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## PROPOSED RULE TO LIST WOOD PRESERVING AND SURFACE PROTECTION WASTES AS HAZARDOUS

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Certain wastes from wood preserving processes are currently regulated as hazardous under RCRA. However, past mismanagement of other wastes from wood preserving processes and wastes from surface protection processes has been responsible for widespread contamination of soils, surface water, and ground water. As part of a recent settlement with the Environmental Defense Fund, EPA must propose to list as hazardous wastes from the preservation of wood by December 31, 1988.

### ACTION

EPA is proposing to list as hazardous certain wastes - F032, F033, F034, and F035 - generated by the wood preserving and surface protection processes. Section 3001(e) of HSWA mandates the EPA to list as hazardous additional dioxin-containing wastes. Wastes from wood preserving or surface protection processes that use penta-chlorophenol typically contain dioxins.

### CONCLUSIONS

Under this proposal, these wastes would be subject to the hazardous waste management system requirements of RCRA. These new listings would prevent further adverse environmental impacts resulting from the mismanagement of these wastes.

### CONTACT

For further information, please contact the RCRA Hotline Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. EST. The national toll-free number is 800-424-9346; in Washington, D.C., the number is 202-382-3000.