

9006 of RCRA Subtitle I and other applicable statutory and regulatory provisions. In the “Rules and Regulations” section of this issue of the **Federal Register**, EPA is approving this action by a direct final rule. If no significant negative comment is received, EPA will not take further action on this proposed rulemaking, and the direct final rule will be effective 60 days from the date of publication in this **Federal Register**. If you want to comment on EPA’s proposed approval of Delaware’s revisions to its state UST program, you must do so at this time.

DATES: Send written comments by August 15, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Submit any comments, identified by EPA–R03–UST–2021–0862, by one of the following methods:

1. *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

2. *Email:* cato.diashinae@epa.gov.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA–R03–UST–2021–0862. EPA’s policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be available online at <https://www.regulations.gov> including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through <https://www.regulations.gov>, or email. The federal website <https://www.regulations.gov>, is an “anonymous access” system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to EPA without going through <https://www.regulations.gov>, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties, and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. EPA encourages electronic submittals, but if you are unable to submit electronically, please reach out

to the EPA contact person listed in the document for assistance. If you need assistance in a language other than English, or you are a person with disabilities who needs a reasonable accommodation at no cost to you, please reach out to the EPA contact person by email or phone.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diashinae Cato, (215) 814–2738, cato.diashinae@epa.gov, RCRA Programs Branch; Land, Chemicals, and Redevelopment Division; EPA Region 3, Four Penn Center, 1600 John F. Kennedy Blvd. (Mailcode 3LD30), Philadelphia, PA 19103–2852.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has explained the reasons for this action in the preamble to the direct final rule. For additional information, see the direct final rule published in the “Rules and Regulations” section of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

Authority: This proposed rule is issued under the authority of section 9004 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act of 1965, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6991c.

Adam Ortiz,

Regional Administrator, EPA Region 3.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 282

[EPA–R01–UST–2022–0204; FRL 9581–01–R1]

Vermont: Final Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program Revisions, Codification, and Incorporation by Reference

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA or Act), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to approve revisions to the State of Vermont’s Underground Storage Tank (UST) program submitted by the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VT DEC). This action is based on the EPA’s determination that these revisions satisfy all requirements needed for program approval. This action also proposes to codify EPA’s approval of Vermont’s State program and incorporate by reference those provisions of the State regulations that we have determined meet the requirements for approval. The provisions will be subject to EPA’s

inspection and enforcement authorities under sections 9005 and 9006 of RCRA Subtitle I and other applicable statutory and regulatory provisions.

DATES: Send written comments by August 15, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Submit any comments, identified by EPA–R01–UST–2022–0204, by one of the following methods:

1. *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

2. *Email:* coyle.joan@epa.gov.

Instructions: Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA–R01–UST–2022–0204. EPA’s policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be available online at <https://www.regulations.gov> including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through <https://www.regulations.gov>, or email. The Federal <https://www.regulations.gov> website is an “anonymous access” system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to EPA without going through <https://www.regulations.gov>, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD–ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties, and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. You can view and copy the documents that form the basis for this codification and associated publicly available materials either through www.regulations.gov or at the EPA Region 1 Office, 5 Post Office Square, 1st floor, Boston, MA 02109–3912. The facility is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays and facility closures due to COVID–19. We recommend that you call Joan Coyle, RCRA Waste Management, UST, and Pesticides

Section, at (617) 918–1303, before visiting the Region 1 office. Interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the office at least two weeks in advance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joan Coyle, RCRA Waste Management, UST, and Pesticides Section, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1, 5 Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02109–3912; (617) 918–1303; coyle.joan@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, see the direct final rule published in the “Rules and Regulations” section of this issue of the **Federal Register**.

Authority: This rulemaking is issued under the authority of Sections 2002(a), 9004, and 7004(b) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6912, 6991c, 6991d, and 6991e.

Dated: June 30, 2022.

David W. Cash,

Regional Administrator, EPA Region 1.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

42 CFR Part 410, 482, 483, 485, 488

[CMS–3347–RCN]

RIN 0938–AT36

Medicare and Medicaid Program; Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities: Regulatory Provisions To Promote Efficiency, and Transparency Final Rule

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Extension of timeline.

SUMMARY: The Social Security Act (the Act) specifies that a Medicare final rule must be published no later than 3 years after the publication date of the proposed rule or interim final rule, as applicable, except under exceptional circumstances. In accordance with the Act, this document announces an extension of the timeline for publication of the final rule and includes a brief explanation of the justification for the variation.

DATES: As of July 14, 2022, the timeline for publication of the final rule to finalize the provisions of the proposed rule published on July 18, 2019 (84 FR 34737), is extended until July 18, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ronisha Blackstone, CMS, (410) 786–6682.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 18, 2019, we published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** entitled “Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Requirements for Long-Term Care (LTC) Facilities: Provisions to Promote Efficiency and Transparency” (84 FR 34737), which would revise the Medicare and Medicaid long-term care facility requirements that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services had identified as unnecessary, obsolete, or excessively burdensome. This proposed rule aimed to increase the ability of health care professionals to apportion resources to improve resident care by eliminating or reducing requirements that could impede quality care or that divert resources away from providing high quality care.

Section 1871(a)(3)(B) of the Social Security Act (the Act) requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the Secretary) to publish a Medicare final rule no later than 3 years after the publication date of the proposed rule or interim final rule, as applicable, except under exceptional circumstances.

In such circumstances, the Secretary may vary the final rule publication timeline if the Secretary publishes a

Federal Register notice of the different timeline, including a brief explanation of the justification for the variation, by no later than the previously established timeline. To meet the 3-year timeline, the final rule would have to be published by July 18, 2022. For the reasons discussed below, we are unable to publish the final rule by July 18, 2022.

Since the beginning of the COVID–19 Public Health Emergency (PHE), we have prioritized our efforts to address the immediate needs relevant to the COVID–19 pandemic by issuing appropriate regulatory changes to increase public health and safety, while taking into consideration ways to create flexibility and minimize unnecessary regulatory burdens. These efforts have required considerable focus and resources, especially to prioritize the publication of interim final rules relevant to the PHE and to provide guidance to health care facilities. In response to the proposed rule, we received over 1,500 timely comments from a variety of stakeholders. The commenters presented robust policy and technical issues for our consideration, which require extensive consultation and analysis. Likewise, we need to re-evaluate the policies and consider the comments provided in light of the current needs of residents, the impact of the COVID–19 PHE on long-term care facilities, and the current priorities of the Department of Health and Human Services related to health and safety and equity.

Therefore, this notice extends the timeline to finalize the provisions in the June 18, 2022 proposed rule for 1 year, until July 18, 2023.

Dated: July 11, 2022.

Wilma Robinson,

Deputy Executive Secretary to the Department, Department of Health and Human Services.

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