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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Regulatory Reinvention (XL) Pilot Projects; Project XL Draft
Final Project Agreement: Waste Management, Inc. Landfill Bioreactor
Systems

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability of USA Waste of Virginia, Inc., and King
George Landfills, Inc., wholly owned subsidiaries of Waste Management,
Inc. (hereinafter Waste Management) Bioreactor Systems Project XL Draft
Final Project Agreement.

SUMMARY: EPA is today requesting comments on a draft Project XL Final
Project Agreement (FPA) for Waste Management.

DATES: The period for submission of comments on the draft FPA ends on
September 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All comments on the draft Final Project Agreement should be
sent to: Janet Murray, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (m/
c1802), Washington, DC 20460. Comments may also be faxed to Ms. Murray
at (202) 260-3125. Comments will also be received via electronic mail
sent to: Murray.Janet@epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain a copy of the draft Final
Project Agreement, contact: Chris Menen, USEPA Region 3 (m/c 3EIOO)
1650 Arch St. Philadelphia, PA 19103 or Janet Murray, U.S.EPA, 1200
Pennsylvania Ave, NW. (m/c 1802), Washington, DC 20460. The FPA and
related documents are also available via the Internet at the following
location: www.epa.gov/projectxl. In addition, project documents are
located at EPA Region 3, 1650 Arch St. Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Questions to EPA regarding the documents can be directed to Chris Menen at (215) 814-2786 or Janet Murray at (202) 260-7570. Documents pertaining to the project will be maintained at the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, 629 Main Street, Richmond, VA 22129 c/o Paul Farrell, (804) 698-4214. Documents will also be maintained at public libraries in King George County and Amelia County. The address for the library in Amelia County is: The James Hammer Memorial Library, 16351 Dunn Street, Amelia, Virginia 23002, and the file is entitled ``Amelia County Landfill, Maplewood Site, Project XL." The address for the library in King George County is: L.F. Smoot Lewis Memorial, 9533 Kings Highway, King George, Virginia 22485, and the file will be entitled ``King George County Landfill Project XL." Additional information on Project XL, including documents referenced in this notice, other EPA policy documents related to Project XL, application information, and descriptions of existing XL projects and proposals, is available via the Internet at

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FPA is a voluntary agreement developed by Waste Management, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and USEPA. Project XL, announced in the Federal Register on May 23, 1995 (60 FR 27282), gives regulated entities the opportunity to develop alternative strategies that will replace or modify specific regulatory requirements on the condition that they produce greater environmental benefits. If implemented, the draft FPA will allow Waste Management to implement two slightly different waste treatment systems at two of its Virginia Landfills. Leachate recirculation would be implemented at its Maplewood Recycling and Waste Disposal Facility, owned and operated by Waste Management, Inc. subsidiary USA Waste of Virginia, Inc. Bioreactor operations would be implemented at the King George County Landfill and Recycling Facility, operated by Waste Management, Inc., subsidiary King George Landfills, Inc. Under the project, Waste Management is requesting flexibility from the regulatory requirement that restricts application of bulk liquids in municipal solid waste landfills (40 CFR 258.28) as well as similar flexibility under part V of Virginia Solid Waste Management Regulations. EPA expects to shortly publish a document in the Federal Register proposing and seeking public comment on a site-specific rule to modify the requirements of 40 CFR 258.28 for this project.

Dated: September 1, 2000.
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