



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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OFFICE OF
SOLID WASTE AND EMERGENCY
RESPONSE

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Hazardous Waste Management System: Agency Proposes
Not to List 14 Spent Solvents

FROM: Michael Shapiro, Director
Office of Solid Waste

TO: RCRA National Policy Managers
Regions I-X

On August 5, 1996, the Administrator signed a proposal not to amend the regulations for hazardous waste management under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) for wastes generated during the use of certain organic solvents. Specifically, the Agency proposes not to list as hazardous any of the following 14 spent solvents examined: acetonitrile, benzyl chloride, cumene, cyclohexanol, 1,4-dichlorobenzene, epichloro-hydrin, ethylene dibromide, 2-ethoxyethanol acetate, furfural isophorone, 2-methoxyethanol, 2-methoxyethanol acetate, methyl chloride and phenol.

We have determined that these solvent wastes pose little or no risk to human health or the environment because the risk assessment performed for each solvent does not show a substantial level of risk. A more detailed fact sheet is attached and a prepublication copy of the *Federal Register* notice has been posted in the common Postman directory in each region under "Solvents.fr." These documents will also be available on the Internet System (see fact sheet for complete details). If you need more specific technical information, please contact Ron Josephson at (703) 308-0442. The general public can request copies from the RCRA Hotline at (800) 424-9346.

Attachment

cc: RCRA Branch Chiefs
RCRA State Authorization and Permit Offices
RCRA Public Involvement Network



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Dear Colleague:

On August 5, 1996, the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) signed a proposal not to amend the regulations for hazardous waste management under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act for wastes generated during the use of certain organic solvents. EPA has determined that these solvent wastes pose little or no risk to human health or the environment because the risk assessment performed for each solvent does not show a substantial level of risk. Specifically, the Agency proposes not to list as hazardous any of the following 14 spent solvents examined: acetonitrile, benzyl chloride, cumene, cyclohexanol, 1,4-dichlorobenzene, epichlorohydrin, ethylene dibromide, 2-ethoxyethanol acetate, furfural, isophorone, 2-methoxyethanol, 2-methoxyethanol acetate, methyl chloride and phenol.

A disk containing a prepublication copy of the rule, and a fact sheet are enclosed for your information and use. These documents also will be available on the Internet through the EPA public access gopher in the near future. You may order paper copies of the rule and obtain technical assistance from the RCRA Hotline at 1-800-424-9346.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Shapiro".

Michael Shapiro, Director
Office of Solid Waste

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