

within 10 business days of receipt of the request;

(5) Of the potential effect of the sanction and the impact on the participant's or contractor's participation in Departmental programs, specifying the program(s) involved and the geographical area affected by the action.

(b) *Notification of action.* After 30 days, if no conference has been requested, the official imposing the limited denial of participation will notify VA Central Office of the action taken and of the fact that no conference has been requested. If a conference is requested within the 30-day period, VA Central Office need not be notified unless a decision to affirm all or a portion of the remaining period of exclusion is issued. VA Central Office will notify all VA field offices of sanctions imposed and still in effect under this subpart.

§ 44.712 Conference.

Upon receipt of a request for a conference, the official imposing the sanction shall arrange such a conference with the participant or contractor and may designate another official to conduct the conference. The participant shall be given the opportunity to be heard within 10 business days of receipt of the request. This conference precedes, and is in addition to, the formal hearing provided if an appeal is taken under § 44.713. Although formal rules of procedure do not apply to the conference, the participant or contractor may be represented by counsel and may present all relevant information and materials to the official or designee. After consideration of the information and materials presented, the official shall, in writing, advise the participant or contractor of the decision to withdraw, modify or affirm the limited denial of participation. If the decision is made to affirm all or a portion of the remaining period of exclusion, the participant shall be advised of the right to request a formal hearing in writing within 30 days of receipt of notice of decision. This decision shall be issued promptly, but in no event later than 20 days after the conference and receipt of materials.

§ 44.713 Appeal.

Where the decision is made to affirm all or a portion of the remaining period of exclusion, any participant desiring an appeal shall file a written request for a hearing with the Under Secretary for Benefits, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, Washington, DC 20420. This request shall be filed within 30 days of receipt

of the decision to affirm. If a hearing is requested, it shall be held in accordance with the procedures set forth at §§ 44.313 and 44.314. Where a limited denial of participation is followed by a suspension or debarment, the limited denial of participation shall be superseded and the appeal shall be heard solely as an appeal of the suspension or debarment.

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POSTAL SERVICE

39 CFR Part 111

Changes in Preferred Postal Rates—Second-, Third- and Fourth-Class Mail

AGENCY: Postal Service.

ACTION: Postage rate changes.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Revenue Forgone Reform Act signed into law October 28, 1993, the second-class in-county rates, the advertising zone rates for issues of second-class classroom and nonprofit publications that contain more than 10 percent advertising, and the zone 1 and 2 rates for science-of-agriculture publications will change. The special bulk third-class rates will change for matter other than flats. In addition, publishers will be allowed to mail books and other eligible materials at the fourth-class library rate only if they are mailed in response to a purchase order from a qualifying institution or organization.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The Board of Governors directed that the changes pertaining to postage rates and the new criterion that publishers must meet to mail materials at the library rates be implemented effective 12:01 a.m., November 21, 1993.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ernest Collins, (202) 268-5316.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the provisions of the Revenue Forgone Reform Act, the postage rates for the advertising portion of second-class special rate and classroom rate publications will be the same as the rates applicable for second-class regular rate publications when copies of an issue or edition, if applicable, of such publications contain more than 10 percent advertising; the science-of-agriculture rates will be 75 per cent of the rates charged for regular rate publications qualifying for delivery office, SCF and zones 1 and 2 rates; and the postage rates for special bulk third-class matter other than flats will change; publishers will be allowed to mail qualifying materials at the library rates

only if the materials are sent in response to a purchase order from a qualifying institution or organization. The Act also contains restrictions on the kinds of materials that will be eligible for mailing at the special bulk third-class rates. Such changes will not be effective before January 1, 1994, and a proposed rule regarding the restrictions will be published in the *Federal Register* for comment by affected customers and interested parties.

The Postal Service adopts the following amendments to the Domestic Mail Manual, which is incorporated by reference in the Code of Federal Regulations. See 39 CFR 111.1.

List of Subjects in 39 CFR Part 111

Administrative practice and procedure, Postal Service.

PART 111—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for 39 CFR Part 111 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552(a); 39 U.S.C. 101, 401, 403, 404, 3001-3011, 3201-3219, 3403-3406, 3621, 5001.

