

fenders and pilings of the Coronado Bay Bridge on the navigable waters of San Diego Bay. This security zone will not restrict the main navigational channel and vessels will not be restricted from transiting through the channel.

(b) *Effective Period.* This section is effective from 12:01 a.m. (PST) on March 22, 2003 until 11:59 p.m. (PDT) on June 22, 2003. If the Coast Guard terminates enforcement of this security zone prior to the scheduled termination of this section, the Captain of the Port will announce that fact via Broadcast Notice to Mariners.

(c) *Regulations.* In accordance with the general regulations in § 165.23 of this part, entry into, transit through, loitering, or anchoring within this security zone by all persons and vessels is prohibited, unless authorized by the Captain of the Port, or his designated representative. Mariners are advised that the security zones will not restrict the main navigational channel and transit through the channel is not prohibited. Mariners requesting permission to transit through the security zone may request authorization to do so from Captain of the Port or his designated representative. The Coast Guard can be contacted on San Diego Bay via VHF-FM channel 16.

(d) *Authority.* In addition to 33 U.S.C. 1231, the authority for this section includes 33 U.S.C. 1226.

Dated: March 21, 2003.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 271

[FRL-7482-3]

### Texas: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Immediate final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The State of Texas has applied for Final authorization of its revisions to its Hazardous Waste Program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The EPA has determined that these revisions satisfy all requirements needed to qualify for final authorization, and is authorizing the State's revisions through this immediate final action. The

EPA is publishing this rule to authorize the revisions without a prior proposal because it believes this action is not controversial and does not expect adverse comments. Unless the EPA receives adverse comments which oppose this authorization during the comment period, the decision to authorize the State of Texas' revisions to their hazardous waste program will take effect. If adverse comments are received, the EPA will publish a document in the **Federal Register** either: withdrawing this immediate final decision; or a notice containing a response to comments and which either affirms that the immediate final decision takes effect or reverses the decision.

**DATES:** This immediate final rule is effective on June 16, 2003, unless EPA receives adverse written comment by May 15, 2003. Should the EPA receive such comments, it will publish a timely document either: withdrawing the immediate final publication or affirming the publication and responding to comments.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments, referring to Docket Number TX-01-02, should be sent to Alima Patterson Region 6 Regional Authorization Coordinator, Grants and Authorization Section (6PD-G), Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, EPA Region 1145 Ross Avenue, Dallas Texas 75202-2733. Copies of the State of Texas program revision application and the materials which EPA used in evaluating the revision are available for inspection and copying from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday at the following addresses: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), 12100 Park S. Circle, Austin TX 78753-3087, (512) 239-1121 and EPA, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, (214) 665-6444.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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 Hazardous Waste 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 CFR parts 124, 260-266, 268, 270, 273, and 279.

#### B. What Is the Effect of Today's Authorization Decision?

The effect of this decision is that a facility in Texas subject to RCRA will now have to comply with the authorized State requirements (in RCRA Clusters VII through X listed in this document) instead of the equivalent federal requirements in order to comply with RCRA. Texas has enforcement responsibilities under its state hazardous waste program for violations of such program, but EPA retains its authority under RCRA sections 3007, 3008, 3013, and 7003, which include, among others, authority to: (1) Do inspections, and require monitoring, tests, analyses or reports; (2) enforce RCRA requirements and suspend or revoke permits; and (3) take enforcement actions after notice to, and consultation with the State. This action does not impose additional requirements on the regulated community because the regulations for which Texas is being authorized by today's action are already effective, and are not changed by today's action.

#### C. What Has The State Of Texas Previously Been Authorized For?

Texas received final authorization to implement its Hazardous Waste Management Program on December 12, 1984, effective December 26, 1984 (49 FR 48300). This authorization was clarified in a notice published in the FR on March 26, 1985 (50 FR 11858). Texas received final authorization for revisions to its program in notices published in the **Federal Register** on January 31, 1986, effective October 4, 1985 (51 FR 3952); on December 18, 1986, effective February 17, 1987 (51 FR 45320). EPA authorized the following revisions: March 1, 1990, effective March 15, 1990 (55 FR 7318); on May 24, 1990, effective July 23, 1990 (55 FR 21383); on August 22, 1991, effective October 21, 1991 (56 FR 41626); on October 5, 1992, effective December 4, 1992 (57 FR 45719); on April 11, 1994, effective June 27, 1994, (59 FR 16987); on April 12, 1994, effective June 27, 1994 (59 FR 17273); September 12, 1997, effective November 26, 1997 (62 FR 47947); and on August 18, 1999, effective October 18, 1999 (64 FR 44836) and July 13, 2000, effective September 11, 2000 (65 FR 43246). EPA incorporated by reference the State of Texas Base Program and additional program revisions in RCRA Clusters III and IV into the CFR on September 14,