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SUBJ: CERCLA Off-Site Rule: Affirmative Determination of Acceptability  
for Chemical Conservation Corporation, Orlando, Florida

Dear Ms. Clark:

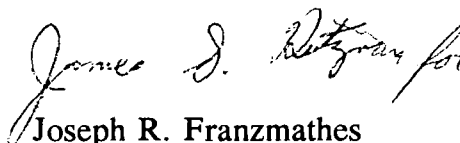
This letter serves to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has made an affirmative determination of acceptability for the receipt of off-site waste at Chemical Conservation Corporation (CHEM-CON), Orlando, Florida, EPA-I.D. No. FLD 980 559 728. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Section 300.440(a)(4), EPA has completed an initial assessment of CHEM-CON, and finds the facility acceptable for the receipt of off-site waste. Such off-site wastes are defined as those wastes generated as a result of activities authorized or funded by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). On September 22, 1993, EPA amended the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 CFR Part 300, by adding Section 300.440, now known as the Off-site Rule. The rule implements and codifies the requirements contained in CERCLA Section 121(d)(3), and incorporates many provisions of the November 13, 1987 OSWER Directive (No. 9834.11), known as the Off-site Policy. The Off-site Rule establishes the criteria and procedures for determining if facilities are acceptable for the off-site receipt of CERCLA waste, and outlines the actions affected by the standard. The Off-site Rule requires that prior to a facility's initial receipt of CERCLA waste, EPA shall determine if there are relevant releases or relevant violations at the facility.

On March 29, 1994, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) conducted a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) of CHEM-CON, to determine CHEM-CON's compliance with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The preliminary results from the March 29, 1994, CEI, indicate that CHEM-CON is currently in compliance with RCRA, and other applicable

environmental standards. Therefore, effective upon receipt of this letter CHEM-CON is acceptable to receive CERCLA off-site waste at the facility described above. Should any new information affecting this determination develop, the Agency reserves the right to revisit this decision.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Edmond J. Burks, Regional Off-Site Contact, Region IV, at (404) 347-7603.

Sincerely yours,



Joseph R. Franzmathes  
Director  
Waste Management Division

Enclosure

1. Off-Site Rule

cc: William Bostwick, Central District, FDEP  
Satish Kastury, Tallahassee, FDEP-HQ ✓  
Kenneth LaPierre, RCS, EPA  
Jeff Pallas, RCS, EPA  
Nancy Browne, Office of Waste Programs Enforcement (OWPE)  
Ellen Epstein, OWPE  
Regional off-site Coordinators  
Beth Davis, EPA Region IV, ORC

acceptability of facilities within their Region.

However, in order to ensure that the information is readily available, EPA will strongly encourage the maintenance of a back-up contact for use when the primary Off-Site Contact is unavailable. EPA will keep a copy of the ROCs in the Superfund docket and with the RCRA/CERCLA Hotline (a list is also included as Appendix I to this preamble, although it will obviously become outdated in the future, and interested parties should consult with the sources named for revised lists).

Due to the dynamic nature of the acceptability determinations, EPA has no plans at this time to publish a national list of acceptable (or unacceptable) units. The Agency believes that such lists could serve more as a source of misinformation (or out-of-date information) than reliable information. EPA's recognition of the dynamic nature of acceptability is reflected in the Agency's policy that an off-site facility does not need to be acceptable to bid on accepting waste from a CERCLA clean-up, but must be acceptable under this rule to be awarded such a contract.

In order to avoid problems resulting from contractors whose designated receiving facilities become unacceptable under this rule, agencies and PRPs may want to provide for back-up or alternative facilities in their contracts.

#### J. Manifest Requirements

One commenter objected to the statement in the preamble to the proposed rule (53 FR 48230) that limits the requirement to file a "Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest" form to CERCLA wastes that are also RCRA wastes; the commenter asked that the requirement cover all types of wastes.

The preamble simply noted that already existing manifest requirements under RCRA must be met. There is no manifest requirement under CERCLA, and this rule does not establish an independent tracking system for CERCLA wastes. Compliance with the rule is assured through inspections, and enforcement of contract provisions.

