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U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
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NOTICE OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION OF A PERMIT AND TENTATIVE PUBLIC HEARING  
UNDER THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT (RCRA), AS AMENDED BY  
THE HAZARDOUS AND SOLID WASTE AMENDMENTS OF 1984.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requests public comment on the proposed modification of the Research, Development and Demonstration (RD&D) permit for the Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Gulfport, Mississippi. Congress passed the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments in 1984 which established incentives for development of alternative technologies. As amended, Section 3005 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) gives EPA new permit authority to issue research, development, and demonstration permits for innovative and experimental hazardous waste treatment technologies. The purpose of RD&D permits is to regulate the development of safe alternatives to land disposal of hazardous wastes. The RD&D permit allows applicants to conduct experimental testing of new hazardous waste treatment technologies, under the authority of RCRA. The RD&D permit is temporary and is limited to treatment of that quantity of waste necessary to conduct the RD&D activity.

The RD&D permit at NCBC, Gulfport, Mississippi, allows for treatment of dioxin-contaminated soils by incineration. The project will determine the technical efficiency and cost-effectiveness of using this technology.

The permit modification will allow an increase in the amount of waste from 11,000 to 14,000 cubic yards. The additional waste is needed because of an error in the original estimate of how much excavation was needed to complete the project.

This is to notify the interested public of a tentative hearing on the proposed permit modification. If significant public interest is expressed in holding a hearing, then a public hearing will be held on August 2, 1988, at 7:00 P.M., at the Westside Community Center, 4010 West Beach, Highway 90, Gulfport, Mississippi.

The decision on whether there is significant public interest in holding the hearing will be based on the receipt of at least one written notice of opposition and a request for a public hearing. EPA reserves the right to cancel the public hearing if significant public interest in holding a hearing is not communicated to EPA. The period for requesting the public hearing begins on June 8, 1988, and ends at midnight July 8, 1988. Individuals with handicaps requiring special assistance should contact Ms. Suzanne Potter at (404)347-3004 by July 22, 1988, so that reasonable accommodations may be made. If no requests for a public hearing are received during this period, cancellation of the tentative hearing will be published in the Jackson Clarion-Ledger and the Biloxi Herald on July 20, 1988. However, even if a hearing is not held, all written comments will be considered in formulating a final decision.

Copies of the proposed permit modification, along with the statement of basis, are available for public inspection at the following locations Monday through Friday:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
345 Courtland Street, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30365  
(404)347-3004  
Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Bureau of Pollution Control  
2380 Highway 80 West  
Jackson, Mississippi 39209  
(601)961-5072  
Office Hours: 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Gulfport/Harrison County Library  
21st Avenue & 14th Street  
Gulfport, Mississippi 39502-4018  
(601)863-6411  
Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday 9:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.  
Friday 9:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.  
Saturday 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Copies may be obtained by writing:

Ms. Suzanne Potter  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
345 Courtland Street, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30365

A nominal fee for copying and/or mailing may be charged. Arrangements for copying should be made in advance.

The administrative record, which includes the material listed above as well as all other data submitted by the applicant concerning the permit modification is available at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at the above address during the hours listed.

The 45-day comment period for the draft permit modification begins June 8, 1988, and ends at midnight July 25, 1988. The comment period and the hearing are to provide an opportunity to comment upon the proposed permit modification.

Persons wishing to request a public hearing or to comment upon the proposed permit modification should submit such requests or comments in writing. Requests for a public hearing or copies of comments regarding the permit modification should be sent to the U.S. EPA, Attention: Mr. James H. Scarbrough, at the above address.