

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 261

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Hazardous Waste Management System; General; Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; Used Oil

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is today promulgating a final listing decision for used oils based upon the technical criteria provided in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) sections 1004 and 3001 and in 40 CFR 261.11 (a)(1) and (a)(3). EPA has decided not to list used oils destined for disposal as hazardous waste based on the finding that all used oils do not typically and frequently meet the technical criteria for listing a waste as hazardous waste. This rule, therefore, preserves the status quo for used oil destined for disposal. EPA today is promulgating a modification to the current exclusions from the definition of hazardous waste in 40 CFR 261.4 to provide an exemption for certain types of used oil filters. The Agency today is also providing public notice of the EPA's deferral on a decision whether or not to list residuals from the reprocessing and re-refining of used oil at this time.

The Agency is not taking final action, at this time, on a listing determination and/or management standards for used oils that are recycled as proposed in 1985 and 1991. The Agency will, in the near future, make a final decision on listing of used oil destined for recycling and appropriate management standards for used oil handlers under the authority of RCRA section 3014. If EPA promulgates additional management standards, service station dealers may be eligible to qualify for the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) section 114(c) liability exemption. The Agency also may propose standards controlling the burning of used oil in boilers and furnaces at a later date.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 19, 1992.

ADDRESSES: The docket for this rulemaking and regulatory decision is available for public inspection at room 2427, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays. The docket number is F-91-UOLF-FFFFF. The public must make an appointment to review docket materials by calling (202) 260-9327. The public may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any regulatory document at no cost. Additional copies cost \$.20 per page.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information contact the RCRA Hotline, Office of Solid Waste, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460; Telephone (800) 424-9346 (toll free) or, in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area telephone (703) 920-9810.

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PART 261-IDENTIFICATION AND LISTING OF HAZARDOUS WASTE

1. The authority citation for part 261 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 6905, 6912(a), 6921 and 6922.

3. Section 261.4 is amended by adding paragraph (b)(15) to read as follows:

§ 261.4 Exclusions

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(b) * * *

(15) Non-terne plated used oil filters that are not mixed with waste listed in subpart C of this part if these oil filters have been gravity hot-drained using one of the following methods:

(i) Puncturing the filter anti-drain back valve or the filter dome end and hot-draining;

(ii) Hot-draining and crushing;

(iii) Dismantling and hot-draining; or

(iv) Any other equivalent hot-draining method which will remove used oil.

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