

§ 1.368-2 Definition of terms.

(The text of proposed § 1.368-2 is the same as the text of § 1.368-2T published elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**.)

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David A. Mader,

Assistant Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[W112-01-7342a; FRL-7411-6]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Wisconsin

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing to approve a revision to the Wisconsin regulations as they pertain to Northern Engraving Corporation (NEC) facilities in Holmen and Sparta, Wisconsin, as requested by the State of Wisconsin on June 12, 2002. This State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision makes changes to Wisconsin air pollution control rules federally enforceable. The rule revisions modify the emission limits adopted by the State which are part of the current Wisconsin SIP. The revised rules, specifically portions of the Environmental Cooperative Agreement with NEC, supercede portions of the rules in the Wisconsin SIP.

In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's request as a direct final rule without prior proposal because EPA views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. The rationale for approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If EPA receives no written adverse comments, EPA will take no further action on this proposed rule. If EPA receives written adverse comment, we will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule in the **Federal Register** and inform the public that the rule will not take effect. In that event, EPA will address all relevant public comments in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. In either event, EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this action must be received by February 24, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed to: Robert B. Miller, Chief, Permits and Grants Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. A copy of the State's request is available for inspection at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Constantine Blathras at (312) 886-0671.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. What action is EPA taking today?
- II. Where can I find more information about this proposal and corresponding direct final rule?

I. What Action Is EPA Taking Today?

The EPA is proposing to approve a revision to the Wisconsin regulations as they pertain to NEC's Holmen and Sparta, Wisconsin facilities as requested by the State of Wisconsin on June 12, 2002. The SIP revision makes changes to Wisconsin air pollution control rules federally enforceable. These rule changes were made at the request of NEC and the State of Wisconsin and they apply to the operation of the NEC Holmen and Sparta facilities. The rule revisions modify the emission limits adopted by the State of Wisconsin which are part of the current Wisconsin SIP. The rule revisions, portions of the Environmental Cooperative Agreement, supercede portions of rules in the Wisconsin SIP requiring a source-specific SIP revision.

II. Where Can I Find More Information About This Proposal and Corresponding Direct Final Rule?

For additional information see the direct final rule published in the rules and regulations section of this **Federal Register**.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4201 *et seq.*

Dated: October 24, 2002.

Bharat Mathur,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 312

[FRL-7442-5]

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Clarification to Interim Standards and Practices for All Appropriate Inquiry Under CERCLA and Notice of Future Rulemaking Action

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing a clarification to a provision included in recent amendments to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). Specifically, today's proposed rule addresses the interim standard set by Congress in the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act ("the Brownfields Law") for conducting "all appropriate inquiry" to establish that a landowner had no reason to know of contamination at a property under CERCLA liability provisions prior to purchasing the property. EPA is proposing a clarification to the interim standard established in the Brownfields Law. The clarification is that in the case of property purchased on or after May 31, 1997, the requirements for conducting "all appropriate inquiry," including the conduct of such activities to establish an innocent landowner defense under CERCLA, also will be satisfied through the use of ASTM Standard E1527-2000, entitled "Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessment: Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment Process." EPA is proposing that recipients of brownfields site assessment grants also will be in compliance with the all appropriate inquiry standards if they comply with the ASTM Standard E1527-2000.

DATES: EPA will accept public comments on this proposed rule until February 24, 2003. If we receive no adverse comment by this date, we will not take further action on this proposed rule. If we receive adverse comment, we will address all public comments in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. We will not institute a second comment period on this action.

ADDRESSES: Comments on today's proposed rule may be submitted electronically, by mail, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions provided in paragraph I.B. of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. Please reference Docket number SFUND-2002-0007 when submitting your comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, contact the RCRA/CERCLA Call Center at 800-424-9346 or TDD 800-553-7672 (hearing impaired). In the Washington, DC metropolitan area, call 703-412-9810 or TDD 703-412-3323.

For more detailed information on specific aspects of this proposed rule, contact Patricia Overmeyer, Office of Brownfields Clean up and Redevelopment (5105T), U.S.