

NOTICE TO DEFER COMMENTS

ON MAY 14, 1997 DRAFT PART 70 REVISIONS

On June 3, 1997, EPA announced in the Federal Register (62 FR 30289) availability for public review of a May 14, 1997 draft regulatory revisions package that, when published, will promulgate revisions to the part 70 operating permit regulations. The May 14, 1997 draft was made available on EPA's Technology Transfer Network computer bulletin board and was placed in the Agency's air docket number A-93-50. The EPA also made available a memorandum of options relating to "minor permit revisions" that are under consideration for the final revisions. The public was asked to submit comments on these draft regulatory revisions and the additional options by July 3, 1997. Today's notice defers comment on the draft part 70 regulatory revisions until a future draft is made available for review and comment.

Since May 14, 1997, the Agency has continued to address issues associated with the draft part 70 permit revisions and the accompanying options. When these issues are adequately addressed, the Agency will revise the draft part 70 regulations and provide an opportunity for public comment. Consequently, EPA advises the public to forgo comment on the May 14, 1997 draft revisions and accompanying options and wait until the revised draft provisions are made available for public review. The comment period for the revised draft will be published in a

future Federal Register notice.