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Public comments submitted on computer disks that are mailed or delivered to the docket will be transferred to EPA's electronic public docket. Public comments that are mailed or delivered to the Docket will be scanned and placed in EPA's electronic public docket. Where practical, physical objects will be photographed, and the photograph will be placed in EPA's electronic public docket along with a brief description written by the docket staff.

For additional information about EPA's electronic public docket visit EPA Dockets online or see 67 FR 38102, May 31, 2002.

C. How and to Whom Do I Submit Comments?

You may submit comments electronically, by mail, by facsimile, or through hand delivery/courier. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, identify the appropriate docket identification number in the subject line on the first page of your comment. Please ensure that your comments are submitted within the specified comment period. Comments received after the close of the comment period will be marked "late." EPA is not required to consider these late comments. However, late comments may be considered if time permits.

1. *Electronically.* If you submit an electronic comment as prescribed below, EPA recommends that you include your name, mailing address, and an e-mail address or other contact information in the body of your comment. Also include this contact information on the outside of any disk or CD ROM you submit, and in any cover letter accompanying the disk or CD ROM. This ensures that you can be identified as the submitter of the comment and allows EPA to contact you in case EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties or needs further information on the substance of your comment. EPA's policy is that EPA will not edit your comment, and any identifying or contact information provided in the body of a comment will be included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment.

i. *EPA Dockets.* Your use of EPA's electronic public docket to submit comments to EPA electronically is EPA's preferred method for receiving

comments. Go directly to EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket>, and follow the online instructions for submitting comments. To access EPA's electronic public docket from the EPA Internet Home Page, select "Information Sources," "Dockets," and "EPA Dockets." Once in the system, select "search," and then key in Docket ID No. RCRA-2003-0012. The system is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity, e-mail address, or other contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment.

ii. *E-mail.* Comments may be sent by electronic mail (e-mail) to rcra-docket@epa.gov, Attention Docket ID No. RCRA 2003-0012. In contrast to EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's e-mail system is not an "anonymous access" system. If you send an e-mail comment directly to the Docket without going through EPA's electronic public docket, EPA's e-mail system automatically captures your e-mail address. E-mail addresses that are automatically captured by EPA's e-mail system are included as part of the comment that is placed in the official public docket, and made available in EPA's electronic public docket.

iii. *Disk or CD ROM.* You may submit comments on a disk or CD ROM that you mail to the mailing address identified in Unit 1.C.2. These electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect or ASCII file format. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

2. *By Mail.* Send your comments to: OSWER Docket, EPA Docket Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mailcode: 5305T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460, Attention Docket ID No. RCRA-2003-0012.

3. *By Hand Delivery or Courier.* Deliver your comments to: OSWER Docket, EPA Docket Center, 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., EPA West Building, Room B-102, Washington, DC, 20004, Attention Docket ID No. RCRA-2003-0012. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation as identified in Unit I.B.1.

4. *By Facsimile.* Fax your comments to: (202) 566-0224, Attention Docket ID. No. RCRA-2003-0012.

II. Background

EPA recognizes the unique aspects of research and academic laboratories compared with large manufacturing processes. For example, research and academic laboratories generate small amounts of many different wastes while large manufacturing processes tend to

generate large amounts of a few wastes. EPA supports developing environmentally safe management alternatives for hazardous wastes in research and academic laboratories. The Agency has participated in several efforts to explore alternatives that may help target the unique lab practices and wastes more effectively. Recent efforts include the New England Labs XL project and the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) Best Management Practices. NE Labs XL is testing the development and implementation of an Environmental Management Plan designed to minimize and more effectively manage hazardous laboratory wastes (<http://www.epa.gov/projectxl/nelabs/index.htm>). HHMI partnered with EPA to identify best practices for managing hazardous wastes in academic research institutions (<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/specials/labwaste/r02008.pdf>). The June public stakeholder meeting builds on these efforts.

III. Tentative Agenda

Copies of the tentative agenda for this meeting are available via mail, fax, or e-mail. If you would like a copy, please contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**

IV. How Can I Participate in This Meeting?

You may attend this meeting in person or submit a written comment. The meeting locations have the following capacities: Washington DC, 100 people; North Chelmsford, 50 people; Chicago, 30 people; San Francisco, 17 people. Members of the public wishing to have access to the Headquarters or Regional conference rooms on the day of the meeting should register by June 11 by contacting Kate Davis, Office of Solid Waste (5304W), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 308-0091; fax number: (703) 308-0514; e-mail address: davis.kate@epa.gov. A photo ID will be required to gain access to Headquarters and Regional conference rooms. Any person needing special accessibility accommodations at this meeting should contact the person identified above at least five business days before the meeting so we can make the appropriate arrangements.

Any person who wishes to file a written statement may do so before July 18. EPA has established an official public docket for this action under Docket ID No. RCRA-2003-0012. Please see Unit I.C. for instructions on how to submit written comments.