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Summary:

This memorandum establishes a certification process as an interim measure to allow interim status incinerators and thermal treatment units to handle dioxin wastes until they receive a RCRA permit. Regions must use the certification process unless they can demonstrate that permitting will move as fast as certification.

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Certifying Incinerators and Thermal Treatment Units

FROM: Michael B. Cock
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TO: Waste Management Division Directors, Regions I - X
Hazardous Waste Branch Chiefs, Regions I - X

As discussed in his memorandum of April 10, 1985 (copy attached), the Administrator expects the Regions to take the initiative and work quickly to ensure adequate capacity for managing dioxin wastes. The recent listing of certain dioxin and dibenzo-furan containing wastes as acute hazardous wastes allows interim status incinerators and thermal treatment units, which want to manage these wastes before receiving a permit, to be certified by the Assistant Administrator for OSWER that they meet the Part 264 Subpart O performance standards. A copy of OSWER's final draft procedures for conducting the certification process is attached.

The certification process was developed as an interim measure to allow incinerators and thermal treatment units to handle dioxin wastes until they receive a RCRA permit. It can only meet the nation's needs for dioxin disposal if it is fast, much faster than the Part B permit process has proven to be in the past. Because of the delays with permitting, Regions must use the certification process, unless you can demonstrate that permitting will move as fast. When the certification process is used, the Notice of Deficiency should be mailed within two weeks of receipt of the application.

I would like to receive a copy of your expedited schedule shortly after you receive an application for certification, and any Part B application for managing dioxins. We anticipate working closely with you on these priority applications. I hope this will allow us to quickly resolve any problems that arise as we implement the new regulatory procedures.

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If you have questions on the priority for processing permits or certifications for dioxin waste, please contact me on 382-5864. If you have questions on the procedures for certifying incinerators or thermal treatment units, contact Arthur Glazer, or Barry Korb of the Dioxin Task Force staff at 382-4654.

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