

Persons wishing to meet with representatives of OSM Region V during this time period may place such a request with Sylvia Sullivan, Public Information Office, Telephone (303) 837-4731, at the Regional Director's Office above.

Meetings may be scheduled between 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon, and 1:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays at the Regional Director's Office.

No Environmental Impact Statement is being prepared in connection with the process leading to the approval or disapproval of the proposed New Mexico program. Under Section 702(d) of SMCRA (30 U.S.C. Section 1292(d)), approval of State programs does not constitute a major action within the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4332).

The following constitutes a summary of the contents of the New Mexico submission:

The Division of Mining and Minerals, Energy and Minerals Department has been designated by the Governor of New Mexico to implement and enforce the New Mexico Surface Mining Act in accordance with the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1977 (PL 95-87). The Department has developed State regulations to carry out the State mandate.

Contents of the State Program Submission include:

1. State Laws and Regulations.
2. Other Related State Laws and Regulations.
3. Letter of Legal Authority: State/Federal Law and Regulations Comparison.
4. Regulatory Authority Designation.
5. Structural Organization—Staffing Functions.
6. Supporting Agreements Between Agencies.
7. Narrative Description for:
  - A. Issuing Exploration and Mining Permits.
  - B. Assessing Permit Fees.
  - C. Bonding—Insurance.
  - D. Inspecting and Monitoring.
  - E. Enforcing the Administrative, Civil and Criminal Sanctions.
  - F. Administering and Enforcing Permanent Program Standards.
  - G. Assessing and Collecting Civil Penalties.
  - H. Issuing Public Notices and Holding Public Hearings.
    - I. Coordinating with Other Agencies.
    - J. Consulting with Other Agencies
    - K. Designating Lands Unsuitable for Surface Mining.
    - L. Restricting Financial Interests.
    - M. Training, Examining and Certifying Blasters.
    - N. Providing for Public Participation.
    - O. Providing Administrative and Judicial Review.
    - P. Providing a Small Operator Assistance Program (SOAP).
8. Statistical Information.

9. Summary of Staff with Titles, Functions, Job Experience and Training.

10. Description of Staffing Adequacy.

11. Projected Use of Other Professional and Technical Personnel.

12. Budget Information.

13. Physical Resources Information.

14. Special environmental protection performance standards and performance bond provisions of New Mexico for regulating anthracite surface coal mining.

15. Other programs administered by the Regulatory Authority.

16. Other information: Status of soils and vegetation data for the major coal producing counties of New Mexico.

17. State of New Mexico Coal Surface Mining Laws 1977 and Surface Mining Control Reclamation Act of 1977 (PL 95-87) Side-by-Side Comparison, March 1980.

18. State of New Mexico Proposed Coal Surface Mining Regulations and Federal Office of Surface Mining Regulations.

19. Other State Laws and Regulations affecting coal mining and exploration in New Mexico.

Dated: February 28, 1980.

Donald A. Crane,  
Regional Director.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 125

[FRL 1428-6]

#### Ocean Discharge Criteria

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

**ACTION:** Hearing on proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides details concerning the previously announced public hearing on EPA's proposed ocean discharge criteria under Section 403(c) of the Clean Water Act.

**DATE:** The public hearing will be held on March 21, 1980, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESS:** The public hearing will be held at the Environmental Protection Agency, Room 3906-08, 401 M St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth Farber, Office of Water Planning and Standards (WH-586), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460, 202-472-5746.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As the result of a lawsuit, EPA is under a court order to deliver to the Federal Register, by July 29, 1980, final regulations establishing ocean discharge criteria under Section 403(c) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1343(c). EPA's proposed ocean discharge criteria were published

on February 12, 1980. 45 FR 9548. In that document, the Agency announced that a public hearing on the proposed regulations would be held on March 21, 1980, at EPA Headquarters, 401 M St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. This notice is to supply further details about the hearing.

Within the constraints imposed by the court-ordered schedule, EPA is attempting to provide the fullest possible opportunities for public involvement in this rulemaking. The public comment period has been structured as follows.

Written comments may be submitted by any interested member of the public until March 28, 1980, as announced in the proposed regulations. Persons wishing to make oral presentations at the March 21, 1980, public hearing, which will be limited to fifteen minutes each, should notify EPA by March 17, 1980, by contacting Kenneth Farber, Office of Water Planning and Standards (WH-586), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460, 202-472-5746. Witnesses may submit written statements in lieu of or in addition to oral presentations. A panel of agency personnel will conduct the hearing, receive testimony and ask questions of witnesses. Though no cross-examination will take place at the hearing, written questions directed at witnesses may be submitted to the panel by members of the audience.

