

site-specific treatment standard variance from the Land Disposal Restrictions (LDR) treatment standards to Chemical Waste Management, Chemical Services LLC (CWM) in Model City, New York. EPA also published an accompanying proposed rule to supplant this rule in the event EPA received any adverse comment on the direct final rule. This variance is for a selenium-bearing hazardous waste generated by Guardian Industries Corp. (Guardian), a glass manufacturing company. EPA has received a comment on this treatment variance that it deems adverse, and is withdrawing the direct final rule. Therefore, this site-specific treatment standard variance will not take effect on January 3, 2005 and CWM cannot treat the Guardian waste under a treatment standard variance. EPA will review and address all the comments received on this variance and will decide what action to take in a future **Federal Register** document. We will not institute a second comment period on this action.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, contact the RCRA Call Center at 800-424-9346 or TDD 800-553-7672 (hearing impaired). In the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, call 703-412-9810 or TDD 703-412-3323. For more detailed information on specific aspects of this rulemaking, contact Juan Parra at (703) 308-0478 or para.juan@epa.gov, Office of Solid Waste (MC 5302 W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, DC 20460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 19, 2004, EPA published a direct final rule (69 FR 67647) and a notice of proposed rulemaking (69 FR 67695) promulgating and proposing, respectively, amendments to grant a site-specific treatment standard variance from the Land Disposal Restrictions (LDR) treatment standards for a selenium-bearing hazardous waste to Chemical Waste Management, Chemical Services LLC. EPA indicated that it was promulgating this site-specific treatment variance as a direct final rule because it believed this action to be non-controversial. However, the Agency further stated that if it received any adverse comments by December 20, 2004 on the direct final rule, it would publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule in the **Federal Register**, and address the adverse comments and determine what action to take in a future **Federal Register** document.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 268

Environmental Protection, Hazardous waste, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: December 16, 2004.

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Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

■ Accordingly, the revision to 40 CFR 268.44 published in the **Federal Register** on November 19, 2004 (69 FR 67695), which was to become effective on January 3, 2005, is withdrawn.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 80

[DA 04-3408]

Use of Frequency 156.575 MHz for Port Operations Communications in Puget Sound

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: In this document the Commission permits the use of marine VHF channel 71 (156.575 MHz) for the use of intership port operations communications in Puget Sound, the Straits of Juan de Fuca, and their approaches. This was in response to a Coast Guard request to the Commission recommending that VHF marine Channel 71 be authorized for use by the Puget Sound Pilots for intership port operations communications. This action will allow more efficient management of vessel traffic in the area, thereby increasing navigational safety and protecting the marine environment in this busy port.

DATES: Effective January 24, 2005.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's *Order*, DA 04-3408, adopted on October 26, 2004, and released on October 28, 2004. The full text of this document is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, 445 12th Street, SW., Washington, DC 20554. The complete text may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street,

SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554. The full text may also be downloaded at: www.fcc.gov.

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1. The *Order* amends § 80.373(f) of the Commission's rules to make VHF marine Channel 71 (156.575 MHz) available for intership port operations communications in Puget Sound, the Straits of Juan de Fuca, and the approaches thereto. This amendment will allow the vessel traffic in Puget Sound to be managed more efficiently and will protect the marine environment by preventing vessel collisions and groundings.

2. In 2000, the Commission amended § 0.331 of its rules to delegate authority to the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (Bureau) to designate, by footnote to the frequency table in § 80.373(f), frequencies available for intership port operations communications in defined port areas. In the *Report and Order*, WT Docket No. 99-332, 15 FCC Rcd 11302 (2000), the Commission indicated that it was authorizing the Bureau to act on requests from the United States Coast Guard (Coast Guard) to make frequencies available for intership communications related to port operations in order to alleviate communications congestion related to such port operations.

3. On March 12, 2004, the Coast Guard submitted a request to the Bureau's Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division recommending that VHF marine Channel 71 be authorized for use by the Puget Sound Pilots for intership port operations communications at a normal power of one watt (exceptionally ten watts) in Puget Sound, the Straits of Juan de Fuca, and the approaches thereto. Enclosed was a letter from the Puget Sound Pilots asking the Coast Guard to request that the Commission designate VHF marine Channel 71 as a port operations channel in the area under the jurisdiction of the Captain of the Port Puget Sound, with its use limited to intership communications with pilots regarding the movement and docking of ships at a normal power of one watt. The Coast Guard also enclosed letters from the North Pacific Marine Radio Council (NPMRC), the Puget Sound Harbor Safety and Security Committee (PSHSSC), the Recreational Boating Association of Washington (RBAW), and the Captain of the Port Puget Sound, all concurring with the request.

