

Date: December 4, 1998.

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Acting Regional Administrator, EPA, Region IX.

Part 52, chapter I, title of 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 52—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 52 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Subpart F—California

2. Section 52.220 is amended by adding paragraph (c)(254)(i)(E) to read as follows:

§ 52.220 Identification of plan.

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(254) * * *
(i) * * *

(E) Antelope Valley Air Pollution Control District.

(1) Resolution No. 97-01 dated July 1, 1997.

(2) Rules 101 and 102 amended on August 19, 1997 and Rule 103 amended on September 16, 1997.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 141 and 143

[WH-FRL-6212-4]

RIN 2040-AC77

Withdrawal of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Analytical Methods for Regulated Drinking Water Contaminants; Direct Final Rule

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Withdrawal of direct final rule.

SUMMARY: Because EPA received adverse comments, we are withdrawing the direct final rule entitled "National Primary Drinking Water Regulations: Analytical Methods for Regulated Drinking Water Contaminants". We published the direct final rule on September 3, 1998 (63 FR 47097-47114). We stated in the direct final rule that if we received adverse comment by November 2, 1998, we would publish a timely notice of withdrawal in the **Federal Register**. We subsequently received adverse comments on the direct final rule. We will address those comments in a subsequent final action

based on the parallel proposal also published on September 3, 1998 (63 FR 47115). We will not institute a second comment period on this action.

DATES: As of December 31, 1998, EPA withdraws the direct final rule published at 63 FR 47097-47114 on September 3, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jitendra Saxena, Ph.D., Standards and Risk Management Division, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (MC-4607), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460, (202) 260-9579.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA published the analytical methods direct final and companion proposed rule on September 3, 1998. The rule proposed the use of 93 analytical methods for measurement of chemical and microbiological contaminants in drinking water; of these 43 are updated versions of American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), Standard Methods for Examination of Water and Wastewater (Standard Methods or SM) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) methods, and 50 are ASTM and SM methods with minor editorial or nomenclature changes. EPA proposed to withdraw earlier versions of the EPA methods but earlier versions of ASTM and SM would continue to be approved. The rule also provided for corrections of method citations and minor correction or clarification changes to current regulations. Additional methods for monitoring secondary drinking water contaminants were recommended.

The companion proposed rule (63 FR 47115) section of the September 3, 1998, package invited comment on the substance of the direct final rule and stated that if adverse comments were received by November 2, 1998, the rule would not become effective and a notice would be published in the **Federal Register** to withdraw the direct final rule before the January 4, 1999, effective date. The EPA subsequently received adverse comments on the final rule.

List of Subjects

40 CFR Part 141

Environmental protection, Analytical methods, Chemicals, Incorporation by reference, Indians—lands, Intergovernmental relations, Radiation protection, Reporting and record keeping requirements, Water supply.

40 CFR Part 143

Environmental protection, Analytical methods, Chemicals, Incorporation by reference, Indians—lands, Water

Dated: December 22, 1998.

Carol M. Browner,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 622

[Docket No. 980804203-8406-01; I.D. 122298A]

RIN 0648-AK97

Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Red Snapper Bag Limit Reduction

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Emergency interim rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: This emergency interim rule reduces the daily bag limit for red snapper possessed in or from the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the Gulf of Mexico from five fish to four fish. The intended effects are to avoid angler confusion and excessive fishing mortality, slow the rate of harvest, extend the recreational fishing season, and help ensure that more of the recreational quota is available during a later period for recreational fishing. This will provide for better management, minimize the potential for significant economic losses that would occur with an earlier closure of the recreational fishery, and increase social and economic benefits derived from the available recreational quota.

DATES: This rule is effective January 1, 1999, through June 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this emergency interim rule must be mailed to, and copies of documents supporting this action, such as the economic analysis and environmental assessment, may be obtained from, the Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702. Requests for copies of a minority report submitted by seven members of the Council and/or a minority report submitted by one member of the Council should be sent to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, Suite 1000, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Tampa, FL 33619, Phone: 813-228-2815; Fax: 813-225-7015.