

District has rescinded Rules 203.1, 203.2, 204.1, 211, 213, 213.1, and 213.2. EPA is not taking any action on the rescinded Rules 203.1, 203.2 and 204.1 because they were not a part of the SIP. However, EPA is approving rescission of Rules 211, 213, 213.1 and 213.2, because the requirements of these rules are now contained in Rules 212 and Regulation XIII. For further information, please see the information provided in the Direct Final action which is located in the Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

Felicia Marcus,

Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 62

[FRL-6340-7]

Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; North Dakota; Control of Emissions From Existing Hazardous/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: In this action, EPA proposes to approve the North Dakota State Plan for control of air emissions from existing Hazardous/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators (HMIWI). The plan provides for implementation and enforcement of the Emissions Guidelines applicable to each existing HMIWI for which construction was commenced on or before June 20, 1996. In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State Plan as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial amendment 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 action, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn, and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time. Please see the direct final notice of this action located elsewhere in today's **Federal Register** for a

detailed description of the North Dakota State Plan.

DATES: Comments must be postmarked by June 14, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to Mr. Richard R. Long, Director, Air and Radiation Program (8P-AR), at the EPA Regional Office listed below. Copies of the documents relevant to this proposed rule are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. Interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the visiting day.

Environmental Protection Agency,
Region 8, Office of Air and Radiation,
999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver,
Colorado 80202, telephone (303) 312-6470.

North Dakota Health Department,
Environmental Health Section, 1200
Missouri Avenue, P.O. Box 5520,
Bismark, North Dakota 58506-5520,
telephone (701) 328-5188.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen Paser, Region 8, Office of Air and Radiation, at the above address, telephone (303) 312-6526.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the direct final action of the same title which is published in the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 62

Environmental protection,
Administrative practice and procedure,
Air pollution control, Intergovernmental
relations, Reporting and recordkeeping
requirements.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: April 30, 1999.

Patricia D. Hull,

Acting Administrator, Region VIII.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 194

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Inspection Date at Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory and Availability of Waste Characterization and Quality Assurance Program Documents Applicable to Transuranic Radioactive Waste at the Nevada Test Site 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 date for an upcoming inspection of the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL). The inspection will be conducted the week of May 17, 1999. Additional information on the INEEL inspection, including the announcement of a public comment period on relevant site documents, was previously published on April 16, 1999, at 64 FR 18870.

EPA is also announcing the availability of, and soliciting public comments for 30 days on, Department of Energy (DOE) documents on waste characterization and quality assurance programs applicable to transuranic (TRU) radioactive waste at the Nevada Test Site (NTS) proposed for disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). The documents are: "Bechtel Nevada Transuranic Waste Characterization Quality Assurance Project Plan, L-E10.301.LWC, May 1998" (hereafter NTS TRU QAPJP); "Nevada Test Site Transuranic Waste Certification and Quality Assurance Plan, B-A20/97.03, Revision 0, 2/4/98" (hereafter NTS Certification Plan); "Mobile Characterization Services (MCS) Transuranic Waste Characterization Program Quality Assurance Project Plan, MCS-102, Rev. B, 10/21/98" (hereafter MCS TRU QAPJP); and "TRUtech Team Mobile Systems Program Transuranic Waste Characterization Quality Assurance Project Plan, TT-DOC-001, August 17, 1998" (hereafter TRUtech TRU QAPJP). 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 and the quality assurance program at NTS. In accordance with

EPA's WIPP Compliance Criteria at 40 CFR 194.8, EPA will conduct an inspection of waste characterization systems and processes and an audit of the quality assurance program at NTS the week of June 7, 1999, to verify that these programs can properly control the characterization of transuranic waste at issue, 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 the Nevada Test Site documents as they apply to the scope of the inspection announced in this notice. Comments must be received by EPA's official Air Docket on or before June 14, 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 (NTS TRU QAPjP, NTS Certification Plan, MCS TRU QAPjP, and TRUtech TRU QAPjP) 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, 10am-9pm, Friday-Saturday, 10am-6pm, and Sunday, 1pm-5pm; in Albuquerque at the Government Publications Department, Zimmerman Library, University of New Mexico, Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8am-9pm, Friday, 8am-5pm, Saturday-Sunday, 1pm-5pm; and in Santa Fe at the Fogelson Library, College of Santa Fe, Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8am-12pm, Friday, 8am-5pm, Saturday, 9am-5pm, and Sunday, 1pm-9pm.

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: Jim Oliver, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air, (202) 564-9732, 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: General background for this notice is identical to that provided in previous **Federal Register** notices. (See 64 FR 18870, 14418)

The Nevada Test Site (NTS) documents submitted by DOE to EPA

are: NTS TRU QAPjP, NTS Certification Plan, MCS TRU QAPjP, and TRUtech TRU QAPjP (see SUMMARY for full titles). The NTS TRU QAPjP, MCS TRU QAPjP, and TRUtech TRU QAPjP set forth the quality assurance program applied to TRU waste characterization at NTS. The NTS Certification Plan sets forth the waste characterization procedures for TRU wastes at NTS. After EPA reviews these documents, EPA will conduct an inspection of NTS the week of June 7, 1999, to determine whether the requirements set forth in these documents are being adequately implemented in accordance with Conditions 2 and 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 TRU waste from NTS to the WIPP. 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.

Dated: May 7, 1999.

Robert Perciasepe,

Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Transit Administration

49 CFR Part 611

[Docket No. 99-5474]

RIN 2132-AA63

Major Capital Investment Projects

AGENCY: Federal Transit Administration (FTA), DOT.

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: On April 7, 1999, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) describing the procedures that FTA proposes to use to evaluate and rate candidate projects for capital investment grants and loans for new fixed guideway systems and extensions to existing systems ("new starts") (64 FR 17062-71). The Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) requires FTA to issue regulations covering the evaluation and rating of such projects. The docket for this NPRM is open for public comment until July 6, 1999; FTA invites public comment, and included a number of questions in the NPRM soliciting specific comment. In order to encourage public comment, FTA intends to host three workshops on the NPRM. This notice announces the dates, times, locations and procedures for those workshops.

DATES: The three workshops are scheduled as follows:

1. May 24, 1999, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (local time); Toronto, Ontario.
2. June 3, 1999, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (local time); San Francisco, CA.
3. June 8, 1999, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (local time); Washington, DC.

ADDRESSES: The Toronto, Ontario workshop will be held in the Essex Ballroom at the Sheraton Centre Toronto Hotel, 123 Queen St. West, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2M9, in conjunction with the 1999 APTA Commuter Rail/Rapid Transit Conference. The San Francisco, CA workshop will be held at: Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter Auditorium, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, California (adjacent to the Lake Merritt BART station). The Washington, DC workshop will be held at: U.S. Department of Transportation, room 3200-3204, 400 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20590. Written material submitted at the workshops will be placed in the rulemaking docket. Interpreters and alternative-format information are available upon request; requests should be made by May 17 for any of the workshops.