Regulatory Flexibility Act

It is hereby certified that these proposed regulations will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Accordingly, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required. This regulation provides due process protections for persons assessed a civil penalty for misusing Department of the Treasury names, symbols, titles, abbreviations, initials, seals, or badges. Furthermore, the imposition of any civil penalty on small businesses flows directly from the underlying statute.

Public Participation

The Department of the Treasury requests comments from all interested persons. Comments received on or before the closing date will be carefully considered. Comments received after that date will be given the same consideration if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given except as to comments received on or before the closing date.

The Department of the Treasury will not recognize any material in comments as confidential. Comments will be available to the public. Any material which the commenter considers to be confidential or inappropriate for disclosure to the public should not be included in the comment. The name of the person submitting a comment is not exempt from disclosure.

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Dated: July 18, 1997.
Raymond W. Kelly,
Under Secretary for Enforcement.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 141 and 142
[FR: 5870-9]
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Withdrawal of the Proposed National Primary Drinking Water Regulation for Radon-222

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of withdrawal of proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document announces the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) withdrawal of drinking water regulations proposed for radon-222 (56 FR 33050, July 18, 1991). EPA is withdrawing the proposed Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) and Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL), monitoring, reporting, and public notification requirements for radon-222 as required by section 1412(b)(13)(A) of Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), as amended. No other provision of the July 18, 1991 proposal is affected by today's action.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sylvia Malm, (202) 260-0417.

Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans: Washington

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approves in part several minor revisions to the state of Washington implementation Plan (SIP).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa Jacobsen, Office of Air Quality (OAQ-107), EPA, 1200 6th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101, (206) 553-6917.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the Direct Final action which is located in the rules section of this Federal Register.

Chuck Findley,
Acting Regional Administrator.

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Carol Browner, Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 281

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico; Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of tentative determination on application of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico for final approval, public hearing and public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Commonwealth of Puerto Rico has applied for final approval of its Underground Storage Tank program for petroleum and hazardous substances under Subtitle I of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended, commonly referred to as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"). The United States Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico's application and has made a tentative determination that the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico's Underground Storage Tank ("UST") program for petroleum and hazardous substances satisfies all of the requirements necessary to qualify for final approval. This Notice of tentative determination affords the public a thirty-day period after this Notice to comment on the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico's application and USEPA's tentative determination. The application is available for inspection by the public during the comment period. Two public hearings will be held to solicit public comment on the application.

DATES: Written comments on the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico's application for final approval must be received by USEPA, at the address noted below, by close of business on September 12, 1997. Two public hearings will be held for September 8 and September 9, 1997. USEPA and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico will be present at the public hearings to provide information and answer questions. The hearings will begin at 9:00 A.M. and will continue until the end of testimony or 4:00 P.M., whichever comes first. Evening sessions will be from 6:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. Requests to present oral testimony must be mailed to USEPA, at the address noted below, by close of business on August 26, 1997, and should include the requestor's name, address and telephone number. USEPA reserves the right to cancel the hearings should there be no significant public interest. Those informing EPA of their intention to testify will be notified of any cancellation.

ADDRESSES: Comments and requests to testify should be mailed to Mr. John Kushwara, Chief, Ground Water Compliance Section (DECA-WCB), USEPA, Region II, 290 Broadway, 20th Floor, New York, NY 10007-1866 or Mr. Victor Trinidad, Caribbean Environmental Protection Division, Centro Europa Building, Suite 417, 1492 Ponce De Leon Avenue, Stop 22, Santurce, Puerto Rico 00907-4127.

Copies of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico's application for program approval are available for review 9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday, at the following locations:

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Environmental Quality Board, 431 Ponce De Leon Avenue, Nacional Plaza, Lobby Area, Hato Rey, PR 00917, Phone: (787) 767-7712; Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Environmental Quality Board, Mayaguez Regional Office, Road #2, Km 159, Mayaguez, PR 00680, Phone: (787) 833-1198 or (787) 833-1188; United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2, Caribbean Environmental Protection Division, Centro Europa Building, 1492 Ponce De Leon Avenue, Suite 417, Santurce, PR 00907-4127, Phone: (787) 729-6951; United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region II Library, 290 Broadway, 16 Floor, New York, NY 10007-1866, Phone: (212) 637-3185.

The public hearings will be held on September 8, 1997, in the Public Hearing Room of the Environmental Quality Board, 6th Floor, 431 Ponce De Leon Avenue, Nacional Plaza, Hato Rey, PR 00917 and on September 9, 1997 in the Public Hearing Room of the Environmental Quality Board, Mayaguez Regional Office, Road #2, Km 159, Mayaguez, PR 00680. The hearings will begin at 9:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. and will continue until the end of testimony or 4:00 P.M., whichever comes first.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Madho Ramnarine Singh, Water Compliance Branch (DECA-WCB), USEPA, Region 2, 290 Broadway, New York, NY 10007-1866, Phone: (212) 637-4237 or Mr. Victor Trinidad, Caribbean Environmental Protection Division, Centro Europa Building, Suite 417, 1492 Ponce De Leon Avenue, Stop 22, Santurce, Puerto Rico 00907-4127, Phone: (787) 729-6951.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

Section 9004 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act ("RCRA"), 42 U.S.C. 6991e, authorizes USEPA to approve State Underground Storage Tank programs to operate in lieu of the Federal Underground Storage Tank ("UST") program. Program approval may be granted by USEPA pursuant to RCRA Section 9004(b), if the Agency finds that the State program is "no less stringent" than the Federal program for the seven elements set forth at RCRA Section 9004(a)(1) through (7); includes the notification requirements of RCRA Section 9004(a)(8); and provides for adequate enforcement of compliance with UST standards of RCRA Section 9004(a).

B. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico

On November 7, 1990, the Environmental Quality Board of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico issued Underground Storage Tank Control Regulations which became effective on December 14, 1990. In accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR Section 281.50(b), the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico had previously provided an opportunity for public comment on the aforesaid regulations on September 21, 1989. A public hearing was held on October 20, 1990. The Environmental Quality Board received comments concerning their annual notification requirements, and minor editorial and syntax changes. These changes were incorporated into the regulations which are currently in effect.

On January 17, 1996, USEPA received the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico's formal application for approval of its Underground Storage Tank Control Program and in 1997 received supplemental information as part of the Commonwealth's application. USEPA has reviewed the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico's application and has