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40 CFR Part 261

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Hazardous Waste Management System; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Toxicity Characteristic; Hydrocarbon Recovery Operations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Interim final rule.

SUMMARY: On October 5, 1990 (55 FR 40834), the Agency promulgated an interim final rule extending the compliance date of the Toxicity Characteristic until January 25, 1991 for groundwater that is reinjected or reinfiltrated during existing hydrocarbon recovery operations at petroleum refineries, marketing terminals, and bulk plants. Today's action further extends this compliance date until March 25, 1991, in order to allow the Agency sufficient time to fully evaluate comments received on this issue.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 1991.

ADDRESSES: The public docket for this rulemaking is located at Room M2427, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460. The docket number assigned to this notice is F-90-PRAS-FFFF. The EPA RCRA docket is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. To review docket materials, the public must make an appointment by calling (202) 475-9327. A maximum of 50 pages may be copied from any regulatory docket at no cost. Additional copies cost \$0.20 per page.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information about this notice, contact the RCRA/Superfund Hotline at (800) 424-9346 toll free, or (202) 382-3000 in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. For information on specific aspects of this notice, contact Dave Topping, Waste Identification Branch, Office of Solid Waste (OS-333), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 382-7737.

>>>> Preamble has not been included in this file. <<<<

For the reasons set out in the preamble, chapter I of title 40 of the CFR part 261 is amended as follows:

PART 261-IDENTIFICATION AND LISTING OF HAZARDOUS WASTE

1. The authority citation for part 261 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 6905, 6912(a), 6921, 6922, and 6938.

2. Section 261.4 is amended by revising paragraph (b)(11) to read as follows:

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§ 261.4 Exclusions.
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(b) * * *

(11) Ground water that exhibits the Toxicity Characteristic in § 261.24 of this part that is reinjected or infiltrated pursuant to existing hydrocarbon recovery operations undertaken at petroleum refineries, marketing terminals, and bulk plants handling crude petroleum and immediate products of petroleum refining until March 25, 1991.

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