#### V. Regulatory Analysis

##### A. Regulatory Impact Analysis

Under Executive Order No. 12291, EPA must determine whether a regulation is "major" and thus whether the Agency must prepare and consider a Regulatory Impact Analysis in connection with the rule. Today's rule is not major because it simply codifies an Agency policy that has been in effect since May of 1985 and largely mirrors

a revision of that policy that has been in effect since November of 1987. As discussed in the preamble to the proposed rule (53 FR 48230-48231), this rule contains criteria that EPA will use to determine where it will send waste from Superfund cleanups, but does not regulate or otherwise impose any new requirements on commercial waste handlers. Acceptability under this rule is largely based on compliance with applicable regulations the Agency already enforces. As a result of today's rule some facilities may choose to initiate corrective action sooner than if they waited for the corrective action conditions in their final operating permit pursuant to RCRA 3004 (u) and (v). However, regardless of the requirements of this rule, under the authority of section 3008(h) of RCRA, EPA already compels corrective action at RCRA interim status facilities with known or suspected releases. The rule, then, should not result in increased long-term costs to the commercial waste handling industry.

##### B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

Under the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, at the time an Agency publishes any proposed or final rule, it must prepare a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis that describes the impact of the rule on small entities, unless the Administrator certifies that the rule will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. Today's final rule describes procedures for determining the acceptability of a facility for off-site management of CERCLA wastes. It does not impose significant additional requirements or compliance burdens on the regulated community. Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 601b, I certify that this regulation will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

##### C. Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not contain any new information collection requirements subject to OMB review under the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

##### VI. Supplementary Document

#### APPENDIX I.—REGIONAL OFF-SITE CONTACTS (ROCs)

Region	Primary contact/phone	Backup contact/phone
I .....	Lynn Hanigan, (617) 573- 9662.	Austine Frawley, (617) 573- 1754.

#### APPENDIX I.—REGIONAL OFF-SITE CONTACTS (ROCs)—Continued

Region	Primary contact/phone	Backup contact/phone
II .....	Greg Zaccardi, (212) 264- 9504.	Joel Golumbek, (212) 264- 2638.
III .....	Sarah Casper, (215) 597- 1857.	Naomi Henry, (215) 597- 8338.
IV .....	Edmund Burke, (404) 347-7603.	John Dickin- son, (404) 347-7603.
V .....	Gertrud Matuschkov- itz, (312) 353-7921.	Uylaine McMahon, (312) 886- 4445.
VI .....	Ron Shannon, (214) 655- 2282.	Joe Dougherty, (214) 655- 2281.
VII .....	Gerald McKin- ney, (913) 551-7816.	David Doyle, (913) 551- 7667.
VIII .....	Terry Brown, (303) 293- 1823.	George Dancik, (303) 293- 1506.
IX .....	Diane Bodine, (415) 744- 2130.	Gloria Brownley, (415) 744- 2114.
X .....	Ron Litch, (206) 553- 6646.	Kevin Scharilec, (206) 553- 1061.

#### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 300

Air pollution control, Chemicals, Hazardous substance, Hazardous waste, Intergovernmental relations, Natural resources, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Superfund, Water pollution control, Water supply.

Dated: September 14, 1993.

Carol M. Browner,  
Administrator.

40 CFR part 300 is amended as follows:

#### PART 300—NATIONAL OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES CONTINGENCY PLAN

1. The authority citation for part 300 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 9601-9657; 33 U.S.C. 1321(c)(2); E.O. 12777, 56 FR 54757, 3 CFR, 1991 Comp., p. 351; E.O. 12580, 52 FR 2923, 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p. 193.

2. Section 300.440 is added to part 300 to read as follows:

§ 300.440 Procedures for planning and implementing off-site response actions.

(a) *Applicability.* (1) This section applies to any remedial or removal action involving the off-site transfer of any hazardous substance, pollutant, or

contaminant as defined under CERCLA sections 101 (14) and (33) ("CERCLA waste") that is conducted by EPA, States, private parties, or other Federal agencies, that is Fund-financed and/or is taken pursuant to any CERCLA authority, including cleanups at Federal facilities under section 120 of CERCLA, and cleanups under section 311 of the Clean Water Act (except for cleanup of petroleum exempt under CERCLA). Applicability extends to those actions taken jointly under CERCLA and another authority.

