

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 52**

[MD060-3032b; FRL-6184-1]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Proposed Approval of Revision to the VOC Rule Governing Automotive and Light-duty Truck Coating Operations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Maryland. This action revises the rule citation for the VOC provisions governing automotive and light-duty truck coating operations. The intended effect of this action is to provide consistency between Maryland's current regulatory numbering format and the Maryland SIP numbering format with regard to this rule. There are no substantive revisions. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by December 7, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Marcia L. Spink, Associate Director, Air Programs, Mailcode 3AP21, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103; and the Maryland Department of the Environment, 2500 Broening Highway, Baltimore, Maryland 21224.

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814-2108, at the EPA Region III address above, or by e-mail at frankford.harold@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, see the Direct Final action which is located in the Rules and Regulations Section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: October 27, 1998.

Thomas Voltaggio,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 745**

[OPPTS-62156D; FRL-6044-9]

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Lead, Identification of Dangerous Levels of Lead; Extension of Comment Period and Rescheduling of Public Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is extending the time for the public to provide written comments on a proposed rule, issued under section 403 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), that would provide guidelines for managing lead in paint, dust, and soil in residences and child-occupied facilities. The public now has until December 31, 1998, to submit written comments. EPA is also rescheduling a public meeting on the proposed rule from its original date of November 16, 1998, to December 4, 1998. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for nationally recognized experts to offer their perspectives on the proposed rule and for the public to present oral comments. The public would still have the opportunity to submit written comments after the meeting.

DATES: Written comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before December 31, 1998.

The public meeting will be held on December 4, 1998, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. EPA requests that members of the public wishing to present oral comments at the meeting register by November 23, 1998, persons may also register to speak at the time of the meeting, if any comment time is remaining.

ADDRESSES: *Public meeting:* The meeting will be held at the Grand Hyatt San Francisco, 345 Stockton St., San Francisco, CA.

Comments: Each written comment must bear the docket control number OPPTS-62156D. All comments should be sent in triplicate to: OPPT Document Control Officer (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Rm. G-099, East Tower, Washington, DC 20460.

Written comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: oppt.ncic@epa.gov. Follow the instructions in Unit III. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

All written comments which contain information claimed as CBI must be clearly marked as such. Three copies, sanitized of any comments containing information claimed as CBI, must also be submitted and will be placed in the public record for this rulemaking. Persons submitting information, any portion of which they believe is entitled to treatment as CBI by EPA, must assert a business confidentiality claim in accordance with 40 CFR 2.203(b) for each such portion. This claim must be made at the time that the information is submitted to EPA. If a submitter does not assert a confidentiality claim at the time of submission, EPA will consider this as a waiver of any confidentiality claim and the information may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to the submitter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *For general information and to register to present oral comments at the meeting:* National Lead Information Center's Clearinghouse, 1-800-424-LEAD (5323).

For technical and policy questions: Jonathan Jacobson, telephone: (202) 260-3779 or e-mail: jacobson.jonathan@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In the **Federal Register** of June 3, 1998 (63 FR 30302) (FRL-5791-9), EPA published a proposed rule under Title IV of TSCA. Section 403 of TSCA (15 U.S.C. 2683) directs EPA to promulgate regulations identifying lead-based paint hazards, lead-contaminated dust, and lead-contaminated soil. Section 402 of TSCA (15 U.S.C. 2682) directs EPA to promulgate regulations governing lead-based paint activities. Section 404 of TSCA (15 U.S.C. 2684) requires that any State that seeks to administer and enforce the requirements established by the Agency under section 402 of TSCA must submit to the Administrator a request for authorization of such a program.