

should be identified as “petition for exemption, 16 CFR part 423—Comment.”

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Rule was promulgated by the Commission on December 16, 1971, 36 FR 23883 (1971), and amended on May 20, 1983, 48 FR 22733 (1983). The Rule makes it an unfair or deceptive act or practice for manufacturers and importers of textile wearing apparel and certain piece goods to sell these items without attaching care labels stating “what regular care is needed for the ordinary use of the product.” (16 CFR 423.6(a) and (b)) The Rule defines a care label as a “permanent label or tag \* \* \* that is attached or affixed in such a manner that it will not become separated from the product \* \* \*” (16 CFR 423.1(a))

Section 423.8(b) of the Rule states that manufacturers or importers can ask for an exemption from the requirement of attaching a permanent care label for any textile wearing apparel product or product line if the label would harm the appearance or usefulness of the product. Section 423.8(c) of the Rule states that if an item is exempt from care labeling under subparagraph (b) of section 423.8, the consumers still must be given the required care information for the product, but the care information can be provided on a hang tag, on the package, or in some other conspicuous place, so that consumers will be able to see the care information before buying the product. The petitioner claims that the appearance and usefulness of the camisoles would be damaged by attaching permanent care labels.

**List of Subjects in 16 CFR Part 423**

Care labeling of textile wearing apparel and certain piece goods; Trade Practices.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 41-58.

By direction of the Commission.

**Donald S. Clark,**  
*Secretary.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Part 62**

[DE040-1023b; FRL-6577-8]

**Approval and Promulgation of State Air Quality Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Delaware; Control of Emissions From Existing Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is proposing to approve the hospital/medical/infectious waste incinerator (HMIWI) 111(d)/129 plan submitted by the State of Delaware, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Division of Air and Waste Management. The plan establishes emission limitations for existing HMIWIs, and provides for the implementation and enforcement of those limitations. 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 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 May 15, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to Makeba A. Morris, 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@epa.gov.

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

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: April 3, 2000.

**Bradley M. Campbell,**  
*Regional Administrator, Region III.*  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Part 194**

[FRL-6579-5]

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**Waste Characterization Program Documents Applicable to Transuranic Radioactive Waste From the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory Proposed 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 on waste characterization programs applicable to certain 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 are: “Quality Assurance Project Plan for the Transuranic Waste Characterization Program (PLN-190), Revision 4 (March 2000),” “INEEL TRU Waste Characterization, Transportation, and Certification Quality Program Plan (PLN-182), Revision 4 (March 2000),” and “Program Plan for Certification of INEEL Contact-Handled Stored Transuranic Waste (PLN-579), Revision 0 (March 2000).” The documents are available for review in the public dockets listed in **ADDRESSES**. The EPA will use these documents to evaluate waste characterization systems and processes applicable to waste streams containing debris waste at INEEL, as requested by DOE. In accordance with EPA’s WIPP Compliance Criteria at 40 CFR 194.8, EPA will conduct an inspection of waste characterization systems and processes at INEEL on April 24-27, 2000 to verify that the proposed systems and processes at INEEL can characterize transuranic debris waste properly, consistent with the Compliance Criteria. This notice of the inspection and comment period accords with 40 CFR 194.8.

**DATES:** The EPA is requesting public comment on these documents. Comments must be received by EPA’s official Air Docket on or before May 15, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted to: Docket No. A-98-49, Air Docket, Room M-1500 (LE-131), U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC, 20460.

The DOE documents "Quality Assurance Project Plan for the Transuranic Waste Characterization Program (PLN-190), Revision 4 (March 2000)," "INEEL TRU Waste Characterization, Transportation, and Certification Quality Program Plan (PLN-182), Revision 4 (March 2000)," and "Program Plan for Certification of INEEL Contact-Handled Stored Transuranic Waste (PLN-579), Revision 0 (March 2000)," are available for review in the official EPA Air Docket in Washington, D.C., Docket No. A-98-49, Category II-A-2, and at the following three EPA WIPP informational docket locations in New Mexico: in Carlsbad at the Municipal Library, Hours: Monday-Thursday, 10am-9pm, Friday-Saturday, 10am-6pm, and Sunday, 1pm-5pm; in Albuquerque at the Government Publications Department, General Library, University of New Mexico, Hours: vary by semester; and in Santa Fe at the New Mexico State Library, Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm.

