

the potential for uncontrolled releases of leachate to contaminate the groundwater, or gas to contaminate the air during the post-closure phase (should a containment system failure occur); increased gas yield and capture; rapid waste biodegradation and stabilization; increased lifespan of the landfill resulting in less need for construction of additional landfills; reduced post-closure costs; and faster reclamation of land for future use.

The Buncombe County proposal is one of several bioreactor XL project proposals currently being considered by EPA. This proposed project to allow recirculation of leachate using an alternative landfill liner design will apply only to the Buncombe County Landfill in Asheville, North Carolina and the specific landfill cells at that landfill which are being considered under this proposal.

The terms and conditions pertaining to this XL pilot project are contained in the draft Final Project Agreement (FPA), on which EPA is requesting comment today. The draft FPA sets forth the intentions of EPA, Buncombe County, and the State of North Carolina with regard to the implementation of the project and the expected benefits. After review of the comments received during the public comment period and revision of the FPA, as appropriate, the FPA will be signed by representatives from the EPA, the State of North Carolina, and Buncombe County.

The legal implementing mechanism for this project will be a site-specific rule. The draft rule is scheduled for publication in the **Federal Register** for public review and comment in late August 2000. The proposed rule would be "conditional" and would depend on implementation of the alternative design proposed today. Upon completion of the rulemaking, this design would be enforceable in the same way that current RCRA standards for landfills are enforceable to ensure that management of nonhazardous solid waste is performed in a manner that is protective of human health and the environment. The Final Project Agreement and the site-specific rule will not in any way affect the provisions or applicability of any other existing or future regulations.

DATES: The period for submission of comments ends on August 28, 2000.

ADDRESSEES: All comments on the proposed Final Project Agreement should be sent to: Ms. Michelle Cook, US EPA, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, GA 30303, or Ms. Sherri Walker, US EPA, Ariel Rios Building, Mail Code 1802, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20460.

Comments may also be faxed to Michelle Cook (404) 562-8063 or Sherri Walker (202) 260-3125. Comments may also be received via electronic mail sent to: cook.michelle@epa.gov or walker.sherri@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the Project Fact Sheet or the proposed Final Project Agreement, contact: Michelle Cook, US EPA, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, GA 30303, or Sherri Walker, US EPA, Mail Code 1802, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20460. The FPA and related documents are also available via the Internet at the following location: <http://www.epa.gov/ProjectXL>. In addition, the proposed FPA is available at the Buncombe County General Services Department, 30 Valley Street, Asheville, NC. Questions to EPA regarding the documents can be directed to Michelle Cook at (404) 562-8674 or Sherri Walker at (202) 260-4295. To be included on the Buncombe County Project XL mailing list about future public meetings, XL progress reports and other mailings from Buncombe County on the XL project, contact Bob Hunter, Director, Buncombe County General Services Department, (828) 250-5466. For information on all other aspects of the XL Program, contact Christopher Knopes at the following address: Office of Policy and Environmental Innovation, US EPA, Mail Code 1802, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20460. Additional information on Project XL, including documents referenced in this notice, other EPA policy documents related to Project XL, regional XL contacts, application information, and descriptions of existing XL projects and proposals, is available via the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/Projectxl>.

Dated: July 24, 2000.

Christopher A. Knopes,

Acting Director, Office of Environmental Policy Innovation.

[FR Doc. 00-19119 Filed 7-27-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-P

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[FRL-6842-7]

Whole Effluent Toxicity Test Methods Guidance; Notice of Availability

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Today, EPA is announcing the availability of a document titled, "Method Guidance and Recommendations for Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Testing (40 CFR Part 136)." This guidance document updates recommendations and suggestions (with additional technical clarification) regarding WET test methods published by EPA and incorporated by reference into regulations. The document includes specific technical guidance on nominal error rate adjustments, confidence intervals, concentration-response relationships, dilutions series selection, and dilution water.