4. We agree with the Coast Guard that the proposed designation will enhance

maritime safety in this busy waterway. In this type of environment, harbor pilots rely upon clear and effective radio communications with tugs to help ensure the safe ingress and egress of large vessels. The parties assert that there is a critical need for an additional VHF channel for communications between large commercial vessels, tankers and other vessels carrying hazardous cargoes, and pilots and tugs in the Vessel Traffic Service Puget Sound (VTS Puget Sound). They note that the only frequency dedicated to intership communications related to port operations, VHF marine Channel 77 (156.875 MHz), is frequently congested. Congestion is intensified by the Canadian use of this channel for ship movement and docking at Delta Port, British Columbia, near the northern border of VTS Puget Sound.

5. The parties submit that VHF marine Channel 71, which currently is designated for noncommercial intership and ship-to-coast use, is a good candidate for a port operations channel because it carries very little recreational traffic, even during the summer months. RBAW agrees that recreational vessels have sufficient other channels to meet their VHF communication needs.

6. Based on the foregoing, we hereby amend the frequency table in § 80.373(f) of the Commission's rules to make VHF marine Channel 71 available for intership port operations communications in Puget Sound, the Straits of Juan de Fuca, and the approaches thereto. The normal output power must not exceed one watt, and the maximum output power must not exceed ten watts. This action will allow more efficient management of vessel traffic in the area, thereby increasing navigational safety and protecting the marine environment in this busy port.

7. We will permit private coast stations currently authorized to operate on VHF marine Channel 71 within VTS Puget Sound to continue operation until the end of their current license term on a non-interference basis. NPMRC has contacted the owners of these stations, and they have agreed to change to another appropriate frequency. Bureau staff will assist affected licensees in finding suitable alternative channels. No fee will be charged for affected stations that request an alternative channel before their next license renewals.

8. Finally, Puget Sound Pilots also request that VHF marine Channel 76 (156.825 MHz), which recently was designated for port operations communications, be limited to intership communications with pilots regarding the movement and docking of ships. The Coast Guard, however, did not

support this request. We agree with the Coast Guard and do not believe that it is necessary to so limit the use of Channel 76. We believe that in redesignating Channels 75 (156.775 MHz) and 76, the Commission (which acted after Puget Sound Pilots submitted their request to the Coast Guard) addressed the needs for additional spectrum for navigation-related port operation communications. Therefore, we will not amend our rules to limit such communications.

Report to Congress

9. The Commission will send a copy of this *Order* in a report to be sent to Congress and the General Accounting Office pursuant to the Congressional Review Act, see 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A).

Ordering Clause

10. Accordingly, *it is ordered*, that pursuant to the authority contained in sections 4(i) and 303(r) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 154(i), 303(r), and § 0.331 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR § 0.331, part 80 of the Commission's rules is amended as set forth in Appendix A, effective January 24, 2005.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 80

Communications equipment, Radio. Federal Communications Commission
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Final Rule

■ For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission amends 47 CFR part 80 as follows:

PART 80—STATIONS IN THE MARITIME SERVICES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 80 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Sections 4, 303, 307(e), 309 and 322, 48 Stat. 1066, 1082, as amended; 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 307(e), 309 and 322 unless otherwise noted. Interpret or apply 48 Stat. 1064–1068, 1081–1105, as amended; 47 U.S.C. 151–155, 301–609; 3 UST 3450, 3 UST 4726, 12 UST 2377.

■ 2. In § 80.373, the noncommercial table of paragraph (f) is amended by revising the entry for “71” and by adding footnote 19 to read as follows:

§ 80.373 Private communications frequencies.

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Frequencies in the 156–162 MHz band				
Carrier frequency (MHz)	Channel designator		Points of communication (Intership and between coast and ship unless otherwise indicated)	
	Ship transmit	Coast transmit		
Noncommercial				
71 ¹⁹	156.575	156.575	*
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¹⁹156.575 MHz is available for port operations communications use only within the U.S. Coast Guard designated VTS radio protection area of Seattle (Puget Sound) described in § 80.383. Normal output power must not exceed 1 watt. Maximum output power must not exceed 10 watts.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 571

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RIN 2127–AJ50

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Platform Lifts for Motor Vehicles, Platform Lift Installations in Motor Vehicles

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Interim final rule; delay of compliance date; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This document delays the compliance dates of Federal motor vehicle safety standards for platform lifts and vehicles equipped with platform lifts. In December 2002, NHTSA published a final rule that established Federal motor vehicle safety standards for platform lifts and vehicles equipped with platform lifts. In October 2004, the agency published an amendment to these standards in response to petitions for reconsideration of the December 2002 final rule. Since that time, the agency has received several telephone calls on the inability of vehicle manufacturers to comply with the vehicle standards by the compliance date. We are also aware of some confusion within the industry as to the applicability of the standards. Additionally, in response to the October 2004 final rule, we received several petitions for reconsideration. As established in the December 2002 final rule, the standards are to become