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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

7 CFR Part 1735

RIN 0572-AB49

General Policies, Types of Loans, Loan Requirements—Telecommunications Program

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.
ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Rural Utilities Service (RUS) is proposing a minor amendment to its regulations that will clarify that loan applicants organized as limited liability companies may be eligible to receive financial assistance. This proposed rule is part of an ongoing RUS project to modernize agency policies in order to provide borrowers with the flexibility they need to continue providing reliable telephone service at reasonable costs in rural areas, while maintaining the integrity of Government loans. This action also conforms more closely to private lending practice.

In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, RUS is publishing this action as a direct final rule without prior proposal because RUS views this as a noncontroversial action and anticipates no adverse comments. If no adverse comments are received in response to the direct final rule, no further action will be taken on this proposed rule and the action will become effective at the time specified in the direct final rule. If RUS receives adverse comments, a document will be published withdrawing the direct final rule and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed action. Any parties interested in commenting on this proposed action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this proposed action must be received on or before October 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant

Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4056, STOP 1590, Washington, DC 20250-1590. RUS requires a signed original and three copies of all comments (7 CFR part 1700). Comments will be available for public inspection at room 4056, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (7 CFR part 1.27(b)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan P. Claffey, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Telecommunications Program, Rural Utilities Service, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 4056, STOP 1590, Washington, DC 20250-1590. Telephone: (202) 720-9556.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** provided in the direct final rule located in the final rules section of this **Federal Register** for the applicable supplementary information on this action.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*, 1921 *et seq.*; Pub. L. 103-354, 108 Stat. 3178 (7 U.S.C. 6941 *et seq.*).

Dated: September 10, 1999.

Inga Smulkstys,

Acting Under Secretary, Rural Development.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 62

[DE037-1015b; FRL-6439-1]

Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Delaware; Control of Emissions From Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve the municipal solid waste landfill 111(d) plan submitted by the State of Delaware, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Division of Air and Waste Management, for the purpose of controlling landfill gas emissions from existing municipal solid waste (MSW) landfills. In the final rules

section of the **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the plan. 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 relevant 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 document. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by October 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Walter Wilkie, Acting Chief, Technical Assessment Branch, Mailcode 3AP22, Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James B. Topsale at (215) 814-2190, or by e-mail at topsale.jim@epamail.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the direct final rule which is located in the rules section of the **Federal Register**.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7642.

Dated: September 2, 1999.

W. Michael McCabe,

Regional Administrator, EPA Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 300

[FRL-6438-8]

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

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Proposal to delete the Dutchtown Oil Treatment Superfund Site from the National Priorities List.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to delete the Dutchtown Oil Treatment Superfund Site (Site), located in Ascension Parish, Louisiana, from the National Priorities List (NPL). The NPL is Appendix B of 40 CFR part 300 which

is the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP) which the EPA promulgated pursuant to section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, 42 U.S.C. 9605, as amended. This action is being taken by the EPA, with the concurrence of the State of Louisiana, because the EPA has determined that all appropriate response actions have been implemented and remedial actions conducted at the Site to date remain protective of public health and the environment.

DATES: Comments concerning this action must be received by the EPA by October 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Ms. Janetta Coats, Community Relations Coordinator (6SF-PO), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, telephone (214) 665-7308.

Information Repositories: Comprehensive information on the Site is available at the Site information repositories at the following locations: U.S. EPA Region 6 Library (12th Floor), 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, (214) 665-6424; Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, 7290 Bluebonnet Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, (225) 765-0487; Ascension Parish Library, 708 S. Irma Blvd., Gonzales, LA 70737, (504) 647-3955.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Stephen L. Tzhone, Remedial Project Manager (6SF-LP), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, (214) 665-8409.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, see the direct final action to delete notice which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1321(c)(2); 42 U.S.C. 9601-9657; E.O. 12777, 56 FR 54757, 3 CFR, 1991 Comp., p. 351; E.O. 12580, 52 FR 2923, 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p. 193.

Dated: August 31, 1999.

Lynda F. Carroll,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 300

[FRL-6439-8]

National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan National Priorities List

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Delete the Tipton Army Airfield portion of Fort George Meade Site, located in Fort Meade, Maryland, from the National Priorities List (partial site deletion) and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region III announces its intent to delete the Tipton Army Airfield portion of the Fort George Meade Site (Site) from the National Priorities List (NPL) and requests public comment on this action.

The NPL constitutes Appendix B of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 CFR Part 300, which EPA promulgated pursuant to Section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended. EPA and the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) have determined that all appropriate CERCLA response actions have been implemented and that no further action is appropriate. Moreover, 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 this Site from the NPL may be submitted on or before October 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to Nicholas J. DiNardo, (3HS13), Project Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19103-2029, (215) 814-3365.

Comprehensive information on this Site is available for viewing at the Site information repositories at the following locations:

(1) Provinces Public Library, 2624 Annapolis Road, Severn, MD 21144, Phone: (410) 222-6280.

Hours: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays—1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Wednesdays and Saturdays—9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Fridays—1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(2) U.S. Army, Directorate of Public Works, Attn: ANME-PWE, Bldg. 239, 2-

1/2 Street and Ross Road, Fort Meade, MD 20755, Phone: (301) 677-9648.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicholas J. DiNardo, (3HS13), Project Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19103-2029, (215) 814-3365.

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I. Introduction

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region III announces its intent to delete the Tipton Army Airfield portion of the Fort George Meade Site, located in Fort Meade, Anne Arundel County, Maryland, from the National Priorities List (NPL), Appendix B of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), and requests comments on this partial deletion. Releases on the Tipton Army Airfield portion were located at Inactive Landfill 1, Inactive Landfill 2, Inactive Landfill 3, Fire Training Area, and Helicopter Hangar Area. The Army is the DOD component and is responsible for implementing all response actions at the Fort George Meade NPL Site. In consultation with EPA and MDE, the Army has completed all required response actions at Tipton Army Airfield portion of the Fort George Meade NPL Site as detailed below.

The EPA identifies sites that appear to present a significant risk to public health, welfare, or the environment and maintains the NPL as the list of those sites. Sites on the NPL may be the subject of remedial actions. Pursuant to § 300.425(e)(3) of the NCP, any site deleted from the NPL remains eligible for remedial actions if future conditions at the site warrant such action.

In a December 1998 Record of Decision (ROD), an interim remedial action decision for Tipton groundwater was made, in addition to a no further action determination for the soils in the following areas of concern:

- Helicopter Hangar Area (HHA);
- Fire Training Area (FTA); and
- Inactive Landfill No. 3 (IAL3).

In a June 1999 ROD, a final determination for Tipton groundwater, which includes continued monitoring, was made in addition to a no further action determination for the soils in the following areas of concern:

- Inactive Landfill No. 1 (IAL1); and
- Inactive Landfill No. 2 (IAL2).