioactive waste disposal standards (40 CFR part 191), the compliance criteria (40 CFR part 194), and the EPA's certification decision is filed in the official EPA Air Docket, Dockets No. R-89-01, A-92-56, and A-93-02, respectively, and is available for review in Washington, D.C., and at the 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, D.C., plus those documents added to the official Air Docket after the October 1992 enactment of the WIPP LWA.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 99-122, RM-9553]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Minatare, NE

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Commission requests comments on a petition filed by Mountain West Broadcasting to allot Channel 295A to Minatare, NE, as the community's first local aural service. Channel 295A can be allotted to Minatare in compliance with the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements without the imposition of a site restriction, at coordinates 41-48-34 NL; 103-30-12 WL.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before June 1, 1999, and reply comments on or before June 16, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner, or its counsel or consultant, as follows: Victor A.