

# EPA requests input on re-use of oil, to encourage recycling

To encourage recycling of used oil, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has asked for public comment on several options for managing used oil. The agency wants to encourage the recycling of used oil while assuring that it is managed responsibly.

EPA also is proposing a total ban on road oiling.

EPA is asking for comment on two options:

- a proposal not to consider used oil as a hazardous waste; or
- listing only those used oils that

are typically and frequently hazardous, based on their toxicity at the point of generation. The latter are from gasoline-powered engines.

In addition, EPA is asking for comment on used oil management standards, including "good housekeeping" practices covering storage and disposal of used oil by generators, transporters, recyclers and disposal facilities. This would supplement the 1985 proposal covering used oil storage, inspection, cleanups, tracking, record keeping and reporting.

Nearly 200 million gallons of used oil are produced by individuals who change their own automotive oil. Only 10 percent is dropped off or collected for recycling. EPA is contemplating and asking for comment on the possible use of additional nonregulatory incentives that would ensure collection and recycling of used oil.

EPA Administrator William K. Reilly said, "EPA wants to encourage used oil recycling because it allows lubricating oils to be used several times over, preventing po-

tential environmental damage and conserving natural resources."

According to Reilly, nearly 1.3 billion gallons of used oil is produced annually. Recyclers collect 770 million gallons for reprocessing.

The proposed options are designed to minimize impacts on small businesses. Regulation of used oil could affect more than 650,000 producers, more than 90 percent of whom are small businesses.

EPA has concluded that used oil can pose hazards to human health and the environment, and therefore

requires careful management. Oil that is not collected for recycling is generally dumped on land or in water. Some is used for road oiling. Problems in storage, handling, transportation or disposal can contribute to surface, groundwater and soil contamination, and to air pollution.

## POSSIBLE EXEMPTIONS

The standards may not cover the smallest of the used oil producers, those that produce or collect less than 300 gallons a month or who have a total above-ground tank storage capacity of 1,320 gallons. EPA also is proposing to exempt some small used oil producers partially from liability under certain circumstances, such as if a collector has a valid contract with a used oil recycler to handle and remove the oil.

In addition, EPA is proposing alternative regulatory approaches for disposing of used oil, including: requiring hazardous, nonrecyclable used oil disposal in hazardous waste landfills; allowing nonhazardous, nonrecyclable used oil disposal in municipal waste disposal facilities; or, banning the land disposal of nonhazardous used oil.

Written comments must be sent to the RCRA Docket (OS-305), U.S. EPA, Washington, D.C. 20460. The comments must include an original and two copies and the docket number: F-91-UOLP-FFFFF. The public can get additional information proposal by calling EPA's waste hotline at 800-424-9346, or 703-920-9810 in the Washington, D.C., area.

Additional information is available from EPA's Small Business Hotline at 800-368-5888, or 703-557-1938 in the Washington, D.C. area, and from EPA's regional offices.

## Petersan helps Five Farms remake

BALTIMORE — Douglas W. Petersan has been named superintendent of Baltimore Country Club's "Five Farms" Golf Course.

The club's Five Farms East course has just been included in Golf Magazine's 1991 rankings as No. 47 among the top 100 courses in the United States, and 74th worldwide.

Petersan is overseeing a dramatic greens restoration program on all 18 holes. The nine-month project features a unique, historically accurate recontouring of the putting greens, based on original blueprints used by architect A.W. Tillinghast. The course will reopen in mid-April.

Petersan was superintendent for the past 12 years at Prairie Dunes Country Club in Hutchinson, Kan., which hosted four USGA national and international tournaments.

"We all look forward to many years of a renewed commitment to excellence as a result of Doug Petersan's hiring and the completion of the greens renovation program here at the Baltimore Country Club," said Paul Obrecht, chairman of the Golf Superintendent Selection and Greens Task Force Committee.

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