

tribes located in Arizona, EPA also outlined a framework for evaluating other BART alternatives (“better than BART” alternatives) that provide greater emission reductions than EPA’s proposed BART alternative in exchange for greater flexibility.

EPA encouraged a robust public discussion of our proposed BART determination and alternative, as well as other possible alternatives, and recognized the potential need for a supplemental proposal if approaches developed by other parties are identified as meeting the requirements of the CAA.

EPA received requests for a 90-day extension of the public comment period from the Navajo Nation, the Gila River Indian Community (Gila River, or the Community), Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District (SRP), and the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD), in order to allow stakeholders time to develop alternatives to BART for EPA’s consideration. On March 19, 2013, EPA extended the close of the public comment period to August 5, 2013 (78 FR 16825).

On June 10, 2013, EPA signed a notice, published on June 19, 2013, of our intent to hold five public hearings throughout the state of Arizona (78 FR 36716). EPA intends to hold hearings at one location each on reservation lands of the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe, and in Page, Phoenix, and Tucson, Arizona.

On June 20, 2013, SRP submitted a letter, on behalf of six stakeholders, requesting another extension of the comment period for NGS. On July 9, 2013, EPA extended the close of the public comment period to October 4, 2013 (78 FR 41012).

On July 26, 2013, a group of stakeholders known as the Technical Work Group (TWG) and consisting of the CAWCD, the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF), Gila River, Navajo Nation, SRP, on behalf of itself and the other non-federal Participants, Interior, and Western Resource Advocates, submitted a document to EPA memorializing a multi-party agreement (the TWG Agreement).<sup>1</sup> The TWG Alternative to BART was included as Appendix B to the TWG Agreement. EPA is currently evaluating the TWG Alternative to determine if it is consistent with the RHR and the framework for “better than BART” Alternatives put forth in our February 5, 2013 proposed rulemaking.

<sup>1</sup> See “Technical Work Group Agreement Related to Navajo Generating Station (NGS)” dated July 25, 2013, and submitted to EPA on July 26, 2013, in the docket for this proposed rulemaking at EPA–R09–OAR–2013–0009–0122.

Because EPA has not yet scheduled the public hearings for NGS and because we are still evaluating the TWG Alternative, EPA is extending the close of the comment period to accept written and oral comment on our proposed rulemaking for NGS.

## II. Today’s Action

In today’s action, EPA is extending the close of the comment period for our proposed rulemaking for NGS by three months, to January 6, 2014. EPA intends to announce the schedule for public hearings in a forthcoming notice in the **Federal Register**.

### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 49

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Indians, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen Dioxide.

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

Dated: September 16, 2013.

**Elizabeth Adams,**

*Acting Air Division Director, Region 9.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Parts 271 and 272

[EPA–R06–RCRA–2013–0027; FRL–9819–7]

### Louisiana: Final Authorization of State-initiated Changes and Incorporation by Reference of State Hazardous Waste Management Program

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** During a review of Louisiana’s regulations, EPA identified a variety of State-initiated changes to Louisiana’s hazardous waste program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended, for which the State had not previously sought authorization. EPA proposes to authorize the State for the program changes. In addition, EPA proposes to codify in the regulations entitled “Approved State Hazardous Waste Management Programs”, Louisiana’s authorized hazardous waste program. The EPA will incorporate by reference into the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) those provisions of the State regulations that are authorized and that EPA will enforce under RCRA.

**DATES:** Send written comments by October 25, 2013.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Alima Patterson, Region 6, Regional

Authorization Coordinator, or Julia Banks, Codification Coordinator (6PD–O), Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division at the address shown below. You can examine copies of the materials that form the basis for this authorization and incorporation by reference during normal business hours at the following location: EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202–2733, phone number (214) 665–6533 or (214) 665–8178. You may also submit comments electronically or through hand delivery/courier; please follow the detailed instructions in the **ADDRESSES** section of the direct final rule which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alima Patterson or Julia Banks at (214) 665–8533 or (214) 665–8178.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the “Rules and Regulations” section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is authorizing the changes to the Louisiana program, and codifying and incorporating by reference the State’s hazardous waste program as a direct final rule. The EPA did not make a proposal prior to the direct final rule because we believe these actions are not controversial and do not expect comments that oppose them. We have explained the reasons for this authorization and incorporation by reference in the preamble to the direct final rule. Unless we get written comments which oppose this authorization and incorporation by reference during the comment period, the direct final rule will become effective on the date it establishes, and we will not take further action on this proposal. If we get comments that oppose these actions, we will withdraw the direct final rule and it will not take effect. We will then respond to public comments in a later final rule based on this proposal. You may not have another opportunity for comment. If you want to comment on this action, you must do so at this time. For additional information, please see the immediate final rule published in the “Rules and Regulations” section of this **Federal Register**.

**Authority:** This action is issued under the authority of sections 2002(a), 3006, and 7004(b) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6912(a), 6926, and 6974(b).

Dated: May 2, 2013.

**Samuel Coleman,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.*

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