Copies of items in the docket may be requested by writing to Docket A-98-49 at the address provided above, or by calling (202) 260-7548. As provided in EPA's regulations at 40 CFR part 2, and in accordance with normal EPA docket procedures, a reasonable fee may be charged for photocopying.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott Monroe, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air, (202) 564-9310, or call EPA's 24-hour, toll-free WIPP Information Line, 1-800-331-WIPP, or visit our website at <http://www.epa.gov/radiation/wipp/announce.html>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The 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 (Pub. L. 102-579), as amended (Pub. L. 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. Most TRU waste consists of items contaminated during the production of nuclear weapons, such as rags, equipment, tools, and organic and inorganic sludges.

On May 13, 1998, EPA announced its final compliance certification decision to the Secretary of Energy (published May 18, 1998, 63 FR 27354). This decision states that the WIPP will comply with the EPA's radioactive

waste disposal regulations at 40 CFR part 191, subparts B and C.

The final WIPP certification decision includes a condition that prohibits shipment of TRU waste for disposal at WIPP from any site other than Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) until EPA has approved the procedures developed to comply with the waste characterization requirements of § 194.24(c)(4) (condition 3 of appendix A to 40 CFR part 194). The EPA's approval process for waste generator sites is described in § 194.8. As part of EPA's decision making process, DOE is required to submit to EPA appropriate documentation of waste characterization programs at each DOE waste generator site seeking approval for shipment of TRU radioactive waste to WIPP. In accordance with § 194.8, EPA will place such documentation in the official Air Docket in Washington, D.C., and in informational dockets in the State of New Mexico, for public review and comment.

EPA inspected certain waste characterization processes at INEEL on July 28-30, 1998. DOE is proposing to apply those same processes that EPA inspected and approved (A-98-49 Items II-A-4-1 & 2) to new groups of waste streams. Specifically, the EPA approval (A-98-49 Items II-A-4-1 & 2) limits the applicability of the INEEL waste characterization processes and systems to graphite-bearing debris wastes. In the action described today, INEEL is seeking to have that approval expanded to include all debris wastes. EPA will conduct an inspection of INEEL to verify that these additional waste streams can be characterized in compliance with 40 CFR 194.24.

The INEEL documents submitted to EPA are: "Quality Assurance Project Plan for the Transuranic Waste Characterization Program (PLN-190), Revision 4 (March 2000)," "INEEL TRU Waste Characterization, Transportation, and Certification Quality Program Plan (PLN-182), Revision 4 (March 2000)," and "Program Plan for Certification of INEEL Contact-Handled Stored Transuranic Waste (PLN-579), Revision 0 (March 2000)." The "Quality Assurance Project Plan for the Transuranic Waste Characterization Program (PLN-190), Revision 4 (March 2000)" and the "INEEL TRU Waste Characterization, Transportation, and Certification Quality Program Plan (PLN-182), Revision 4 (March 2000)" set forth the quality assurance program applied to TRU waste characterization at INEEL. The "Program Plan for Certification of INEEL Contact-Handled Stored Transuranic Waste (PLN-579), Revision 0 (March 2000)" sets forth the

waste characterization procedures for TRU wastes at INEEL. After EPA reviews these documents, EPA will conduct an inspection of INEEL to determine whether the requirements set forth in these documents are being adequately implemented in accordance with Condition 3 of the EPA's WIPP certification decision (appendix A to 40 CFR part 194). In accordance with § 194.8 of the WIPP compliance criteria, EPA is providing the public 30 days to comment on the documents placed in EPA's docket relevant to the site approval process. Because the inspection will occur during the comment period, EPA will respond to relevant comments received prior to, during, and after the inspection.

If EPA determines that the provisions in the documents are adequately implemented, EPA will notify the DOE by letter and place the letter in the official Air Docket in Washington, DC, and in the informational docket locations in New Mexico. A positive approval letter will allow DOE to ship additional TRU waste from INEEL. The EPA will not make a determination of compliance prior to the inspection or before the 30-day comment period has closed.

Information on the EPA's radioactive waste disposal standards (40 CFR part 191), the compliance criteria (40 CFR part 194), and the EPA's certification decision is filed in the official EPA Air Docket, Dockets No. R-89-01, A-92-56, and A-93-02, respectively, and is available for review in Washington, DC, and at the three EPA WIPP informational docket locations in New Mexico. The dockets in New Mexico contain only major items from the official Air Docket in Washington, DC, plus those documents added to the official Air Docket after the October 1992 enactment of the WIPP LWA.

Dated: April 10, 2000.

**Robert Perciasepe,**  
*Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### 46 CFR Part 401

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#### Great Lakes Pilotage Rates

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.