2. Section E419 of the Domestic Mail Manual is revised to make it clearer that certain materials may be sent between qualifying institutions, organizations and individuals at the library rate, and to incorporate the criterion that publishers must meet to mail at such rates.

Effective November 21, 1993, the Domestic Mail Manual is amended as follows:

Rates and Fees Module

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Eligibility Module

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E419 Library Rate

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(Former section 1.6 is deleted and old sections 1.7, 1.8, and 1.9 are renumbered as 1.6, 1.7, and 1.8, respectively, and section 1.4 is amended to read as follows)

1.4 Mailable Items Sent Between

The following items may be mailed at the library rate when sent between: (1) Schools, colleges, universities, public libraries, museums, herbariums, and nonprofit religious, educational, scientific, philanthropic (charitable), agricultural, labor, veterans', and fraternal organizations or associations, (2) any such institution, organization, or association, and an individual who has no financial interest in the sale, promotion, or distribution of the materials, or (3) any such institution,

organization, or association, and a publisher, if such institution, organization, or association has placed an order to purchase such materials for delivery to itself:

- a. Books, consisting wholly of reading matter, scholarly bibliography, or reading matter with incidental blank spaces for notations and containing no advertising except for incidental announcements of books.
- b. Printed music, whether in bound or sheet form
- c. Bound volumes of academic theses in typewritten or duplicated form.
- d. Periodicals, whether bound or unbound.
- e. Sound recordings.
- f. Other library materials in printed, duplicated, or photographic form or in the form of unpublished manuscripts.
- g. Museum materials, specimens, collections, teaching aids, printed

matter, and interpretive materials for informing and furthering the educational work and interests of museums and herbariums.

(In 1.5 change heading to "Mailable Items Sent to or From")

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3. Sections R200, R300 and R400 are revised to include the new postage rates for second-, third- and fourth-class library rate mail.

R200 Second-Class Mail

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2.0 In-County Rates

2.1 Per pound or fraction

Zone	Rate
Delivery office	\$0.107
All others	.117

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3.0 Special Nonprofit Rates

3.1 Pound rates are

For the nonadvertising portion—\$0.107 per pound or fraction. For the advertising portion, per pound or fraction:

Zone	Rate
Delivery office	\$0.168
SCF	.178
1 and 2	.196
3	.204
4	.224
5	.258
6	.292
7	.332
8	.367

3.2 Piece Rates Per Addressed Piece

Level	Regu- lar	Zip+4 (letter- size)	Barcoded (letter- size)	ZIP+4 Barcoded (flat-size)
G	\$0.170	\$0.163	\$0.153	\$0.147
H3	.127	.123	.117	.112
H5	.127	.123	.110	.112
I1	.089	.....	.....	.....
I2	.087	.....	.....	.....
I3	.082	.....	.....	.....

4.0 Classroom Rates

4.1 Pound rates are

For the nonadvertising portion—\$0.107 per pound or fraction. For the advertising portion, per pound or fraction:

Zone	Rate
Delivery office	\$0.168
SCF	.178
1 and 2	.196
3	.204
4	.224
5	.258

Zone	Rate
6	.292
7	.332
8	.367

4.2 Piece Rates Per Addressed Piece

Level	Regu- lar	ZIP+4 (letter- size)	Barcoded (letter- size)	ZIP+4 Barcoded (flat-size)
G	\$0.170	\$0.163	\$0.153	\$0.147
H3	.127	.123	.117	.112
H5	.127	.123	.110	.112
I1	.089	.....	.....	.....
I2	.087	.....	.....	.....
I3	.082	.....	.....	.....

5.0 Science-of-Agriculture Rates

5.1 Pound rates are

For the nonadvertising portion—\$0.147 per pound or fraction. For the advertising portion, per pound or fraction:

Zone	Rate
Delivery office	\$0.126

Zone	Rate
SCF	.134
1 and 2	.147
3	.204
4	.224
5	.258
6	.292
7	.332
8	.367

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R300 Third-Class Mail

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6.0 Special Bulk Third-Class Letter-Size Minimum Per Piece Rates—Pieces 0.2085 LB. (3.3363 OZ) or Less

