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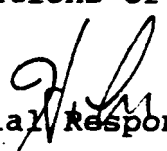
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OFFICE OF
SOLID WASTE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

OSWER Directive # 9320.2-05

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Amendment to Historical Definitions of NPL Deletion Start and Completion Dates

FROM: Henry L. Longest II, Director 
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TO: Superfund Program Management Branch Chiefs,
Regions I-X

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify you of an amendment to two historical CERCLIS definitions. Specifically, this memo amends the definitions of the NPL deletion process start and completion dates in the Superfund Comprehensive Accomplishments Plan (SCAP) Manual of FY 1987, the Superfund Program Management Manual of FY 1988, and any other pre-FY 89 guidance relevant to this aspect of the deletion process.

BACKGROUND

I sent a memo out on September 4, 1992 requesting your assistance in verifying the accuracy of CERCLIS with respect to completion/deletion data. Attached to the memo was a list of proposed changes to CERCLIS data. One of the changes addressed discrepancies between CERCLIS start and completion dates for deleted sites and dates appearing in the Federal Register for notice of intent to delete ("NOID") and notice of deletion. The memo suggested replacing the start and completion dates currently in CERCLIS with the appropriate Federal Register dates.

Prior to FY 89, the start of the NPL deletion process was defined as the date the Regional Administrator transmitted a complete deletion recommendation package to the AA-OSWER for formal concurrence. Similarly, the completion date definition was the date the AA signed the deletion package recommendation. In FY 89, these definitions were changed by wedding the deletion start and completion dates to the publication dates of the notice of intent to delete and notice of deletion in the Federal Register.

OBJECTIVE

The Hazardous Site Control Division believes that, for tracking purposes, it is important that the historical definitions of the deletion start and completion be amended to make them consistent with the Federal Register dates. Thus, this memo officially amends the definitions found in the SCAP Manual of FY 1987, the Superfund Program Management Manual of FY 1988, and any other relevant guidance from pre-FY 89. The new definitions for deletion start and completion dates will be the dates the notice of intent to delete and the notice of deletion appear in the Federal Register.

IMPLEMENTATION

Please make the changes to the deletion event as outlined in the completion/deletion memo of September 4, 1992. The site backup from that memo detailing the appropriate changes is attached. This memo will be filed and will serve as documentation of the amendment for the IG and other related purposes.

If you have questions or comments about this issue or related ones, please contact Lois Gartner at (202) 260-8101.

Attachment

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