DATES: This notice will become effective July 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the guidance document and supporting materials are available for review at the EPA Water Docket at EPA Headquarters at Waterside Mall, Room EB57, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20460. For access to the Water Docket, call (202) 260-3027 between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time for an appointment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marion Kelly at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water, Engineering and Analysis Division (4303), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Ariel Rios Building, Washington, DC 20460, call (202) 260-7117, or E-mail kelly.marion@epamail.gov; or John Fox at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water, Engineering and Analysis Division (4303), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Ariel Rios Building, Washington, DC 20460, call (202) 260-9889, or E-mail fox.john@epamail.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1995, EPA amended the "Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants," at 40 CFR part 136, to add WET test methods to the list of Agency approved methods in Tables IA and II, for CWA data gathering and compliance monitoring programs (60 FR 53529, October 16, 1995). Known as the "WET Methods rule," the 1995 action amended 40 CFR 136.3 by standardizing analytical methods that employ freshwater, marine, and estuarine vertebrates, invertebrates, and plants to directly measure the acute and short-term chronic toxicity of effluents and receiving waters. The WET Methods rule incorporated the following three technical documents by reference: *Methods for Measuring the Acute Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Water to Freshwater and Marine Organisms*; Fourth Edition, August 1993 (EPA/600/4-90/027F); *Short-Term*

Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Water to Freshwater Organisms, Third Edition, July 1994 (EPA/600/4-91/002); and *Short-Term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Water to Marine and Estuarine Organisms*, Second Edition, July 1994 (EPA/600/4-91/003). In 1999, EPA promulgated technical corrections that incorporated an errata document into the WET Methods rule. EPA intended that the errata document correct minor errors and omissions, provide clarification, and establish consistency among the WET rule and test manuals (64 FR 4975, February 2, 1999).

Today's notice announces the availability of an additional document, "Method Guidance and Recommendations for Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Testing (40 CFR Part 136)," EPA/821/B-00/004. This guidance document provides clarification and recommendations to EPA Regional, State, Tribal and local regulatory authorities; regulated entities; and environmental laboratories regarding specific recommended and/or suggested technical elements of the WET test methods. The document provides specific guidance on nominal error rate assumption adjustments, confidence intervals, concentration-response relationships, dilution series selection, and dilution water. EPA prepared the document as part of a settlement agreement to resolve litigation challenging the rulemaking that standardized the testing procedures. The complete text of this **Federal Register** notice and the subject guidance document may be viewed or downloaded on the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/OST/WET/>.

Dated: July 24, 2000.

Linda B. Wilbur,

Acting Director, Office of Science and Technology.

[FR Doc. 00-19116 Filed 7-27-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-P

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission, Comments Requested

July 21, 2000.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this

opportunity to comment on the following information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before September 26, 2000. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Direct all comments to Les Smith, Federal Communications Commissions, 445 12th Street, SW., Room 1-A804, Washington, DC 20554 or via the Internet to lesmith@fcc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or copies of the information collections contact Les Smith at (202) 418-0217 or via the Internet at lesmith@fcc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

OMB Control Number: 3060-0937.

Title: Establishment of a Class A Television Service, MM Docket No. 00-10.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Extension of currently approved collection.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 1,000.

Estimated time per response: 0.017 hours-52 hours (depending on requirements, this time is split between respondent, and legal and engineering consultants).

Total annual burden: 396,251.

Total annual costs: \$2,284,000.

Needs and Uses: The Report and Order in MM Docket No. 00-10 adopted rules for Class A LPTV broadcasters. Class A LPTV broadcasters are subject to the Commission's operating rules for

full-service television stations. The Report and Order modified all pertinent Part 73 rules to indicate their applicability to Class A LPTV licensees. The information collections contained within this Report and Order ensure that the integrity of the TV spectrum is not compromised. It will also ensure that unacceptable interference will not be caused to existing radio services and that statutory requirements are met. These rules will ensure that the stations are operated in the public interest.

Federal Communications Commission.

Magalie Roman Salas,

Secretary.

[FR Doc. 00-19043 Filed 7-27-00; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6712-01-P

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Notice of Public Information Collection(s) Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission

July 21, 2000.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commissions, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burden invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collection(s), as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) that does not display a valid control number. Comments are requested concerning (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before August 28, 2000. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.