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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Proposed agenda items include: Update on Progress of Executive Order, FY 2005 State Project Meetings, Report on Mercury Project Team Meeting, Report on Nutrient Pilot Study in Northern Gulf, Report on Pilot Nitrogen Farming Project, Gulf of Mexico Governor's Accord Workgroup Coordination, Harte Institute Proposal for Joint Symposium, The Nature Conservancy Migratory Birds Proposal.

The meeting is open to the public.

Dated: February 14, 2003.

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Designated Federal Officer.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Final Guidance on Completion of Corrective Action Activities at RCRA Facilities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to provide the newly issued "Guidance on Completion of Corrective Action Activities at RCRA Facilities" memorandum to regulators and to the regulated community. The memorandum provides the EPA Regions, the States, Tribes, the regulated community, members of the public, and other stakeholders with guidance on significant issues related to completion of corrective action activities at RCRA facilities. It provides guidance on when each type of completion determination is appropriate. It also discusses completion determinations for less than an entire facility. Finally, it provides guidance on procedures for EPA and the authorized States when making completion determinations.

DATES: This guidance was issued February 13, 2003.

ADDRESSES: For more detailed information on specific aspects of the guidance document, contact Barbara Foster, Office of Solid Waste 5303W, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460, (703-308-7057), (*foster.barbara@epa.gov*), or Peter Neves, Office of Site Remediation

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA has established an official public docket for this action under Docket ID No. RCRA-2001-0004. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the OSWER Docket in the EPA Docket Center, (EPA/DC) EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Docket is (202) 566-0270.

You may access this **Federal Register** document electronically through the EPA Internet under the **Federal Register** listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>. An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA's electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/> to view public comments, access the index listing of the contents of the official public docket, and to access those documents in the public docket that are available electronically.

Although not all docket materials may be available electronically, you may still access any of the publicly available docket materials through the docket facility identified above. Once in the system, select "search," then key in the appropriate docket identification number.

The guidance document, which is published below, was issued as a memorandum from EPA headquarters to the Regional offices. If you would like to receive a hard copy, please call the RCRA Call Center at 800-424-0346 or TDD 800-553-7672 (hearing impaired). In the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, call 703-412-9810 or TDD 703-412-3323. Additional information about RCRA corrective action is available on the Internet at: <http://www.epa.gov/correctiveaction>.

Background

On October 2, 2001, EPA published a notice in the **Federal Register** requesting comment on a draft guidance document entitled "Recognizing Completion of Corrective Action Activities at RCRA Facilities" (see 66 FR 50195). Comments received by the Agency on that draft guidance largely supported the content, but expressed

concern that the Agency needed to expand the scope of the guidance, for example, to address when and under what circumstances decisions that corrective action is complete should be made.

On February 27, 2002, the Agency published a second draft guidance in the **Federal Register** (see 67 FR 9174), which included most elements of the first draft, but was expanded to discuss two types of corrective action completion determinations. The Agency again solicited comment on the guidance.

Generally, commenters on the February 27 draft guidance supported the Agency's effort (and some supported all or part of the Agency's approach) to develop guidance related to completion of corrective action. However, some commenters raised concerns about aspects of the guidance, with many commenters offering suggestions for revising the guidance. The Agency modified the draft guidance in response to comments received, and the resulting final "Guidance on Completion of Corrective Action Activities at RCRA Facilities" memorandum is published below in this **Federal Register** notice.

Discussion of Public Comment

Comments Related to the Definition of Completion

In the February 27, 2002 **Federal Register** notice, the Agency described two types of completion of corrective action. For both types, all of the following have been satisfied: (1) A full set of corrective measures is defined; (2) the facility has completed construction and installation of all required remedial actions; (3) site-specific media cleanup objectives, which were selected based on current and reasonably expected future land use, and maximum beneficial groundwater use, have been met.

A Corrective Action Complete without Controls¹ means that these objectives have been met, and the areas subject to the determination do not require any additional action or measures to ensure the remedy remains protective of human health and the environment. For Corrective Action Complete with Controls, all that remains is performance of required operation and maintenance and monitoring actions, and/or compliance with and

¹ In the February 27, 2002 **Federal Register** notice, this form of completion was referred to as Corrective Action Complete. The Agency added "without controls" in this final guidance to more clearly reflect that this is a form of completion (see discussion of comments below).