ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 261

[FRL-6464-8]

EPA Standards for the Management of Cement Kiln Dust; Request for Comments

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Extension of period for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is today announcing an extension of the public comment period for its Proposed Rule on Standards for the Management of Cement Kiln Dust to February 17, 2000.

DATES: The comment period of the Proposed Rule on Standards for the Management of Cement Kiln Dust is extended and will close on February 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Those persons wishing to submit public comments must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing EPA docket number F–1999–CKDP–FFFFF to: RCRA Docket Information Center (5305W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters (EPA,HQ), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC, 20460. Hand deliveries of comments, including courier, postal and non-postal express deliveries, should be made to the Arlington, VA address below.

Comments may also be submitted electronically through the Internet to: rcra-docket@epa.gov. Comments in electronic format should also identify the docket number F-1999-CKDP-FFFFF. All electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Commenters should not submit electronically any confidential business information (CBI). An original and two copies of CBI must be submitted under separate cover to: RCRA CBI Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

Public comments and supporting materials are available for viewing in the RCRA Docket Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway I Building, First Floor, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The RIC is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. To review docket materials, it is recommended that the public 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 \$0.15 per page. The Proposed Rule is also available electronically. See the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below for information on electronic access.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, contact the RCRA Hotline at (800) 424–9346 or TDD (hearing impaired) (800) 553–7672. In the Washington, DC metropolitan area, call (703) 412–9810 or TDD (703) 412– 3323. For more detailed information on specific aspects of today's action, contact Bill Schoenborn, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (5306W), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, at (703) 308– 8483, or e-mail: schoenborn.william@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Customer Service

In developing the Proposed Rule, we tried to address the concerns of all our stakeholders. Your comments will help us improve this regulatory action. We invite you to provide different views on options we propose, new approaches we have not considered, new data, how this regulatory action may affect you, or other relevant information. We welcome your views on all aspects of this action, but we request comments in particular on the items discussed in the Proposed Rule. Your comments will be most effective if you follow the suggestions below:

• Explain your views as clearly as possible and why you feel that way.

• Provide solid technical and cost data to support your views.

• If you estimate potential costs, explain how you arrived at the estimate.

• Tell us which parts you support, as well as those you disagree with.

• Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.

• Offer specific alternatives.

• Refer your comments to specific sections of the report.

• Make sure to submit your comments by the deadline in this notice.

• Be sure to include the name, date, and docket number with your comments.

Copies of the full proposal, titled Standards for the Management of Cement Kiln Dust; Proposed Rule (EPA publication number EPA 530–Z–99– 007), are available for inspection and copying at the EPA Headquarters library, at the RCRA Docket (RIC) office identified in ADDRESSES above, at all EPA Regional Office libraries, and in electronic format at the following EPA Web site: http://www.epa.gov/osw/ special.htm. Printed copies of the proposal and related documents, can also be obtained by calling the RCRA/ Superfund Hotline at (800) 424–9346 or (703) 412–9810.

Background

Cement kiln dust (CKD) is one of six 'special wastes'' (also known as Bevill wastes) that were temporarily exempt from hazardous waste regulation under Resource Conservation Recovery Act, until information could be gathered and assessed and the most appropriate regulatory approach could be determined. In 1993, EPA issued a detailed and comprehensive study of CKD in a Report to Congress that explored a broad spectrum of issues related to the adverse effects on human health and the environment from the disposal of CKD. Following extensive evaluation and public comment, on January 31, 1995, EPA concluded that additional control of CKD is warranted to protect human health, and to prevent environmental damage associated with current disposal practices, including offsite uses, for this waste (see 60 FR 7366, February 7, 1995). The Agency issued a proposed rule titled Standards for the Management of Cement Kiln Dust: Proposed Rule on August 20, 1999. In the Proposed Rule, EPA established a 90-day public comment period, which is scheduled to close on November 18, 1999. Subsequently, the Agency received requests from stakeholders to extend the comment period another 90 days. EPA supports the requests for an extension, and the comment period will now extend until February 17, 2000.

Dated: September 29, 1999.

Elizabeth Cotsworth,

Director, Office of Solid Waste. [FR Doc. 99–28214 Filed 10–27–99; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6560–50–U

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

42 CFR Part 72

RIN 0920-AA02

Packaging and Handling of Infectious Substances and Select Agents

AGENCY: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), HHS.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention proposes to