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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[TX-104-1-7401b; FRL-7160-1]

#### Approval And Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions to General Rules and Regulations for Control of Air Pollution by Permits for New Sources and Modifications

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; reopening of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA is reopening the public comment period for a proposed approval of revisions to the Texas State Implementation Plan (SIP) published in the **Federal Register** on September 24, 2001.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received by EPA on or before April 19, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on this action should be addressed to Mr. David W. Neleigh, Chief, Air Permits Section (6PD-R), at the EPA Region 6 Office listed below. Copies of documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. Anyone wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least two working days in advance.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Air Permits Section (6PD-R), 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Office of Air Quality, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stanley M. Spruiell, Air Permits Section at (214) 665-7212 or at [spruiell.stanley@epa.gov](mailto:spruiell.stanley@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In response to a request from the public, EPA is reopening the comment period for a proposed rule published in the **Federal Register** on September 24, 2001 (66 FR 48850), for approval of revisions to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC)

General Rules and TNRCC Regulations for Control of Air Pollution by Permits for New Sources and Modifications in the Texas SIP. These revisions were submitted by the Governor of Texas on August 31, 1993, and July 22, 1998. See the information provided in the direct final rule (66 FR 48796) located in the final rules section and the proposed rule (66 FR 48850) located in the proposed rules section of the September 24, 2001, **Federal Register**. The direct final rule was withdrawn November 23, 2001 (66 FR 58667).

#### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Carbon monoxide, Intergovernmental relations, Lead, Nitrogen oxides, Ozone, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur oxides, Volatile organic compounds.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

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**Lawrence E. Starfield,**  
*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.*  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 194

[FRL-7161-4]

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#### Waste Characterization Program Documents Applicable to Transuranic Radioactive Waste From the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory 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 availability of, and soliciting public comments for 30 days on, Department of Energy (DOE) documents applicable to characterization of transuranic (TRU) radioactive waste at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL) proposed for disposal at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP). The documents (Item II-A2-38, Docket A-98-49) are available for review in the public dockets listed in **ADDRESSES**. EPA will conduct an inspection of waste streams, characterization systems and processes at INEEL to verify that the site can characterize transuranic waste in

accordance with EPA's WIPP compliance criteria. EPA will perform this inspection the week of April 8, 2002. This notice of the inspection and comment period accords with 40 CFR 194.8.

**DATES:** EPA is requesting public comment on the documents. Comments must be received by EPA's official Air Docket on or before April 19, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted to: Docket No. A-98-49, Air Docket, Room M-1500, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Mail Code 6102, Washington, DC 20460. The DOE documents are available for review in the official EPA Air Docket in Washington, DC, Docket No. A-98-49, Category II-A2, and at the following three EPA WIPP informational docket locations in New Mexico: in Carlsbad at the Municipal Library, Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Friday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday 1 p.m.-5 p.m.; in Albuquerque at the Government Publications Department, Zimmerman Library, University of New Mexico, Hours: vary by semester; and in Santa Fe at the New Mexico State Library, Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m..

As provided in EPA's regulations at 40 CFR part 2, and in accordance with normal EPA docket procedures, if copies of any docket materials are requested, a reasonable fee may be charged for photocopying. Air Docket A-98-49 in Washington, DC, accepts comments sent electronically or by fax (fax: 202-260-4400; e-mail: [a-and-r-docket@epa.gov](mailto:a-and-r-docket@epa.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ed Feltcorn, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air, (202) 564-9422. You can also call EPA's toll-free WIPP Information Line, 1-800-331-WIPP or visit our website at <http://www.epa.gov/radiation/wipp>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

DOE is developing the WIPP near Carlsbad in southeastern New Mexico as a deep geologic repository for disposal of TRU radioactive waste. As defined by the WIPP Land Withdrawal Act (LWA) of 1992 (Public Law 102-579), as amended (Public Law 104-201), TRU waste consists of materials containing elements having atomic numbers greater than 92 (with half-lives greater than twenty years), in concentrations greater than 100 nanocuries of alpha-emitting TRU isotopes per gram of waste. Much of the existing TRU waste consists of items contaminated during the production of nuclear weapons, such as rags, equipment, tools, and sludges.