

III through IX, which contain Federal rules promulgated between July 1, 1992 to June 30, 1999 and a portion of RCRA Cluster X promulgated July 6, 1999.

The State of Arkansas is using Arkansas Code Annotated 8-7-508(a)(1) of the Remedial Action Trust Fund Act of 1985 (RATFA) to establish equivalent authorities to RCRA sections 3004(v) and (u). EPA would like to receive specific comments from the public on this approach. This approach is discussed further in the **Federal Register** notice, "Immediate Final Rule" that EPA has determined to be Broader in Scope. Also see Arkansas' Independent Counsel Statement on pages 12 through 13 of the State of Arkansas Consolidated Attorney General Statement for RCRA Clusters III through IX and portion of RCRA Cluster X.

In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register** (FR), EPA is authorizing the State's program revisions as an immediate final rule without prior proposal because the EPA views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. The Agency has explained the reasons for this authorization in the preamble to the immediate final rule. If EPA does not receive adverse written comments, the immediate final rule will become effective and the Agency will not take further action on this proposal. If EPA receives adverse written comments, a second **Federal Register** document will be published before the time the immediate final rule takes effect. The second document may withdraw the immediate final rule or identify the issues raised, respond to the comments and affirm that the immediate final rule will take effect as scheduled. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before May 24, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments to Alima Patterson, Region 6, Regional

Authorization Coordinator, Grants and Authorization Section (6PD-G), Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, at the address shown below.

You can examine copies of the materials submitted by the State of Arkansas during normal business hours at the following locations: EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, (214) 665-6444; or Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, 8101 Interstate 30, Little Rock, Arkansas 72219, (501) 682-0876.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alima Patterson (214) 665-8533.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, please see the immediate final rule published in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 4, 2002.

Gregg A. Cooke,

Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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Effluent Limitations Guidelines and New Source Performance Standards for the Meat and Poultry Products Point Source Category

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Extension of comment period on proposed rule and clarification on public meetings.

SUMMARY: On February 25, 2002 (67 FR 8582), EPA proposed effluent limitations guidelines for wastewater discharges associated with the operation of new and existing meat and poultry

products facilities. The original comment period was 60 days, ending on April 26, 2002. The comment period will now end 60 days later on June 25, 2002. In the preamble to the proposal, EPA incorrectly stated that we would be holding two "public hearings" on March 14, 2002 and April 9, 2002, whereas EPA intended only to hold public meetings on those dates. EPA is providing this extension of the comment period in part to ensure that anyone who expected to provide their comments orally at a public hearing, has an ample opportunity to provide EPA with written comments. EPA regrets any inconvenience or confusion this mistake in terminology has caused the public.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule will be accepted through June 25, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to Ms. Samantha Lewis, Office of Water, Engineering and Analysis Division (4303T), U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460. For hand-deliveries or Federal Express, please send comments to Ms. Samantha Lewis, Office of Water, Engineering and Analysis Division, Room 6233L, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, 6th Floor, Connecting Wing, Washington, DC 20460. Comments may be sent by email to the following email address: "meatproducts.rule@epa.gov". EPA requests an original and three copies of your comments and enclosures (including references). Commenters who want EPA to acknowledge receipt of their comments should enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. No facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Samantha Lewis at (202) 566-1058.

Dated: April 17, 2002.

Diane C. Regas,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Water.

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