(2) In cases of emergency removal actions under CERCLA, emergency actions taken during remedial actions, or response actions under section 311 of the Clean Water Act where the release poses an immediate and significant threat to human health and the environment, the On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) may determine that it is necessary to transfer CERCLA waste off-site without following the requirements of this section.

(3) This section applies to CERCLA wastes from cleanup actions based on CERCLA decision documents signed or consent decrees lodged after October 17, 1986 ("post-SARA CERCLA wastes") as well as those based on CERCLA decision documents signed and consent decrees lodged prior to October 17, 1986 ("pre-SARA CERCLA wastes"). Pre-SARA and post-SARA CERCLA wastes are subject to the same acceptability criteria in § 300.440(b) (1) and (2).

(4) EPA (usually the EPA Regional Office) will determine the acceptability under this section of any facility selected for the treatment, storage, or disposal of CERCLA waste. EPA will determine if there are relevant releases or relevant violations at a facility prior to the facility's initial receipt of CERCLA waste. A facility which has previously been evaluated and found acceptable under this rule (or the preceding policy) is acceptable until the EPA Regional Office notifies the facility otherwise pursuant to § 300.440(d).

(5) Off-site transfers of those laboratory samples and treatability study CERCLA wastes from CERCLA sites set out in paragraphs (a)(5) (i) through (iii) of this section, are not subject to the requirements of this section. However, those CERCLA wastes may not be transferred back to the CERCLA site unless the Remedial Project Manager or OSC assures the proper management of the CERCLA waste samples or residues and gives permission to the laboratory or treatment facility for the samples and/or residues to be returned to the site.

(i) Samples of CERCLA wastes sent to a laboratory for characterization;

(ii) RCRA hazardous wastes that are being transferred from a CERCLA site for treatability studies and that meet the requirements for an exemption for RCRA under 40 CFR 261.4(e); and

(iii) Non-RCRA wastes that are being transferred from a CERCLA site for treatability studies and that are below the quantity threshold established at 40 CFR 261.4(e)(2).

(b) *Acceptability criteria.* (1) *Facility compliance.* (i) A facility will be deemed in compliance for the purpose of this rule if there are no relevant violations at or affecting the unit or units receiving CERCLA waste:

(A) For treatment to standards specified in 40 CFR part 268, subpart D, including any pre-treatment or storage units used prior to treatment;

(B) For treatment to substantially reduce its mobility, toxicity or persistence in the absence of a defined treatment standard, including any pre-treatment or storage units used prior to treatment; or

(C) For storage or ultimate disposal of CERCLA waste not treated to the previous criteria at the same facility.

(ii) Relevant violations include significant deviations from regulations, compliance order provisions, or permit conditions designed to: ensure that CERCLA waste is destined for and delivered to authorized facilities; prevent releases of hazardous waste, hazardous constituents, or hazardous substances to the environment; ensure early detection of such releases; or compel corrective action for releases. Criminal violations which result in indictment are also relevant violations. In addition, violations of the following requirements may be considered relevant:

(A) Applicable subsections of sections 3004 and 3005 of RCRA or, where applicable, other Federal laws (such as the Toxic Substances Control Act and subtitle D of RCRA);

(B) Applicable sections of State environmental laws; and

(C) In addition, land disposal units at RCRA subtitle C facilities receiving RCRA hazardous waste from response actions authorized or funded under CERCLA must be in compliance with RCRA section 3004(c) minimum technology requirements. Exceptions may be made only if the unit has been granted a waiver from these requirements under 40 CFR 264.301.

(2) *Releases.* (i) Release is defined in § 300.5 of this part. Releases under this section do not include:

(A) *De minimis* releases;

(B) Releases permitted under Federal programs or under Federal programs delegated to the States (Federally

permitted releases are defined in § 300.5), except to the extent that such releases are found to pose a threat to human health and the environment; or

(C) Releases to the air that do not exceed standards promulgated pursuant to RCRA section 3004(n), or absent such standards, or where such standards do not apply, releases to the air that do not present a threat to human health or the environment.

