ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 70

[NC-FORS-T5-2000-01b; FRL-6712-4]

Clean Air Act Proposed Full Approval of Operating Permit Program; Forsyth County (NC)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes full approval of the operating permit program of Forsyth County, North Carolina. In the final rules section of this Federal Register, EPA is approving the County's operating permit program as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial amendment and anticipates no adverse comments. An explanation for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received by July 24, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Address comments to Kim Pierce, Regional Title V Program Manager, Operating Source Section, Air & Radiation Technology Branch, EPA, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Copies of the County's submittals and other supporting documentation relevant to this action are available for inspection during normal business hours at EPA, Air & Radiation Technology Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Pierce, EPA, Region 4, at (404) 562–9124.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the direct final rule which is published in the final rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: June 8, 2000.

Phyllis P. Harris,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4. [FR Doc. 00–15291 Filed 6–21–00; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 6560–50–P

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 271

[FRL-6717-6]

Hawaii; Tentative Determination on Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of tentative determination on application of Hawaii for final authorization, public meeting, public hearing and public comment period.

SUMMARY: Hawaii has applied for final authorization of its hazardous waste management program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reviewed Hawaii's application and made the tentative decision that Hawaii's hazardous waste management program satisfies all of the requirements necessary to qualify for final authorization. Thus, EPA intends to grant final authorization to the State to operate its program subject to the limitations on its authority retained by EPA in accordance with RCRA, including the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA). Hawaii's application for final authorization is available for public review and comment. EPA will hold a public meeting to discuss Hawaii's hazardous waste program with interested persons and a public hearing to solicit comments on the application. DATES: A public meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2000. A public hearing is

for July 25, 2000. A public hearing is scheduled for July 25, 2000. A public hearing is scheduled for July 27, 2000. We must receive all written comments on Hawaii's final authorization application by the close of business on August 4, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to Rebecca Smith, WST-3, U.S. EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco 94105-3901. You can view and copy Hawaii's application during normal business hours at the following locations: EPA Region 9, Library, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901, Phone number: (415) 744-1510; or U.S. EPA Region 9 Pacific Islands Contact Office (PICO), 300 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 5–152, Honolulu, HI 96850, Phone number: (808) 541-2721; or Hawaii Department of Health (HDOH), Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch, 919 Ala Moana Blvd., Room 212, Honolulu, HI 96814, Phone number: (808) 586-4226; or HDOH, Environmental Management Division,

79–7595 Haukapila Street, Kealakekua, HI 96750 (at the old Kona Hospital), Phone number: (808) 322–7011; or HDOH, Environmental Health Facility, 1582 Kamehameha Avenue, Hilo, HI 96720, Phone number: (808) 933–0917; or HDOH, Maui District Health Office, 54 High Street, Wailuku, HI 96793, Phone number: (808) 984–8230; or HDOH, Kauai District Health Office, 3040 Umi Street, Lihue, HI 96766, Phone number: (808) 241–3323.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebecca Smith at the above address and (415) 744–1510.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Why Are State Programs Authorized?

Section 3006 of RCRA allows EPA to authorize State hazardous waste management programs to operate in the State in lieu of the Federal hazardous waste management program subject to the authority retained by EPA in accordance with RCRA. EPA grants authorization if the Agency finds that the State program (1) is "equivalent" to the Federal program, (2) is consistent with the Federal program and other State programs, and (3) provides for adequate enforcement (Section 3006(b), 42 U.S.C. 6926(b)). EPA regulations for final State authorization appear at 40 CFR part 271.

B. What has EPA Tentatively Decided on Hawaii's Application for Authorization?

The EPA has reviewed Hawaii's application and has tentatively determined that it meets all of the statutory and regulatory requirements established by RCRA. Also, prior to submitting its application on May 5, 1999, Hawaii solicited public comment and held a public hearing. Therefore, we are proposing to grant Hawaii final authorization to operate its hazardous waste management program subject to the authority retained by EPA under RCRA. Hawaii will have responsibility for permitting Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities (TSDFs) within its borders and for carrying out the aspects of the RCRA program described in its program application, subject to the limitations of RCRA, including HSWA. New federal requirements and prohibitions imposed by Federal regulations that EPA promulgates under the authority of HSWA take effect in authorized States before they are authorized for the requirements. Thus, EPA will implement those requirements and prohibitions in Hawaii, including issuing permits, until the State is granted authorization to do so.