Written statements and a verbatim transcript of the hearing, along with other written comments, will be available beginning March 25, 1980 for public inspection and copying between 9:30 a.m. 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at Room 741 East Tower at EPA Headquarters. Comments submitted during the final week of the comment period may supplement or rebut testimony presented at the hearing. As noted above, the comment period closes March 28.

Upon completion of the public comment period, the record will be closed in order to provide sufficient time for the Administrator to carefully weight all evidence submitted and to promulgate final regulations on the basis of the record.

Dated: February 26, 1980.

Echardt C. Beck,  
Assistant Administrator for Water and Waste Management.

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## 40 CFR Part 250

[FRL 1428-4]

**Hazardous Waste and Hazardous Waste Management, Availability of Information on Hazardous Waste Testing Procedures****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of information on hazardous waste testing procedures.**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is today making available to the public a report on hazardous waste testing procedures which was completed and published after the close of the comment period on EPA's proposed regulations implementing Section 3001 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA), as amended (43 FR 58949-58968, December 18, 1978).**DATES:** Comments on this report are due on or before April 4, 1980.**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Deborah Villari, Office of Solid Waste (WH-562), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460, (202) 755-9173. Comments should be identified as referring to the Section 3001 regulatory docket.

Copies of the report described in this notice are available for reading at the EPA Library-Public Information Reference Unit (Room 2402) and the RCRA Docket Room (Room 2711), both located at 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460, and at all EPA Regional libraries during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Copies may also be ordered from Ed Cox, Solid Waste Information, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 26 West St. Claire Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45268, (513) 684-5362 (Order Number SW-844). EPA plans to provide the report noticed today free of charge to all who request copies. However, the Agency may charge \$0.20 per page for photocopying if the available copies run out.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deborah Villari, Office of Solid Waste (WH-562), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460 (202) 755-9173.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** During the development of its proposed Section 3001 regulations, EPA initiated several studies to develop and evaluate test methodology for use in these regulations. In a number of cases, reports of progress on those studies have only recently become available.

The purpose of this notice is to announce the availability of one of these progress reports for public comment.

The report which EPA is making available to the public today is:

"Toxicity of Leachates (Order Number SW-844), Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN 37830."

This report represents a multidisciplinary research effort that was undertaken by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, under an interagency agreement, to assist EPA in developing test procedures for use in its Section 3001 regulations. This progress report covers work performed during the period April 1978 to May 1979, and is a followup on a previous progress report noticed at 44 FR 56725 (October 2, 1979) and 44 FR 76827 (December 28, 1979).

In the course of this study, the Oak Ridge National Laboratory conducted the Extraction Procedures proposed at 43 FR 58956 on several wastes in order to evaluate the procedure from an operational standpoint. These extracts were then chemically and biologically studied in order to determine the potential utility of selected analytical and bioassay procedures as tools for identifying hazardous wastes. This work also includes procedures for preparing organic concentrates from the extracts.

Comments on this report should be submitted to EPA on or before April 4, 1980. The purpose of making this information available to the public is to allow comments on the accuracy of the data contained in the report and the conclusions reached, not to reopen the comment period of the EPA's proposed Section 3001 regulations. Commenters should limit the scope of their written submissions accordingly.

Dated: February 28, 1980.

Eckardt C. Beck,

*Assistant Administrator for Water and Waste Management.*

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## 40 CFR Part 761

[FRL 1428-3; OPTS 62006 (PCB/N-1)]

**Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs); Request for Information on PCB Transformers****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Request for Information on PCB Transformers and PCB-Contaminated Transformers.**SUMMARY:** EPA is requesting information on certain PCB transformer characteristics apparently referred to in the electrical utility industry as

"weeping" or "sweating". The Agency has identified below some pertinent questions for response. EPA will evaluate the responses and data submitted to determine if any amendments to the PCB regulation should be proposed.