(ii) Releases from units at a facility designated for off-site transfer of CERCLA waste must be addressed as follows:

(A) *Receiving units at RCRA subtitle C facilities.* CERCLA wastes may be transferred to an off-site unit regulated under subtitle C of RCRA, including a facility regulated under the permit-by-rule provisions of 40 CFR 270.60 (a), (b) or (c), only if that unit is not releasing any hazardous waste, hazardous constituent, or hazardous substance into the ground water, surface water, soil or air.

(B) *Other units at RCRA subtitle C land disposal facilities.* CERCLA wastes may not be transferred to any unit at a RCRA subtitle C land disposal facility where a non-receiving unit is releasing any hazardous waste, hazardous constituent, or hazardous substance into the ground water, surface water, soil, or air, unless that release is controlled by an enforceable agreement for corrective action under subtitle C of RCRA or other applicable Federal or State authority. For purposes of this section, a RCRA "land disposal facility" is any RCRA facility at which a land disposal unit is located, regardless of whether a land disposal unit is the receiving unit.

(C) *Other units at RCRA subtitle C treatment, storage, and permit-by-rule facilities.* CERCLA wastes may not be transferred to any unit at a RCRA subtitle C treatment, storage or permit-by-rule facility, where a release of any hazardous waste, hazardous constituent, or hazardous substance from non-receiving units poses a significant threat to public health or the environment, unless that release is controlled by an enforceable agreement for corrective action under subtitle C of RCRA or other applicable Federal or State authority.

(D) *All other facilities.* CERCLA wastes should not be transferred to any unit at an other-than-RCRA subtitle C facility if the EPA Regional Office has information indicating that an environmentally significant release of hazardous substances has occurred at that facility, unless the release is controlled by an enforceable agreement for corrective action under an applicable Federal or State authority.

(iii) Releases are considered to be "controlled" for the purpose of this section as provided in § 300.440 (f)(3)(iv) and (f)(3)(v). A release is not considered "controlled" for the purpose of this section during the pendency of administrative or judicial challenges to corrective action requirements, unless the facility has made the requisite showing under § 300.440(e).

(c) *Basis for determining acceptability.* (1) If a State finds that a facility within its jurisdiction is operating in non-compliance with state law requirements including the requirements of any Federal program for which the State has been authorized, EPA will determine, after consulting with the State as appropriate, if the violation is relevant under the rule and if so, issue an initial determination of unacceptability.

(2) If a State finds that releases are occurring at a facility regulated under State law or a Federal program for which the State is authorized, EPA will determine, after consulting with the State as appropriate, if the release is relevant under the rule and if so, issue an initial determination of unacceptability.

(3) EPA may also issue initial determinations of unacceptability based on its own findings. EPA can undertake any inspections, data collection and/or assessments necessary. EPA will then notify with the State about the results and issue a determination notice if a relevant violation or release is found.

(d) *Determination of unacceptability.* (1) Upon initial determination by the EPA Regional Office that a facility being considered for the off-site transfer of any CERCLA waste does not meet the criteria for acceptability stated in § 300.440(b), the EPA Region shall notify the owner/operator of such facility, and the responsible agency in the State in which the facility is located, of the unacceptability finding. The notice will be sent by certified and first-class mail, return receipt requested. The certified notice, if not acknowledged by the return receipt card, should be considered to have been received by the addressee if properly sent by regular mail to the last address known to the EPA Regional Office.

(2) The notice shall generally: state that based on available information from a RCRA Facility Assessment (RFA), inspection, or other data sources, the facility has been found not to meet the requirements of § 300.440; cite the specific acts, omissions, or conditions which form the basis of these findings; and inform the owner/operator of the procedural recourse available under this regulation.

(3) A facility which was previously evaluated and found acceptable under this rule (or the preceding policy) may continue to receive CERCLA waste for 60 calendar days after the date of issuance of the notice, unless otherwise determined in accordance with paragraphs (d)(8) or (d)(9) of this section.

