

will facilitate the exchange of information and ideas among the interested parties relating to the development of such guidance. The agenda of the first meeting will include a discussion of the purpose and scope of the guidance under development, the ground rules for future meetings, tailoring management practices to risk, and liner system designs at industrial nonhazardous waste facilities. There will be an opportunity for public comment before the close of the meeting.

DATES: The committee's first meeting will be held on April 11–12, 1996 beginning at 9:00 A.M. on each day. The meeting will conclude at 5:00 P.M. on April 11 and at 3:00 P.M. on April 12.

ADDRESSES: The location of the meeting is the Hall of States, Room 383–385, 444 N. Capitol Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The seating capacity of the room is approximately 75 people, and seating will be on a first-come basis. Supporting materials are available for viewing at Docket # F–96–INHA–FFFFF in the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway One, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, First Floor, Arlington, VA. The RIC is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. 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 \$.15/page. For general information, contact the RCRA Hotline at 1–800–424–9346 or TDD 1–800–553–7672 (hearing impaired). In the Washington metropolitan area, call 703–412–9610 or TDD 703–412–3323.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Persons needing further information on the committee should contact Patricia Cohn, Municipal and Industrial Solid Waste Division, Office of Solid Waste, at (703) 308–8675.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Focus Group

EPA and ASTSWMO have formed a State/EPA Steering Committee to jointly develop voluntary facility guidance for the management of industrial nonhazardous waste in land-based disposal units. The purpose of the guidance is to recommend management practices that are environmentally sound, that are protective of public health, and that recognize opportunities for pollution prevention and waste minimization. The guidance will address such topics as appropriate groundwater monitoring and corrective action requirements, liner designs, daily

operating requirements, and closure and post-closure practices.

The State/EPA Steering Committee is convening this Stakeholders Focus Group to obtain recommendations from individuals who are members of a broad spectrum of public interest groups and affected industries. All recommendations from Focus Group participants will be forwarded to the State/EPA Steering Committee for consideration, as the Stakeholders' Focus Group will not strive for consensus. The State/EPA Steering Committee will also provide an opportunity for public comment on the draft guidance document.

Background

“Industrial nonhazardous waste” under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) means waste that is neither municipal solid waste under RCRA Subtitle D nor a hazardous waste under RCRA Subtitle C. Industrial nonhazardous waste consists primarily of manufacturing process wastes, including wastewaters and non-wastewater sludges and solids.

EPA estimates there are 7.6 billion tons of industrial nonhazardous waste generated annually in the U.S. and disposed on-site by approximately 12,000 industrial facilities in surface impoundments, landfills, land application units, or waste piles. Most of this waste is managed in surface impoundments, which are designed to hold wastewaters. These wastes present a broad range of risk, from nearly hazardous to inert.

Under RCRA Subtitle D, the states are responsible for regulating the management of industrial nonhazardous waste. State requirements vary widely, and may include standards for design and operation, location, monitoring, and record keeping. This guidance is intended to complement existing state programs.

EPA's role in the management of industrial nonhazardous waste is very limited. Under RCRA Subtitle D, EPA issued minimal criteria prohibiting “open dumps” (40 CFR 257) in 1979. The states, not EPA, are responsible for implementing the “open dumping criteria,” and EPA has no back-up enforcement role.

Copies of the minutes of all Stakeholder Focus Group meetings will be made available through the docket at the RCRA Information Center.

Participants

The Stakeholders Focus Group will consist of approximately 25 members, who represent public interest groups, affected industries, states, and federal

officials. Following is a list of representatives from the interested parties:

Public interest groups—Doris Cellarius, Sierra Club; Michael Gregory, Sierra Club; John Harney, Citizens Round Table/Pennsylvanians United to Rescue the Environment; and Rick Lowery, Texas Center for Policy Studies.

Industry sectors—Tim Saylor, International Paper; Gary Robbins, Exxon Company USA; Walter Carey, New Milford Farms/Nestle USA; Robert Graud, Dupont Company; Paul Bork, Dow Chemical Company; Bruce Steiner, American Iron and Steel Institute; James Meiers, Indianapolis Power and Light Company; Andrew Miles, The Dexter Corporation; Scott Murto, General Motors Corporation; Lisa Williams, The Aluminum Association; Jonathan Greenberg, Browning-Ferris Industries; and Ed Skernolis, WMX Technologies, Inc.

States—James Warner, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency; Anne Dobbs, Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission.

Federal officials—Paul Cassidy, Patricia Cohn, Richard Kinch, John Sager and Bruce Weddle of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Dated: February 22, 1995.

Bruce R. Weddle,

Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared February 12, 1996 through February 16, 1996 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564–7167.

An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 14, 1995 (60 FR 19047).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D–DOE–A09825–00 Rating EC2, Disposition of Surplus Weapons-Usable Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU) to Low Enriched Uranium (LEU), Site Selection, Y–12 Plant Oak Ridge, TN; Savannah River Site, Aiken, SC; Babcock & Wilcox Naval Nuclear Fuel

Division, Lynchburg, VA and Nuclear Fuel Services Plant, Erwin, TN.

Summary: EPA requested additional information concerning the highly enriched uranium and the preferred alternative to strengthen the final EIS and provide more clarity to the public.

ERP No. D-FHW-D40272-PA Rating EC2, PA-0322 (Section B01) Transportation Corridor, Improvements from PA-0655 to Mt. Pleasant, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Mifflin County, PA.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns for the potential impacts to wetlands, farmlands, and the Anabaptist community in the project area. In addition, there is insufficient information provided to determine the potential indirect impacts of the project.

ERP No. D-FHW-D40273-PA Rating EO2, US 220 Transportation Improvements Project, Bald Eagle Village to Interstate 80 (I-80), Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Blair and Centre Counties, PA.