Entry discount	Nonautomation rates		Automation rates						
	Basic	3/5	Carrier route	Saturation W-S	Basic ZIP + 4	3/5 ZIP + 4	Basic barcoded	3-Digit barcoded	5-Digit barcoded
None	0.113	0.100	0.076	0.073	0.106	0.096	0.096	0.090	0.083
BMC	.101	.088	.064	.061	.094	.084	.084	.078	.071
SCF	.096	.083	.059	.056	.089	.079	.079	.073	.066
Delivery unit			.054	.051					

R400 Fourth-Class Mail

6.0 Library Rates

Library rate weight not exceeding pounds	Postage
1	0.66
2	0.90
3	1.14
4	1.38
5	1.62
6	1.86
7	2.10
8	2.22
9	2.34
10	2.46
11	2.58
12	2.70
13	2.82
14	2.94
15	3.06
16	3.18
17	3.30
18	3.42
19	3.54
20	3.66
21	3.78
22	3.90
23	4.02
24	4.14
25	4.26
26	4.38
27	4.50
28	4.62
29	4.74
30	4.86
31	4.98
32	5.10
33	5.22
34	5.34
35	5.46
36	5.58
37	5.70
38	5.82
39	5.94
40	6.06
41	6.18
42	6.30
43	6.42
44	6.54
45	6.66
46	6.78
47	6.90
48	7.02
49	7.14
50	7.26
51	7.38
52	7.50
53	7.62
54	7.74
55	7.86
56	7.98
57	8.10

Library rate weight not exceeding pounds	Postage
58	8.22
59	8.34
60	8.46
61	8.58
62	8.70
63	8.82
64	8.94
65	9.06
66	9.18
67	9.30
68	9.42
69	9.54
70	9.66

A transmittal letter making these changes in the Domestic Mail Manual will be published and transmitted automatically to subscribers. Notice of issuance of the transmittal letter will be published in the **Federal Register** as provided by 39 CFR 111.3.

Stanley F. Mires,

Chief Counsel, Legislative.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 271

[FRL 4797-5]

Georgia; Final Authorization of Revisions to State Hazardous Waste Management Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Immediate final rule.

SUMMARY: Georgia has applied for final authorization of revisions to its hazardous waste program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Georgia has adopted by reference and is seeking authority to regulate certain revisions promulgated between July 1, 1990, and June 30, 1991, otherwise known as RCRA Cluster I. These requirements are listed in section B of this notice. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed Georgia's application and has made a decision, subject to public review and comment, that Georgia's hazardous

waste program revisions satisfy all of the requirements necessary to qualify for final authorization. Thus, EPA intends to approve Georgia's hazardous waste program revisions. Georgia's application for program revision is available for public review and comment.

DATES: Final authorization for Georgia's program revision shall be effective January 18, 1994 unless EPA publishes a prior **Federal Register** action withdrawing this immediate final rule. All comments on Georgia's program revision application must be received by the close of business, December 16, 1993.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to A.R. Hanke at the address listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Copies of Georgia's program revision application are available during normal business hours at the following addresses for inspection and copying: Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Waste Management Branch, 205 Butler Street, SE, Floyd Towers East, Atlanta, Georgia 30334, 404-656-2833. U.S. EPA Region IV, Library, 345 Courtland Street, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30365; 404-347-4216.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: A.R. Hanke, Chief, State Programs Section, Waste Programs Branch, Waste Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 345 Courtland Street, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30365; (404-347-2234).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

States with final authorization under Section 3006(b) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA" or "the Act"), 42 U.S.C. 6926(b), have a continuing obligation to maintain a hazardous waste program that is equivalent to, consistent with, and no less stringent than the federal hazardous waste program. In addition, as an interim measure, the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (Pub. L. 98-616, November 8, 1984, hereinafter "HSWA") allows States to revise their programs to become substantially equivalent instead of equivalent to RCRA requirements

promulgated under HSWA authority. States exercising the latter option receive "interim authorization" for the HSWA requirements under section 3006(g) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. 6926(g), and later apply for final authorization for the HSWA requirements.

Revisions to State hazardous waste programs are necessary when Federal or State statutory or regulatory authority is modified or when certain other changes occur. Most commonly, State program revisions are necessitated by changes to EPA's regulations in 40 CFR parts 260-266, 268, and 124, and 270.