(4) If the owner or operator of the facility in question submits a written request for an informal conference with the EPA Regional Office within 10 calendar days from the issuance of the notice, the EPA Regional Office shall provide the opportunity for such conference no later than 30 calendar days after the date of the notice, if possible, to discuss the basis for the underlying violation or release determination, and its relevance to the facility's acceptability to receive CERCLA cleanup wastes. State representatives may attend the informal conference, submit written comments prior to the informal conference, and/or request additional meetings with the EPA Region, relating to the unacceptability issue during the determination process. If no State representative is present, EPA shall notify the State of the outcome of the conference. An owner/operator may submit written comments by the 30th day after issuance of the notice, in addition to or instead of requesting an informal conference.

(5) If the owner or operator neither requests an informal conference nor submits written comments, the facility becomes unacceptable to receive CERCLA waste on the 60th day after the notice is issued (or on such other date designated under paragraph (d)(9) of this section). The facility will remain unacceptable until such time as the EPA Regional Office notifies the owner or operator otherwise.

(6) If an informal conference is held or written comments are received, the EPA Region shall decide whether or not the information provided is sufficient to show that the facility is operating in physical compliance with respect to the relevant violations cited in the initial notice of unacceptability, and that all relevant releases have been eliminated or controlled, as required in paragraph (b)(2) of this section, such that a determination of acceptability would be appropriate. EPA will notify the owner/operator in writing whether or not the information provided is sufficient to support a determination of acceptability. Unless EPA determines that information provided by the owner/operator and the State is sufficient to support a determination of acceptability, the facility becomes

unacceptable on the 60th calendar day after issuance of the original notice of unacceptability (or other date established pursuant to paragraphs (d)(8) or (d)(9) of this section).

(7) Within 10 days of hearing from the EPA Regional Office after the informal conference or the submittal of written comments, the owner/operator or the State may request a reconsideration of the unacceptability determination by the EPA Regional Administrator (RA). Reconsideration may be by review of the record, by conference, or by other means deemed appropriate by the Regional Administrator; reconsideration does not automatically stay the determination beyond the 60-day period. The owner/operator will receive notice in writing of the decision of the RA.

(8) The EPA Regional Administrator may decide to extend the 60-day period if more time is required to review a submission. The facility owner/operator shall be notified in writing if the Regional Administrator extends the 60 days.

(9) The EPA Regional Office may decide that a facility's unacceptability is immediately effective (or effective in less than 60 days) in extraordinary situations such as, but not limited to, emergencies at the facility or egregious violations. The EPA Region shall notify the facility owner/operator of the date of unacceptability, and may modify timeframes for comments and other procedures accordingly.

(e) *Unacceptability during administrative and judicial challenges of corrective action decisions.* For a facility with releases that are subject to a corrective action permit, order, or decree, an administrative or judicial challenge to the corrective action (or a challenge to a permit modification calling for additional corrective action) shall not be considered to be part of a corrective action "program" controlling those releases and shall not act to stay a determination of unacceptability under this rule. However, such facility may remain acceptable to receive CERCLA waste during the pendency of the appeal or litigation if:

(1) It satisfies the EPA Regional Office that adequate interim corrective action measures will continue at the facility; or

(2) It demonstrates to the EPA Regional Office the absence of a need to take corrective action during the short-term, interim period.

Either demonstration may be made during the 60-day review period in the context of the informal conference and RA reconsideration.

(f) *Re-evaluating unacceptability.* If, after notification of unacceptability and

the opportunity to confer as described in § 300.440(d), the facility remains unacceptable, the facility can regain acceptability. A facility found to be unacceptable to receive CERCLA wastes based on relevant violations or releases may regain acceptability if the following conditions are met:

(1) *Judgment on the merits.* The facility has prevailed on the merits in an administrative or judicial challenge to the finding of noncompliance or uncontrolled releases upon which the unacceptability determination was based.

(2) *Relevant violations.* The facility has demonstrated to the EPA Region its return to physical compliance for the relevant violations cited in the notice.

(3) *Releases.* The facility has demonstrated to the EPA Region that:

(i) All releases from receiving units at RCRA subtitle C facilities have been eliminated and prior contamination from such releases is controlled by a corrective action program approved under subtitle C of RCRA;

(ii) All releases from other units at RCRA subtitle C land disposal facilities are controlled by a corrective action program approved under subtitle C of RCRA;

(iii) All releases from other units at RCRA subtitle C treatment and storage facilities do not pose a significant threat to human health or the environment, or are controlled by a corrective action program approved under subtitle C of RCRA.

