ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 268, and 270

[Hazardous Waste Technical Corrections and Clarifications Rule

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Partial withdrawal of direct final rule.

SUMMARY: On March 18, 2010, EPA published in the Federal Register a Direct Final rule entitled, Hazardous Waste Technical Corrections and Clarifications Rule (75 FR 12989). This Direct Final rule included a number of specific technical changes to correct or clarify several parts of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous waste regulations. At the same time, EPA also published a parallel Proposed Rule (75 FR 13006) for the same changes. We subsequently received adverse comment on four specific amendments. We subsequently received adverse comment on four specific amendments:

- 40 CFR 262.34(a) related to the hazardous waste accumulation time for large quantity generators;
- 40 CFR 262.34(a)(2) related to the date upon which each period of accumulation begins must be clearly marked and visible for inspection on each container and tank;
- 40 CFR 262.34(a)(5) related to the closure requirements for tanks, containers, drip pads and containment buildings;
- 40 CFR 266.20(b) related to recyclable materials used in a manner constituting disposal.

Because EPA received adverse comment on these four specific amendments, we are withdrawing them.

As a result of withdrawing the amendment at 40 CFR 262.34(a)(5), the related amendment at 40 CFR 262.34(a)(1)(iv)(B) must also be withdrawn because the Agency had deleted the latter part of this particular regulatory citation in the Direct Final rule in an effort to clarify the closure requirements for tanks, containers, drip pads and containment buildings. Also, there was a typographical error related to the entry for EPA hazardous waste No. K107 in the table at 40 CFR 261.32(a). We therefore are withdrawing this amendment as well. Thus, we are withdrawing six of the original amendments from the March 18, 2010 Direct Final rule.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 18, 2010, EPA published in the Federal Register a Direct Final rule entitled, Hazardous Waste Technical Corrections and Clarifications Rule (75 FR 12989). This Direct Final rule included a number of specific technical changes to correct or clarify several parts of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) hazardous waste regulations. At the same time, EPA also published a parallel Proposed Rule (75 FR 13006) for the same changes.

Effective Dates

Because there may be some confusion about the effective dates for the amendments in the Final Hazardous Waste Technical Corrections and Clarifications Rule (75 FR 12989) which are not being withdrawn and which go into effect on June 16, 2010, EPA is here providing further explanation for the three types of amendments in the Final Rule. The three types of amendments result from the fact that the amendments are promulgated in part under the authority of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA), and in part under non-HSWA RCRA authority. In addition, some amendments are jointly promulgated under the authority of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (HMTA). First, the following amendments to the manifest regulations are promulgated under non-HSWA RCRA authority and the authority of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act:

- 40 CFR 262.23,
- 40 CFR 262.41, and
- 40 CFR 262.42, and
- 40 CFR 266.60(b).

These non-HSWA manifest amendments will be implemented under RCRA authority on the effective date only in those states that do not have final authorization of their base RCRA programs. These changes will not therefore be implemented and enforced under RCRA authority in authorized states until the authorized states have revised their programs and received authorization for these program revisions. However, because these hazardous waste manifest requirements

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are jointly promulgated by EPA under RCRA authority and the Department of Transportation (DOT) under the federal hazardous materials transportation laws, the manifest changes will be applicable federally in all states under the authority of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (HMTA) on the effective date. All states will be required to adopt these amendments in accordance with the consistency requirements in 40 CFR 271.4(c). (See 70 FR 10810–10811, March 4, 2005 for a further discussion of the effects of DOT hazardous materials law, RCRA consistency requirements, and state authorization on the implementation of the manifest.)

Second, the following amendments are promulgated under the authority of HSWA and, because they are not more stringent, they will be effective on June 16, 2010, in states that are not currently authorized for the section being amended:

- All amendments to regulations in 40 CFR Part 266,
- 40 CFR 264.552, and
- 40 CFR 266.101.

Third, all other amendments in the Hazardous Waste Technical Corrections and Clarifications Rule which are not withdrawn and go into effect on June 16, 2010, are promulgated under non-HSWA RCRA authority. These non-HSWA amendments will be applicable on the effective date only in those states that do not have final authorization of their base RCRA programs.

Authorized states are required to modify their programs only when EPA promulgates federal regulations that are more stringent or broader in scope than the authorized state regulations. For those changes that are less stringent or reduce the scope of the federal program, states are not required to modify their program. This is a result of section 3009 of RCRA, which allows states to impose more stringent regulations than the federal program. The Hazardous Waste Technical Corrections and Clarifications Rule is considered to be neither more nor less stringent than the current standards. Therefore, authorized states, while not required to modify their programs to adopt the second and third types of technical corrections discussed above are strongly urged to adopt these technical corrections to avoid any confusion or misunderstanding by the regulated community and the public.

List of Subjects

40 CFR Part 260

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Confidential business information, Hazardous waste, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

40 CFR Part 261

Environmental protection, Hazardous waste, Recycling, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

40 CFR Part 262

Environmental protection, Exports, Hazardous materials transportation, Hazardous waste, Imports, Labeling, Packaging and containers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

40 CFR Part 263

Environmental protection, Hazardous materials transportation, Hazardous waste, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

40 CFR Part 264

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Hazardous waste, Insurance, Packaging and containers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Surety bonds.

40 CFR Part 265

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Hazardous waste, Insurance, Packaging and containers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Surety bonds, Water supply.

40 CFR Part 266

Environmental protection, Energy, Hazardous waste, Recycling, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

40 CFR Part 268

Environmental protection, Hazardous waste, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

40 CFR Part 270

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Confidential business information, Hazardous materials transportation, Hazardous waste, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Water pollution control, Water supply.

Dated: May 27, 2010.

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Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

Accordingly, EPA withdraws the amendment to the entry “K107” in the table 40 CFR 261.32(a), the amendment at 40 CFR 262.34(a), the amendment at 40 CFR 262.34(i)(1)(i)(B), the amendment at 40 CFR 262.34(a)(2), the amendment at 40 CFR 262.34(a)(5), and the amendment at 40 CFR 266.20(b) published in the Federal Register on March 18, 2010 (75 FR 12989).

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679 [Docket No. 0910131363–0087–02]
RIN 0648–XW75

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Pacific Cod for American Fisheries Act Catcher Processors Using Trawl Gear in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Temporary rule; closure.

SUMMARY: NMFS is prohibiting directed fishing for Pacific cod by American Fisheries Act (AFA) trawl catcher processors in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area (BSAI). This action is necessary as the 2010 Pacific cod directed fishing allowance for AFA trawl catcher processors in the BSAI has been reached.


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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS manages the groundfish fishery in the BSAI exclusive economic zone according to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (FMP) prepared by the North Pacific Fishery Management Council under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Regulations governing fishing by U.S. vessels in accordance with the FMP appear at subpart H of 50 CFR part 600 and 50 CFR part 679.

The 2010 Pacific cod total allowable catch (TAC) allocated to AFA trawl catcher processors in the BSAI is 3,467 metric tons (mt) as established by the final 2010 and 2011 harvest specifications for groundfish in the BSAI (75 FR 11778, March 12, 2010). In accordance with §679.20(d)(1)(i), the Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), has