

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****40 CFR Part 271****[FRL-7150-7]****North Carolina: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** North Carolina has applied to EPA for Final authorization of the changes to its hazardous waste program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). EPA proposes to grant final authorization to North Carolina. In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is authorizing the changes by an immediate final rule. EPA did not make a proposal prior to the immediate final rule because we believe this action is not controversial and do not expect comments that oppose it. We have explained the reasons for this authorization in the preamble to the immediate final rule. Unless we get written comments which oppose this authorization during the comment period, the immediate final rule will become effective on the date it establishes, and we will not take further action on this proposal. If we get comments that oppose this action, we will withdraw the immediate final rule and it will not take effect. We will then respond to public comments in a later final rule based on this proposal. You may not have another opportunity for comment. If you want to comment on this action, you must do so at this time.

**DATES:** Send your written comments by April 1, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Narindar Kumar, Chief RCRA Programs Branch, Waste Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW Atlanta, GA, 30303-3104; (404) 562-8440. You can examine copies of the materials submitted by North Carolina during normal business hours at the following locations: EPA Region IV Library, Atlanta Federal Center, Library, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303; phone number: (404) 562-8190, or the North Carolina Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources, P.O. Box 27687, Raleigh, North Carolina 29201, (919) 733-2178.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Narindar Kumar, Chief RCRA Programs Branch, Waste Management Division,

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 61 Forsyth Street, SW Atlanta, GA, 30303-3104; (404) 562-8440.

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

Dated: September 18, 2001.

**A. Stanley Meiburg,**  
*Acting Regional Administrator, Region IV.*  
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**BILLING CODE** 6560-50-P**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****40 CFR Part 271****[FRL-7151-3]****Michigan: Proposed Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** Michigan has applied to EPA for final authorization of certain changes to its hazardous waste program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). EPA has reviewed Michigan's application and has determined that these changes satisfy all requirements needed to qualify for final authorization, and is proposing to authorize the State's changes.

**DATES:** If you have comments on Michigan's application for authorization for changes to its hazardous waste management program, you must submit them by April 15, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Ms. Judy Feigler, Michigan Regulatory Specialist, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Waste, Pesticides and Toxics Division (DM-7J), 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois 60604. You can view and copy Michigan's application during normal business hours at the following addresses: EPA Region 5, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Illinois, contact: Ms. Judy Feigler, phone number: (312) 886-4179; or Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, 608 W. Allegan, Hannah Building, Lansing, Michigan, contact: Ms. Kimberly Tyson, phone number: (517) 373-2487.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Judy Feigler, Michigan Regulatory Specialist, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Waste, Pesticides and Toxics Division (DM-7J), 77 W.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****A. Why Are Revisions to State Programs Necessary?**

States which have received final authorization from EPA under RCRA section 3006(b), 42 U.S.C. 6926(b), must maintain a hazardous waste program that is equivalent to, consistent with, and no less stringent than the federal program. As the federal program changes, states must change their programs and ask EPA to authorize the changes. Changes to state programs may be necessary when federal or state statutory or regulatory authority is modified or when certain other changes occur. Most commonly, states must change their programs because of changes to EPA's regulations in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) parts 124, 260 through 266, 268, 270, 273 and 279.

**B. What Decisions Have We Made in This Rule?**

EPA has determined that Michigan's application to revise its authorized program meets all of the statutory and regulatory requirements established by RCRA. Therefore, we are proposing to grant Michigan final authorization to operate its hazardous waste program with the changes described in the authorization application. Michigan will have responsibility for permitting Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities (TSDFs) within its borders (except in Indian country) and for carrying out the aspects of the RCRA program described in its revised program application, subject to the limitations of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA). New federal requirements and prohibitions imposed by federal regulations that EPA promulgates under the authority of HSWA take effect in authorized states before the states are authorized for the requirements. Thus, EPA will implement those requirements and prohibitions in Michigan, including issuing permits, until the State is granted authorization to do so.

**C. What Will Be the Effect if Michigan Is Authorized for These Changes?**

If Michigan is authorized for these changes, a facility in Michigan subject to RCRA will have to comply with the authorized State requirements in lieu of the corresponding federal requirements in order to comply with RCRA.