B. Georgia

Georgia initially received final authorization for its base RCRA program effective on August 21, 1984, and the latest Immediate Final Rule for authorizing revisions to its program was published in 58 FR 11539, on February 26, 1993. Today Georgia is seeking approval of its program revisions in accordance with 40 CFR 271.21 (b)(3).

EPA has reviewed Georgia's application and has made an immediate final decision that Georgia's hazardous waste program revisions satisfy all of the requirements necessary to qualify for final authorization. Consequently, EPA intends to grant final authorization for the additional program modifications to Georgia. The public may submit written comments on EPA's immediate final decision up until December 16, 1993. Copies of Georgia's application for these program revisions are available for inspection and copying at the locations indicated in the ADDRESSES section of this notice.

Approval of Georgia's program revisions shall become effective January 18, 1994, unless an adverse comment pertaining to the State's revisions discussed in this notice is received by the end of the comment period.

If an adverse comment is received, EPA will publish either (1) a withdrawal of the immediate final decision, or (2) a

notice containing a response to comments which either affirms that the immediate final decision takes effect or reverses the decision.

EPA shall administer any RCRA hazardous waste permits, or portions of permits that contain conditions based upon the federal program provisions for which the State is applying for authorization and which were issued by EPA prior to the effective date of this authorization. EPA will suspend issuance of any further permits under the provisions for which the State is being authorized on the effective date of this authorization.

Georgia is today seeking authority to administer the following federal requirements promulgated between July 1, 1990 and June 30, 1991, for the remaining rules in RCRA Cluster I except for the February 21, 1991 (56 FR 7134) Burning of Hazardous Waste in Boilers and Industrial Furnaces Rule (Checklist 85).

Provision	FR reference	Federal promulgation date	State authority
CL 47 Technical correction to special requirements for hazardous waste generated by conditionally exempt small quantity generators.	53 FR 27162	7/19/88	391-3-11-.07(1).
CL 81 Petroleum refinery primary and secondary oil/water/solids separation sludge listings (FO37 and FO38).	55 FR 46354 55 FR 51707	11/2/90 12/17/90	391-3-11-.07(1).
CL 82 Wood preserving listings	55 FR 50450	12/6/90	391-3-11-.02(1).
CL 83 Land disposal restrictions for third-third scheduled wastes	56 FR 3864	1/31/91	391-3-11.07(1) 391-3-11.08(1) 391-3-11.16.
CL 89 Revision to the petroleum refining primary and secondary oil/water/solids separation sludge listings (FO37 and FO38).	56 FR 21955	5/13/91	391-3-11-.07(1).
CL 90 Mining waste exclusion III	56 FR 27300	6/13/91	391-3-11-.07.
CL 91 Wood preserving listings	56 FR 27332	6/13/91	391-3-11.07(1).

Georgia is not authorized to operate the federal program on Indian Lands. This authority remains with EPA unless provided otherwise in a future statute or regulation.

C. Decision

I conclude that Georgia's application for these program revisions meets all of the statutory and regulatory requirements established by RCRA. Accordingly, Georgia is granted final authorization to operate its hazardous waste program as revised.

Georgia now has responsibility for permitting treatment, storage, and disposal facilities within its borders and carrying out other aspects of the RCRA program, subject to the limitations of its program revision application and previously approved authorities. Georgia also has primary enforcement responsibilities, although EPA retains the right to conduct inspections under section 3007 of RCRA and to take

enforcement actions under sections 3008, 3013, and 7003 of RCRA.

Compliance With Executive Order 12866

The Office of Management and Budget has exempted this rule from the requirements of Section 6 of Executive Order 12866.

Certification Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act

Pursuant to the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 604(b), I hereby certify that this authorization will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This authorization effectively suspends the applicability of certain Federal regulations in favor of Georgia's program, thereby eliminating duplicate requirements for handlers of hazardous waste in the State. It does not impose any new burdens on small entities. This rule, therefore, does not require a regulatory flexibility analysis.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 271

Administrative practice and procedure, Confidential business information, Hazardous materials, transportation, Hazardous waste, Indian lands, Intergovernmental relations, Penalties, Reporting and record-keeping requirements, Water pollution control, Water supply.

Authority: This notice 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, 6974(b).

Dated: October 28, 1993.

Patrick M. Tobin,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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