

Virginia has submitted an application for Phase II Components A and B interim authorization, EPA said. The notice said comments on Virginia's application will be accepted until June 24. If sufficient interest is shown, EPA said a public hearing would be held on June 16. A determination whether a hearing will be held will be made by June 8, the notice said.

SUNOHIO CLAIMS SECOND PCB DESTRUCTION PROCESS SUCCESS

SunOhio said last week that it has developed a second process for destroying polychlorinated biphenyls in heat transfer fluids, in addition to the PCBX system now used by the company in mobile units.

NOT TRUE
The company said the new process allows the fluids to be reused, and, "Our destruction method also serves to alleviate the possible formation and release to the environment of PCBs' most deadly byproducts -- dioxins and furans. Should cleansed fluids overheat and ignite, these dangerous chemical cousins of Agent Orange will not form, as they would in PCB-contaminated fluids."

Overstated! Byproduct out of context
The first approval for the new process was given by EPA's Region III, covering the states of Pa., Del., Md., Va., W. Va., and the District of Columbia, SunOhio said.

STATE GRANT PROGRAM REINSTATED BY COMMITTEE IN TSCA AUTHORIZATION

The Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works voted last week a \$65 million TSCA reauthorization for fiscal 1984 -- \$10.1 million more than the Administration's budget request -- and added \$1.5 million specifically for grants to states.

The state grants program under Section 28 had been recommended for phasing out by the Administration (See Feb. 2, Page 14). The reauthorization was for one year, reversing the usual practice of two-year authorizations for the program.

EPA REJECTS VERMONT BID FOR PHASE II RCRA AUTHORIZATION

For the first time, EPA has rejected a state application for Phase II interim authorization of the RCRA program. EPA notified Vermont last week that it would be unable to authorize the state hazardous waste program for Phase II RCRA interim authorization.

A memo from EPA Acting Associate Administrator and General Counsel, Courtney Price, to EPA Regional Administrator Lester Sutton, May 5, said, the "virtual absence of state regulatory analogs to 40 CFR Part 122 precludes us from granting interim authorization to Vermont." The decision follows months of wrangling between EPA and Vermont over what the requirements for program equivalency actually mean for interim authorization, according to EPA staff.

In addition to the problems with the Part 122 requirements, the memo said, "the inconsistency in the Attorney General's explanation of the status of the state regulations analogous to Part 264 makes it impossible for us to determine whether the Vermont program is substantially equivalent to Part 264."

Price acknowledged that it would be possible for EPA to authorize the program, but, only if substantial changes were made. She said, "However, if Vermont adopts regulations

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