(iv) A RCRA subtitle C corrective action program may be incorporated into a permit, order, or decree, including the following: a corrective action order under RCRA section 3008(h), section 7003 or section 3013, a RCRA permit under 40 CFR 264.100 or 264.101, or a permit under an equivalent authority in a State authorized for corrective action under RCRA section 3004(u). Releases will be deemed controlled upon issuance of the order, permit, or decree which initiates and requires completion of one or more of the following: a RCRA Facility Investigation, a RCRA Corrective Measures Study, and/or Corrective Measures Implementation. The release remains controlled as long as the facility is in compliance with the order, permit, or decree, and enters into subsequent agreements for implementation of additional corrective action measures when necessary, except during periods of administrative or judicial challenges, when the facility must make a demonstration under § 300.440(e) in order to remain acceptable.

(v) Facilities with releases regulated under other applicable Federal laws, or

State laws under a Federally-delegated program may regain acceptability under this section if the releases are deemed by the EPA Regional Office not to pose a threat to human health or the environment, or if the facility enters into an enforceable agreement under those laws to conduct corrective action activities to control releases. Releases will be deemed controlled upon the issuance of an order, permit, or decree which initiates and requires one or more of the following: a facility investigation, a corrective action study, and/or corrective measures implementation. The release remains controlled as long as the facility is in compliance with the order, permit, or decree, and enters into subsequent agreements for implementation of additional corrective measures when necessary, except during periods of administrative or judicial challenges, when the facility must make a demonstration under § 300.440(e) in order to remain acceptable.

(4) Prior to the issuance of a determination that a facility has returned to acceptability, the EPA Region shall notify the State in which the facility is located, and provide an opportunity for the State to discuss the facility's acceptability status with EPA.

(5) An unacceptable facility may be reconsidered for acceptability whenever the EPA Regional Office finds that the facility fulfills the criteria stated in § 300.440(b). Upon such a finding, the EPA Regional Office shall notify the facility and the State in writing.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Administration for Children and Families

#### 45 CFR Parts 205 and 233

RIN 0970-AB14

### Aid to Families With Dependent Children Program; Certain Provisions of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990

**AGENCY:** Administration for Children and Families (ACF), HHS.  
**ACTION:** Interim final rule.

**SUMMARY:** These interim final rules implement three sections of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1990 that apply to the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) program. They are: Section 5053, which deletes all references to

income deeming by legal guardians in minor parent cases; section 5054, which expands State agency responsibility for reporting, to an appropriate agency or official, known or suspected instances of child abuse and neglect of a child receiving AFDC; and section 5055, which adds an explicit reference to title IV-E on the list of programs for which information about AFDC applicants and recipients may be made available.

In addition, we deleted the reference to title IV-C since the WIN program is no longer operative. Other OBRA 90 changes pertaining to the AFDC-UP program and the Earned Income Tax Credit disregard were published July 9, 1992, in the final rules implementing the related AFDC amendments of the Family Support Act of 1988 (57 FR 30408-30409).

**DATES:** Effective Date: September 22, 1993.

**Comments:** Comments must be received on or before October 22, 1993.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted in writing to the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families, Attention: Mr. Mack A. Storrs, Director, Division of AFDC Program, Office of Family Assistance, Fifth Floor, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447. Comments may be inspected between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. during regular business days by making arrangements with the contact person identified below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mack A. Storrs, Director, Division of AFDC Program, Office of Family Assistance, Fifth Floor, 370 L'Enfant Promenade, SW., Washington, DC 20447, telephone (202) 401-9289.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Discussion of Interim Rule Provisions

*Eliminating the Use of the Term "Legal Guardian" (Section 233.20 of the Interim Rule)*

The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1981 added section 402(a)(39) of the Social Security Act to require that, in determining AFDC benefits for a dependent child whose parent or legal guardian is under the age of 18, the State agency must include the income of the minor parent's own parents or legal guardians who are living in the same home.

Section 5053 of Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1990 (OBRA 90) amended section 402(a)(39) of the Social Security Act by eliminating the use of the term "legal guardian." Section 402(a)(39) provides that in determining AFDC benefits for a dependent child whose parent is under the age of 18, the