publishes a notice amending CSI's exclusion as specified in Condition (1)(B). CSI will require a new exclusion if the treatment process specified for any Super Detox<sup>™</sup> treatment facility is significantly altered beyond the changes in operating conditions described in Condition (4). Accordingly, the facility would need to file a new petition for a changed process. The facility must manage wastes generated from a changed process as hazardous until a new exclusion is granted.

Although the CSEAFD wastes covered by this petition are excluded from regulation as listed hazardous wastes under Subtitle C upon today's final exclusion, this exclusion applies only where these wastes are disposed of in Subtitle D landfills.

### **III. Limited Effect of Federal Exclusion**

The final exclusion being granted today is issued under the Federal (RCRA) delisting program. States, however, are allowed to impose their own, non-RCRA regulatory requirements that are more stringent than EPA's, pursuant to section 3009 of RCRA. These more stringent requirements may include a provision which prohibits a Federally-issued exclusion from taking effect in the State. Because a petitioner's waste may be regulated under a dual system (i.e., both Federal (RCRA) and State (non-RCRA) programs), petitioners are urged to contact State regulatory authority to determine the current status of their wastes under State law.

Furthermore, some States (*e.g.*, Georgia, Illinois) are authorized to administer a delisting program in lieu of the Federal program, *i.e.*, to make their own delisting decisions. Therefore, this exclusion does not apply in those authorized States. If the petitioned CSEAFD will be transported to and managed in any State with delisting authorization, CSI must obtain delisting authorization from that State before the CSEAFD may be managed as nonhazardous in the State.

## **IV. Effective Date**

This rule is effective on June 13, 1995. The Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 amended section 3010 of RCRA to allow rules to become effective in less than six months when the regulated community does not need the six-month period to come into compliance. That is the case here because this rule reduces, rather than increases, the existing requirements for persons generating hazardous wastes. In light of the unnecessary hardship and expense that would be imposed on this petitioner by an effective date of six months after publication and the fact that a six-month deadline is not necessary to achieve the purpose of Section 3010, EPA believes that this rule should be effective immediately upon publication. These reasons also provide a basis for making this rule effective immediately, upon publication, under the Administrative Procedure Act, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(d).

### V. Regulatory Impact

Under Executive Order 12866, EPA must conduct an "assessment of the potential costs and benefits" for all significant" regulatory actions. The effect of this rule is to reduce the overall costs and economic impact of EPA's hazardous waste management regulations. The reduction is achieved by excluding waste from EPA's lists of hazardous wastes, thereby enabling a facility to treat its waste as nonhazardous. As discussed in the Agency response to public comments, this rule is unlikely to have an adverse annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more. Therefore, this rule does not represent a significant regulatory action under the Executive Order, and no assessment of costs and benefits is necessary. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has exempted this rule from the requirement for OMB review under section (6) of Executive Order 12866.

#### VI. Regulatory Flexibility Act

Pursuant to the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601-612, whenever an agency is required to publish a general notice of rulemaking for any proposed or final rule, it must prepare and make available for public comment a regulatory flexibility analysis which describes the impact of the rule on small entities (i.e., small businesses, small organizations, and small governmental jurisdictions). No regulatory flexibility analysis is required, however, if the Administrator or delegated representative certifies that the rule will not have any impact on any small entities.

This regulation will not have an adverse impact on any small entities since its effect will be to reduce the overall costs of EPA's hazardous waste regulations. Accordingly, I hereby certify that this regulation will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This regulation, therefore, does not require a regulatory flexibility analysis.

### VII. Paperwork Reduction Act

Information collection and recordkeeping requirements associated with this final rule have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96–511, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) and have been assigned OMB Control Number 2050–0053.

## VIII. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

Under section 202 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 ("UMRA"), Pub. L. 104-4, which was signed into law on March 22, 1995, EPA generally must prepare a written statement for rules with Federal mandates that may result in estimated costs to State, local, and tribal governments in the aggregate, or to the private sector, of \$100 million or more in any one year. When such a statement is required for EPA rules, under section 205 of the UMRA EPA must identify and consider alternatives, including the least costly, most cost-effective or least burdensome alternative that achieves the objectives of the rule. EPA must select that alternative, unless the Administrator explains in the final rule why it was not selected or it is inconsistent with law. Before EPA establishes regulatory requirements that may significantly or uniquely affect small governments, including tribal governments, it must develop under section 203 of the UMRA a small government agency plan. The plan must provide for notifying potentially affected small governments, giving them meaningful and timely input in the development of EPA regulatory proposals with significant Federal intergovernmental mandates, and informing, educating, and advising them on compliance with the regulatory requirements.

The UMRA generally defines a Federal mandate for regulatory purposes as one that imposes an enforceable duty upon State, local, or tribal governments or the private sector. EPA finds that today's delisting decision is deregulatory in nature and does not impose any enforceable duty on any State, local, or tribal governments or the private sector. In addition, today's delisting decision does not establish any regulatory requirements for small governments and so does not require a small government agency plan under UMRA section 203.

# Lists of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 261

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