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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Part 312**

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**RIN 2050-AG94**

**Amendment to Standards and Practices for All Appropriate Inquiries Under CERCLA**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Withdrawal of direct final rule.

**SUMMARY:** On June 20, 2017, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or the agency) took direct final action to amend the All Appropriate Inquiries Rule to reference ASTM International's E2247-16 "Standard Practice for Environmental Site Assessments: Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Process for Forestland or Rural Property" and allow for its use to satisfy the statutory requirements for conducting all appropriate inquiries under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). The direct final rule was scheduled to be effective on September 18, 2017, unless EPA received adverse written comment. Because EPA received adverse comment, we are withdrawing the direct final rule for the Amendment to Standards and Practices for All Appropriate Inquiries published on June 20, 2017.

**DATES:** The direct final rule published on June 20, 2017 at 82 FR 28009 is withdrawn effective [Insert date of publication in the Federal Register].

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Because EPA received adverse comment, we are withdrawing the direct final rule for the Amendment to Standards and Practices for All Appropriate Inquiries published on June 20, 2017 (82 FR 28009). We stated in that direct final rule that if we received adverse comment by July 20, 2017, the direct final rule would not take effect and we would publish a timely withdrawal in the Federal Register. We subsequently received adverse comment on that direct final rule. We addressed the comments received in the final action, which is published in the “Final Rules” section of this Federal Register. As stated in the direct final rule and the parallel proposed rule, we will not institute a second comment period on the parallel proposed rule published on June 20, 2017 (82 FR 28040).

**List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 312**

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Hazardous substances, Intergovernmental relations, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Superfund.

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Accordingly, EPA withdraws the amendment to 40 CFR 312.11(a), published in the **Federal Register** on June 20, 2017 (82 FR 28009), as of [Insert date of publication the **Federal Register**].

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