Summary: EPA expressed objections to the potential impacts to high quality streams, terrestrial and wildlife habitat, wetlands productive agricultural lands and farm operations.

ERP No. D-FHW-D40274-PA Rating EC2, US 222 Relocation/Reconstruction Project, Construction of the Warren Street Extension, Funding, Berks County, PA.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns with the potential impacts to streams and wetlands from both the limited and controlled access alternatives. The project alternatives also have the potential to significantly impact floodplains and wetlands.

ERP No. D-FHW-D40276-PA Rating EC2, US 22 (S.R. 0022—Section C02) Highway Improvement, US 22 west of the Strodes Mills Area to US 322 near Lewistown. Funding and COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, Mifflin County, PA.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns for secondary impacts, air quality, and for the 200 acres of forested habitat impacted by the proposed project.

ERP No. D-FHW-D40277-WV Rating EC2, Merrick Creek Connector Improvements Project, between US 60 to WV-2 also a New Interchange at I-64, Funding and COE Section 404 Permit, Cabell County, WV.

Summary: EPA's rating is based, in part, on the potential impacts to area streams resulting from various stream channel relocations, pipes and/or culverts and bridging which EPA believes will adversely affect the quality of the existing environment.

ERP No. D-FHW-D40278-PA Rating LO, PA-26 Transportation

Improvements, (College Avenue) between State College and Pleasant Gap, Funding, Appalachian Mountain, Centre County, PA.

Summary: Based on our review and due to the diligent efforts of PADOT project team to avoid impacts to environmental resources, EPA has assigned a rating of LO. EPA supports the selection of Yellow-Green Option I as the environmentally preferable alternative.

ERP No. D-ICC-D53008-WV Rating EC2, Elk River Railroad Railline (Docket No. 31989), Construction Exemption and Operation, NPDES Permit and Approval of Permits, Clay and Kanawha Counties, WV.

Summary: The ICC should propose adequate mitigation for noise impacts in the final EIS as well as a clear statement of purpose and need.

ERP No. D-NPS-D61042-VA Rating LO, Richmond National Battlefield Park General Management Plan and Land Protection Plan, Implementation, Hanover, Henrico and Chesterfield Counties, VA.

Summary: EPA expressed lack of objections with the proposed action. EPA recommends that the final EIS include an impact assessment of the proposed action on visitor use.

ERP No. D1-NAS-A12038-00 Rating LO, International Space Station, Assembly and Operation, Space Station Freedom (SSF).

Summary: EPA's abbreviated review revealed no concerns with the proposed project.

Final EISs

ERP No. F-NPS-E61071-FL, Timucuan Ecological and Historic Preserve, General Management Plan and Development Concept Plans, Implementation, Fort Caroline National Memorial Area, Duval County, FL.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns regarding impacts due to off-road vehicular use. It is proposed that impacts will be mitigated by the development of off-road vehicular use guidelines.

Dated: February 26, 1996

B. Katherine Biggs,

Associate Director, NEPA Compliance Division, Office of Federal Activities

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Environmental Impact Statements; Notice of Availability

Responsible Agency: Office of Federal Activities, General Information (202)

564-7167 OR (202) 564-7153. Weekly receipt of Environmental Impact Statements Filed February 19, 1996 Through February 23, 1996 Pursuant to 40 CFR 1506.9.

EIS No. 960087, Draft EIS, COE, CA, San Pedro Creek Section 205 Flood Control Project, Construction, Flood Protection, COE Section 10 and 404 Permits and Permits Approval, San Mateo County, CA, Due: April 15, 1996, Contact: Bill Dejager (415) 744-3341.

EIS No. 960088, Draft EIS, FHW, PA, Erie East Side Access Study, Transportation Improvement, PA-4034, Section A40, COE Section 404 Permit, Erie County, PA, Due: April 22, 1996, Contact: Manuel A. Mark (717) 782-3461.

EIS No. 960089, Final EIS, AFS, MT, Beaverhead National Forests Oil and Gas Leasing, Exploration, Development and Land Acquisition, Beaverhead, Madison, Silver Bow, Deer Lodge and Gallatin, MT, Due: April 01, 1996, Contact: Peri Suenram (406) 683-3900.

EIS No. 960090, Final EIS, FHW, IL, FAP Route 340 Transportation Project, Construction from I-55 to I-80, Funding, US Coast Guard Permit and COE Section 404 Permit, Cook, Dupage and Will Counties, IL, Due: April 01, 1996, Contact: Kennett Perret (708) 283-3510.

EIS No. 960091, Final EIS, SFW, CA, Stephens' Kangaroo Rat (SKR) Authorization for Incidental Take and Implementation of a Long-Term Habitat Conservation Plan, Western Riverside County, CA, Due: April 01, 1996, Contact: Jeff Newman (619) 431-9440.

EIS No. 960092, Draft Supplement, COE, IL, Sugar Creek Municipal Water Supply Reservoir Construction, Additional Information, COE Section 404 Permit Issuance, City of Marion, Williamson and Johnson Counties, IL, Due: April 15, 1996, Contact: Terry S. Siemsen (502) 582-5550.

EIS No. 960093, Final EIS, AFS, MT, Bull Sweats Vegetation Manipulation Project, Implementation, Helena National Forest, Helena Ranger District, Lewis and Clark County, MT, Due: March 11, 1996, Contact: David Turner (406) 449-5490.

The above FEIS was inadvertently not published in the February 9, 1996 Federal Register. The 30 day Wait Period is Calculated from the Intended Federal Register Date of 2-9-96.

Amended Notices

EIS No. 950098, Draft Supplement, FTA, MA, Old Colony Railroad