

1, 1998. In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's redesignation request and State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions, involving the maintenance plan and the changes to Regulation No. 13, as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views the redesignation and SIP revisions as noncontroversial 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 rule, 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 If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. 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.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by September 24, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be mailed to: Richard R. Long, Director, Air and Radiation Program, Mailcode 8P-AR, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado 80202-2466.

Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the following office: United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, Air Program, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado 80202-2466.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Russ, Air and Radiation Program, Mailcode 8P-AR, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado 80202-2466. Telephone number (303) 312-6479.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the Direct Final action of the same title which is located in the Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 21, 1999.

Jack W. McGraw,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region VIII.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 271

[FRL-6427-1]

North Carolina: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to grant final authorization for the hazardous waste program revisions submitted by North Carolina. In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is authorizing the State's program revisions as an immediate final rule without prior proposal because EPA views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. The Agency has explained the reasons for this authorization in the preamble to the immediate final rule. If EPA does not receive adverse written comments, the immediate final rule will become effective and the Agency will not take further action on this proposal. If EPA receives adverse written comments, EPA will withdraw the immediate final rule and it will not take effect. EPA will then address public comments in a later final rule based on this proposal. EPA may not provide further opportunity for comment. Any parties interested in commenting on this action must do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before September 24, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments to Narindar Kumar, Chief, RCRA Programs Branch, Waste Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, The Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30303-3104; (404) 562-8440. You can examine copies of the materials submitted by North Carolina during normal business hours at the following locations: EPA Region 4, Library, The Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30303-3104; (404) 562-8190, and North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, P.O. Box 27687, Raleigh, North Carolina 29201, (919) 733-2178.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Narindar Kumar, Chief RCRA Programs Branch, Waste Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, The Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, GA 30303-3104; (404) 562-8440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, please see the immediate final rule published in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 13, 1999.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 271

[FRL-6428-5]

Hazardous Waste Management Program: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions for State of Louisiana

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The EPA (also, "the Agency" in this preamble) is proposing to grant final authorization to the State of Louisiana for its hazardous waste program revisions, specifically, revisions needed to meet Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Land Disposal Restrictions, which contains Federal rules promulgated between November 7, 1986 to June 30, 1996. In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register** (FR), EPA is authorizing the State's program revisions as an immediate final rule without prior proposal because the EPA views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. The Agency has explained the reasons for this authorization in the preamble to the immediate final rule. If the EPA does not receive adverse written comments, the immediate final rule will become effective and the Agency will not take further action on this proposal. If the 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 must be received on or before September 24, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments to Alima Patterson, Region 6, Regional Authorization Coordinator, Grants and Authorization Section (6PD-G), Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, at the address shown below. You can examine copies of the materials submitted by the State of Louisiana during normal business hours at the following locations: EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, (214) 665-6444 ; or Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, H.B. Garlock Building, 7290 Bluebonnet, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70810, (504) 765-0617.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alima Patterson at (214) 665-8533.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, please see the immediate final rule published in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: June 15, 1999.

Jerry Clifford,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 300

[FRL-6427-8]

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

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of intent to delete Northwest Transformer (Mission/Pole Road) Site from the National Priorities List Update: request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 10, announces its intent to delete the Northwest Transformer (Mission/Pole Road) Site in Whatcom County, Washington, from the National Priorities List (NPL) and requests public comment on this proposed action. The NPL constitutes Appendix B of 40 CFR Part 300 which is the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), which EPA promulgated pursuant to Section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, as amended. EPA and the State of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) have determined that the Site poses no significant threat to public health or the environment and, therefore, further

remedial measures pursuant to CERCLA are not appropriate.

DATES: Comments concerning this Site may be submitted on or before September 24, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Timothy H. Brincefield, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Mail Stop ECL-115, Seattle, WA 98101.

Comprehensive information on this Site is available through the Region 10 public docket which is available for viewing at the NW Transformer (Mission/Pole Road). Site information repositories at the following locations: Whatcom County Public Library, 5205 Northwest Road, Bellingham, Washington 98226-9092. United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, Office of Environmental Cleanup—Records Center, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Mail Stop ECL-076, Seattle, Washington 98101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Timothy H. Brincefield, U.S. EPA Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Mail Stop ECL-115, Seattle, Washington 98101, (206) 553-2100.

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I. Introduction

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 10 announces its intent to delete a site from the National Priorities List (NPL), Appendix B of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 CFR Part 300, and requests comments to this deletion. EPA identifies sites on the NPL that appear to present a significant risk to human health or the environment. As described in § 300.425(e)(3) of the NCP, sites deleted from the NPL remain eligible for Fund-financed remedial actions in the unlikely event that conditions at the site warrant such actions.

EPA plans to delete the Northwest Transformer (Mission/Pole Road) Site ("Site") located at the intersection of Mission and East Pole Roads in Whatcom County, Washington, from the NPL.

EPA will accept comments on the plan to delete this Site for thirty days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Section II of this document explains the criteria for deleting sites from the NPL. Section III discusses procedures that EPA is using for this action. Section

IV discusses the Northwest Transformer (Mission/Pole Road) Site and explains how the Site meets deletion criteria.

II. NPL Deletion Criteria

Section 300.425 (e) of the NCP provides that "releases" (sites) may be deleted from, or recategorized on, the NPL where no further response is appropriate. In making a determination to delete a site from the NPL, EPA shall consider, in consultation with the state, whether any of the following criteria have been met:

(i) Responsible parties or other parties have implemented all appropriate response actions required;

(ii) All appropriate Fund-financed responses under CERCLA have been implemented, and no further action by responsible parties is appropriate, or

(iii) The remedial investigation has shown that the release poses no significant threat to public health or the environment and, therefore, taking of remedial measures is not appropriate.

Even if a site is deleted from the NPL, where hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants remain at the site above levels that allow for unlimited use and unrestricted exposure, EPA's policy is that a subsequent review of the site will be conducted at least every five years after the initiation of the remedial action at the site to ensure that the site remains protective of public health and the environment. In the case of the (Mission/Pole Road) Site, the Remedial Action for Soils achieved State and Federal cleanup levels, and remedial actions objectives and performance standards designed to allow for unrestricted use and unlimited exposure at this Site, however, because of concern about potential migration of PCBs in groundwater that might have been mobilized during the Remedial Action, EPA required at least one five-year review pursuant to Section 121 (c) of SARA. That review has been completed, no contaminants of concern have ever been detected in groundwater off Site or on the perimeter of the Site, and all groundwater wells on Site have met cleanup goals for at least two years of monitoring.

Due to the potential for the Site to be mined for gravel (similar to adjacent properties), and since small quantities of low level Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) contamination is known to remain in soils (between 1 and 3 parts per million remain in a few places at depths below 15 feet), the periodic review also concluded that certain Institutional Controls established in the 1991 Consent Decree between the United States, the Site Owner and the former Owner/Operators, should be