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[Docket No. HM-145A; Notice No. 78-6]

TRANSPORTATION OF HAZARDOUS WASTE MATERIALS

Notice of Public Hearings and Closing Date for Comment

AGENCY: Materials Transportation Bureau, Research and Special Programs Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Public Hearings; Closing Date for Comments on Notice of Proposed Rulemaking.

SUMMARY: On May 25, 1978, the Materials Transportation Bureau (MTB) published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking under Docket HM-145A (43 FR 22626) pertaining to the transportation of hazardous waste materials. It was stated in the Notice that the closing date for comments would be announced at a later time. On December 18, 1978, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (43 FR 58946) Pertaining to hazardous wastes guidelines and regulations. The EPA also announced that public hearings would be held jointly with the Department of Transportation.

DATES: Public hearings pertaining to the transportation of hazardous wastes will be held on February 15 and 21, and March 8 and 13, 1979. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for further details. Unfortunately, this publication is too late to announce the joint hearing in New York City on February 8, as was announced in the EPA publication. The closing date for public comment on Docket HM-145A; Notice No. 78-6, is June 1, 1979.

ADDRESSES: Submit 5 copies of comments on Docket HM-145A; Notice No. 78-6 to Dockets Branch, Materials Transportation Bureau, Department of Transportation, Washington, D.C. 20590 through June 1, 1979. For public hearings being held by EPA see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The EPA is holding public hearings on

proposed regulations to be issued under Sections 3001-3004 of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976. Section 3003 pertains to transportation. The hearings pertaining to proposed transportation regulations will be held jointly by the EPA and MTB. The schedule and location for each hearing is as follows:

February 15, 1979; 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.—Breckenridge Pavillion Hotel, One Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri 63102 (314) 421-1776.

February 21, 1979; 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.—Department of Commerce, Main Auditorium, 14th Street entrance, Washington, D.C.

March 8, 1979; 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.—Holiday Inn-Airport, P.O. Box 38218, 4040 Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado 80216 (303) 321-6666.

March 13, 1979; 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.—EPA Regional Office, Sixth Floor Conference Room, 215 Fremont Street, San Francisco, California. Anyone wishing to make an oral statement at one of the scheduled hearings should notify in writing: Mrs. Geraldine Wyer, Public Participation Office, Office of Solid Waste (WH-562), U.S. E.P.A., 401 M Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20460.

Oral or written comments may be submitted at the public hearings. Persons who wish to make oral presentations must restrict their presentations to ten minutes, and are encouraged to have written copies of their complete comments for inclusion in the official record.

It was stated in MTB's Notice No. 78-6 that the closing date for comment on the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking would be at least 60 days after the last notice of proposed rulemaking published by EPA pertaining to regulations that will be issued under Subtitle C of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. Since all of the EPA Subtitle C proposals that affect transportation have been published as of December 18, 1978, the closing date for comments on Notice No. 78-6 under docket HM-145A is June 1, 1979.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 1803, 1804, 1808, 49 CFR 1.53 and paragraph (a)(4) of Appendix A to Part 106.

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