**DATE:** Written comments on this notice are requested and should be received no later than April 4, 1980.**ADDRESS:** All comments should be sent to: Joni T. Repasch, Document Control Officer (TS-793), Office of Pesticides and Toxic Substances, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW., Washington, D.C. 20460, Attn: Docket Number OPTS/62006.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Barber, Environmental Scientist, Office of Pesticides and Toxic Substances (TS-794), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW., Washington, D.C. 20460, Telephone: (202) 755-0920; or John Ritch, Director, Industry Assistance Office, (TS-799), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW., Washington, D.C. 20460, Telephone toll free: (800) 424-9065, (in Washington, D.C., call 554-1404).**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** It has come to EPA's attention that an undefined number of PCB transformers and PCB-contaminated transformers<sup>1</sup> may exhibit a phenomenon which is sometimes referred to in the electric utility industry as "weeping" or "sweating". Apparently, when a transformer "weeps" or "sweats," spots of dielectric fluid may appear on the exterior of the transformer, particularly at the gasket seals of the bushing terminals. According to a letter to the Agency dated November 28, 1979 from counsel for the Utility Solid Waste Activity Group, the Edison Electric Institute, and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, "these 'sweats' are the result of age, weather conditions and temperature changes which take place within the [transformer] equipment as the demand for electricity increases and decreases over time."

EPA requests information on the phenomenon of "weeping" or "sweating" and has identified below some pertinent questions. Responses to each question for each of the different transformer types (e.g., pole mounted, substation, pad mounted, etc.), would be especially helpful.

1. What percentage of each of the different types of transformers exhibit this "weeping" or "sweating" phenomenon?

<sup>1</sup> The terms "PCB Transformers" and "PCB-Contaminated Transformers" are defined in Section 761.2(y) and (z) of the PCB regulation (44 FR 31514, 31544, May 31, 1979).

2. What is the average rate of fluid loss (as well as the largest rate of loss observed) from a "weeping" transformer?

3. How can this phenomenon be reduced or eliminated?

4. Is this phenomenon associated with all transformer gaskets, or are there particular gaskets that do not "weep" dielectric fluid even under pressure and after years of use?

5. When or under what conditions does a "weep" become sufficiently large to impair the performance of the transformer? How long does this take after "weeping" begins?

6. When does a transformer begin to "weep"? Does it occur at a particular age, or under severe conditions of operating temperature or electrical load (as a percentage of maximum rated load)?

7. What is the usual industry response to "weeping" transformers when they are identified? (i.e., is the "weeping" ignored, or are the "weeping" transformers scheduled for maintenance)?

Persons are also encouraged to submit any other data or information that is relevant or might be helpful to EPA in understanding the "weeping" problem. EPA will evaluate the responses and data submitted to determine if any amendments to the PCB regulation (44 FR 31514, May 31, 1979) should be proposed.

(Section 6 of the Toxic Substances Control Act [90 Stat. 2020; 15 U.S.C. 2605])

Date: February 25, 1980.

Steven D. Jellinek,

*Assistant Administrator for Pesticides and Toxic Substances.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE

### Office for Civil Rights

#### 45 CFR Part 87

#### Equal Opportunity in Employment Provisions Applicable to the Public Broadcasting Service, National Public Radio, and Public Telecommunications Entities Receiving Federal Funds from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

**AGENCY:** Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

**ACTION:** Reopening of Comment Period on Previously Published Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Office for Civil Rights (OCR), U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW), is reopening the comment period on the proposed rules for the administration of the equal opportunity in employment provisions under the Public Telecommunications Financing Act of 1978, Pub. L. 95-567, 92 Stat. 2405, 47 U.S.C. 398. The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) was published in the *Federal Register* on December 21, 1979 (44 FR 75676). Comments on the NPRM were to be submitted by February 19, 1980 in order to receive full consideration. Few comments were received by OCR during the original comment period and numerous requests to extend the comment period were received from parties affected by the proposed rules who were unable to prepare comments by February 19, 1980. In order to allow all interested parties to participate in the rulemaking process, the comment period is reopened until April 1, 1980. It should be noted, however, that all of the comments received thus far are still on file and will be reviewed and considered along with any new or amended comments.

**DATES:** The comment period is reopened and comments should be submitted on or before April 1, 1980. Comments which have already been submitted should not be resubmitted.

**ADDRESS:** Comments should be filed with: Director Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, P.O. Box 8219, Washington, D.C. 20024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wendy B. Pailen, (202) 472-3216.

Dated: February 22, 1980.

Roma J. Stewart,

*Director, Office for Civil Rights, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.*

Dated: February 28, 1980.

Nathan J. Stark,

*Acting Secretary, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

#### 47 CFR Part 15

[Gen. Docket No. 78-391]

#### Improvements to UHF Television Reception; Order Extending Time for Filing Comments and Reply Comments

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Order.