

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Extension of Period of Submission
of Section 111(d) Plans for Existing Municipal
Solid Waste (MSW) Landfills

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Administrator has determined that it is necessary to extend the submission deadline for section 111(d) Plans for MSW landfills for the States of Alaska, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Washington as described below. The reasons for this action are set forth in the memorandum, Reasons for Extending Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Section 111(d) Plan Submittal, which is located in the docket and on EPA's website. These Plans, which are required under section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act for existing landfills (40 CFR 60 Subpart B), describe how the State or Local air pollution agency or Indian Tribe will implement the MSW landfill emission guidelines. The guidelines were promulgated on March 12, 1996 under 40 CFR 60 Subpart Cc (61 FR 9905). The section 111(d) Plans were due December 12, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Office of Air Radiation Docket and Information Center (Air Docket 6102), Room M 1500, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Attention: Docket No. A-97-37, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. The docket may be inspected between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays, and a reasonable fee may be charged for copying. The Air Docket may be called at (202) 260-7548. The EPA's Office of Air and Radiation Policy and Guidance website:

<http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg/amend.html>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For New York, Ms. Christine DeRosa, EPA Region II, 290 Broadway, 25th floor, New York, New York 10007, telephone (212)637-4022; For Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee, Mr. Scott Davis, EPA Region IV, 61 Forsyth Street, S.W., Atlanta, GA 30303, telephone (404) 562-9127; for Illinois, Mr. Randolph Cano, EPA Region V, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60604, telephone (312) 886-6036; for Texas, Mr. Mick Cote, EPA Region VI, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200, Dallas, TX 75202, telephone (214) 665-7219; for Alaska, Idaho and Washington, Ms. Catherine Woo, EPA Region X, 1200 Sixth Ave., Seattle, WA 98101, telephone (206) 553-1814.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EPA promulgated standards of performance for new MSW landfills and emission guidelines for existing MSW landfills on March 12, 1996. These standards of performance and emission guidelines, which were

developed under section 111 of the Clean Air Act (CAA), regulate emissions of nonmethane organic compounds from MSW landfills. Section 111(d) of the CAA requires States to submit a Plan to the EPA that addresses how States will regulate, implement and enforce standards of performance on existing MSW landfills. This requirement is codified under 40 CFR 60.23.

However, the EPA Administrator is allowed to extend the period for submission of a section 111(d) Plan under 40 CFR 60.27 whenever he or she determines it is necessary. Alaska, Idaho, Illinois, Kentucky, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Washington have all shown good faith in developing and committing to submit their Plans by the dates specified in this notice. Based on EPA's analysis of the State requests, the following extensions are granted: Alaska, Idaho and Tennessee are granted extensions to December 31, 1997; South Carolina is granted an extension to January 15, 1998; Kentucky is granted an extension to February 15, 1998; Washington is granted an extension to May 31, 1998; North Carolina is granted an extension to July 1, 1998; New York is granted an extension to July 5, 1998 and Illinois and Texas are granted extensions to July 31, 1998. The memorandum, Reasons for Extending Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Section 111(d) Plan Submittal, mentioned previously,

documents their efforts and explains why EPA is granting an extension for the section 111(d) Plan submittals to these State air pollution agencies.

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Dated: December 3, 1997.

Carol M. Browner,
Administrator.