

Secretary's Order No.: **2009-A-0012**

RE: Proposed Amendments to the
Delaware Regulations Governing Hazardous Waste (2009)

Date of Issuance: April 14, 2009

Effective Date of the Amendment: May 21, 2009

I. Background:

A public hearing was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. at the DNREC Richardson & Robbins Building Auditorium to receive comment on proposed amendments to the Delaware *Regulations Governing Hazardous Waste* (hereinafter referred to as "RGHW"). The State of Delaware is authorized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (hereinafter referred to as "EPA") to administer its own hazardous waste management program. In order for Delaware to maintain its program delegation and authority, EPA requires Delaware to maintain a program that is equivalent and no less stringent than the federal program.

To accomplish this, the State must periodically seek authorization from the EPA to administer the program, and Delaware is preparing the 7th such program reauthorization. For Delaware's Hazardous Waste program to be authorized, the EPA has requested minor, miscellaneous corrections to align the State's program with the Federal program.

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Typographical correction for “Depository”, §264.151(a)(1) Section 8c; and (5) Manifest Instructions corrections, §262 Appendix.

Due to the fact that the proposed changes to RGHW are required by the EPA, are self explanatory, and are not controversial, no workshop to explain these changes to the public was held by the Department. Instead, a letter was sent to all interested persons (i.e., the regulated community throughout Delaware) on February 25, 2009, encouraging the public to review the proposed amendments on the Department’s web page, and to submit any comments prior to or at the hearing of March 24, 2009. No comments were received from the public or the regulated community regarding these proposed amendments during any phase of this proceeding. Proper notice of the hearing was provided as required by law.

After the hearing, the Hearing Officer prepared her report and recommendation in the form of a Hearing Officer’s Memorandum to the Secretary dated February 10, 2009, and that Report in its entirety is expressly incorporated herein by reference.

II. Findings:

The Department has provided sound reasoning with regard to the proposed amendments to Delaware’s *Regulations Governing Hazardous Waste*, as reflected in the Hearing Officer’s Memorandum of April 13, 2009, which is attached hereto and expressly incorporated into this Order in its entirety. Moreover, the following findings and conclusions are entered at this time:

1. The Department has jurisdiction under its statutory authority, 7 Del.C. Chapters 60 and 63, to make a determination in this proceeding;

2. The Department provided adequate public notice of the proceeding and the public hearing in a manner required by the law and regulations;
3. The Department held a public hearing in a manner required by the law and regulations;
4. The Department considered all timely and relevant public comments in making its determination;
5. The Department has reviewed this proposed amendment in the light of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, and believes the same to be lawful, feasible and desirable, and that the recommendations as proposed should be applicable to all Delaware citizens equally;
6. Promulgation of these proposed amendments would update Delaware's requirements, where appropriate, to be consistent with the federal requirements, thus bringing Delaware into compliance with EPA standards;
7. The correction of clerical errors currently found in Delaware's existing regulations will provide better clarity and a fuller understanding of the regulatory language contained within this regulation to the general public and the regulated community;
8. The Department has an adequate record for its decision, and no further public hearing is appropriate or necessary;
9. The Department's proposed regulation, as published in the March 1, 2009 *Delaware Register of Regulations* and set forth within Attachment "A" of the Hearing Officer's Memorandum and attached hereto, is adequately supported, not arbitrary or capricious, and is consistent with the applicable laws and

regulations. Consequently, it should be approved as a final regulation, which shall go into effect twenty days after its publication in the next available issue of the *Delaware Register of Regulations*;

10. The Department shall submit the proposed regulation as a final regulation to the Delaware Register of Regulation for publication in its next available issue, and shall provide written notice to the persons affected by the Order.

III. Order:

Based on the record developed, as reviewed in the Hearing Officer's Memorandum dated April 13, 2009 and expressly incorporated herein, it is hereby ordered that the proposed amendments to the State of Delaware's *Regulations Governing Hazardous Waste* be promulgated in final form in the customary manner and established rule-making procedure required by law.

IV. Reasons:

The promulgation of the amendments to the State of Delaware's *Regulations Governing Hazardous Waste* will update Delaware's requirements, where appropriate, to be consistent with the federal requirements, thus bringing Delaware into compliance with EPA standards. Again, the State is required to adopt these amendments in order to maintain its hazardous waste program authorization and remain current with the Federal RCRA hazardous waste program. Additionally, those changes being made to correct clerical errors currently found in Delaware's existing regulations will provide better

clarity and a fuller understanding of the regulatory language contained within this regulation to the general public and the regulated community.

In developing this regulation, the Department has balanced the absolute environmental need for the State of Delaware to promulgate regulations concerning this matter with the important interests and public concerns surrounding the same, in furtherance of the policy and purposes of 7 Del. C., Chapters 60 and 63.

/s/ David S. Small

David S. Small
Acting Secretary

MEMORANDUM

TO: David S. Small, Acting Secretary

FROM: Lisa A. Vest, Hearing Officer

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II. Summary of Hearing Record:

At the time of the hearing on March 24, 2009, Bill Davis of the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Branch of the Department’s Division of Air and Waste Management, offered the Department’s five exhibits pertaining to these proposed amendments, and the Hearing Officer entered them into the formal hearing record developed in this matter. Included within those Departmental exhibits were copies of the Legal Notices regarding the holding of this public hearing on March 24, 2009, a copy of the notification sent to all interested persons (i.e., the regulated community) on February 25, 2009 concerning this proposed promulgation, copies of the actual proposed amendments to Delaware’s Regulations Governing Hazardous Waste, and a brief

synopsis of the same. For the Secretary's review, and in order for the Secretary to gain a thorough understanding of these proposed amendments, copies of the actual proposed amendments to Delaware's RGHW are attached hereto as Attachment "A", and the same are expressly incorporated into this Hearing Officer's memorandum.

It should be noted that the Department adhered to all appropriate Delaware statutes and the regulatory development process in this matter, and that the Department has met the standard required public noticing obligations regarding these proposed amendments. It should also be noted that the Department has reviewed this proposed amendment in the light of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, and believes the same to be lawful, feasible and desirable, and that the recommendations as proposed should be applicable to all Delaware citizens equally.

Again, the Department received no public comment regarding these proposed amendments to the *Regulations Governing Hazardous Waste* during any phase of this hearing matter, nor did any members of the public (nor of the regulated community) attend the public hearing on March 24, 2009.

III. Conclusions and Recommendations:

Based on the above discussion, I conclude that the Department has provided appropriate reasoning regarding the need for these proposed changes to Delaware's *Regulations Governing Hazardous Waste*. Accordingly, I recommend promulgation of these proposed amendments in the customary manner provided by law.

Further, I recommend the following findings:

11. The Department has jurisdiction under its statutory authority, 7 Del.C. Chapters 60 and 63, to make a determination in this proceeding;

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