



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 281 and 282

[EPA-R04-UST-2020-0611; FRL-8781-01-R4]

Alabama: Final Approval of State Underground Storage Tank Program Revisions, Codification, and Incorporation by Reference

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The State of Alabama (Alabama or State) has applied to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for final approval of revisions to its Underground Storage Tank Program (UST Program) under subtitle I of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Pursuant to RCRA, the EPA is proposing to approve revisions to Alabama's UST Program. This action is based on the EPA's determination that the State's revisions satisfy all requirements for UST program approval. This action also proposes to codify Alabama's revised UST Program and to incorporate by reference the State statutes and regulations that we have determined meet the requirements for approval.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

ADDRESSES: You may send comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R04-UST-2020-0611, by either of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov> (our preferred method).
Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Email:* self.terry@epa.gov. Include the Docket ID No. EPA-R04-UST-2020-0611 in the subject line of the message.

Instructions: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R04-UST-2020-0611, via the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed

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<https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.

Out of an abundance of caution for members of the public and our staff, the public's access to the EPA Region 4 Offices is by appointment only to reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19. We encourage the public to submit comments via <https://www.regulations.gov> or via email. The EPA encourages electronic comment submittals, but if you are unable to submit electronically or need other assistance, please contact Terry Self, the contact listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** provision below. The index of the docket and all publicly available docket materials for this action are available for review on the <https://www.regulations.gov> website. The EPA encourages electronic reviewing of these documents, but if you are unable to review these documents electronically, please contact Terry Self to schedule an appointment to view the documents at the Region 4 Offices. Interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment at least two weeks in advance. EPA Region 4 requires all visitors to adhere to the COVID-19 protocol. Please contact Terry Self for the COVID-19 protocol requirements for your appointment.

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The EPA continues to carefully and continuously monitor information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), local area health departments, and our Federal partners so that we can respond rapidly as conditions change regarding COVID-19.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, see the direct final rule published in the “Rules and Regulations” section of this issue of the *Federal Register*.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Parts 281 and 282

Administrative practice and procedure, Environmental protection, Hazardous substances, Incorporation by reference, Indian country, Petroleum, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, State program approval, and Underground storage tanks.

Authority: This document is issued under the authority of sections 2002(a), 9004, and 7004(b) of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 6912, 6991c, 6991d, and 6991e.

Dated: August 30, 2021.

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