ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 271

[FRL–6147–3]

Washington: Withdrawal of Immediate Final Rule for Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Immediate final rule withdrawal.

SUMMARY: Due to receipt of an adverse written comment, EPA is withdrawing the immediate final rule published on Tuesday, July 7, 1998 (63 FR 36587) for the approval of the State of Washington's authorization revision to its hazardous waste program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). As stated in the **Federal Register** document, if adverse written comments were received by August 6, 1998, a notice of withdrawal of the immediate final rule would be published in the **Federal Register**. EPA will address the comments received in a subsequent final action in the near future.

DATES: This withdrawal is effective on August 21, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nina Kocourek, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, WCM–122, Seattle, WA 98101. Telephone: (206) 553–6502.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the immediate final rule located in the final rules section of the July 7, 1998 (63 FR 36587), **Federal Register**, and in the short document located in the proposed rule section of the July 7, 1998 (63 FR 36652) **Federal Register**.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 271

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Confidential business information, Hazardous waste, Hazardous waste transportation, Incorporation by reference, Indian lands, Intergovernmental relations, Penalties, Reporting and record keeping requirements, Water pollution control, Water supply.

Authority: This action is issued under the authority of sections 2002(a), 3006 and 7004(b) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6912(a), 6926, 6974(b).

Dated: August 11, 1998.

Chuck Clarke,
Regional Administrator, Region 10.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Children and Families

45 CFR Parts 302, 304 and 307

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Computerized Support Enforcement Systems

AGENCY: Office of Child Support Enforcement (OCSE), ACF, HHS.
ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule implements provisions of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA), related to child support enforcement program automation. Under PRWORA, States must have in effect a statewide automated data processing and information retrieval system which by October 1, 1997, meets all the requirements of title IV–D of the Social Security Act enacted on or before the date of enactment of the Family Support Act of 1988, and by October 1, 2000, meets all the title IV–D requirements enacted under PRWORA. The law further provides that the October 1, 2000, deadline for systems enhancements will be delayed if HHS does not issue final regulations by August 22, 1998.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule is effective August 21, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robin Rushton (202) 690–1244.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Statutory Authority

This regulation is published under the authority of several provisions of the Social Security Act (the Act), as amended by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA). Sections 454(16), 454(24), 454A and 455(a)(3)(A) of the Act (42 U.S.C. 654(16), (24), 654A, and 655(a)(3)(A)), contain requirements for automated data processing and information retrieval systems to carry out the State's IV–D State plan. Other sections, such as section 453 of the Act (42 U.S.C. 653) specify data that the system must furnish or impose safeguarding and disclosure requirements that the system must meet.

This regulation is also published under the general authority of section 1102 (42 U.S.C. 1302) of the Act which requires the Secretary to publish regulations that may be necessary for the efficient administration of the provisions for which she is responsible under the Act.

Background

Full and complete automation is pivotal to improving the performance of the nation's child support program. With a current national caseload of 20 million, caseworkers are dependent on enhanced technology and increased automation to keep up with the massive volume of information and transactions critical to future success in providing support to children.

Under PRWORA, States must build on existing automation efforts to implement the programmatic enhancements the law included for strengthening child support enforcement, including new enforcement tools and a shift in child support distribution requirements to a family-first policy. By October 1, 2000, States must have in place an automated statewide system that meets all the requirements and performs all the functions specified in PRWORA.

These requirements include:
• Functional requirements specified by the Secretary related to management of the program (454A(b)).
• Calculation of performance indicators (454A(c)).
• Information integrity and security requirements (454A(d)).
• Development of a State case registry (454A(e)).
• Expanded information comparisons and other disclosures of information (454A(f)), including to the Federal case registry of child support orders and the Federal Parent Locator Service (FPLS) and with other agencies in the State, agencies of other States and interstate information networks, as necessary and appropriate.
• Collection and distribution of support payments (454A(g)), including facilitating the State's centralized collection and disbursement unit and modifications to meet the revised distribution requirements.
• Expedited Administrative Procedures (454A(h)).

We issued proposed rules in the **Federal Register** on March 25, 1998, (63 FR 14402) setting forth the framework for automation that State systems must have in place by the October 1, 2000, deadline. Thirty letters from State agencies and other interested parties were received as a result. While the vast majority of these comments did not