

500 hours TIS (in accordance with paragraph (a) of this AD).

(e) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

(f) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the initial or repetitive compliance times that provides an equivalent level of safety may be approved by the Manager, Small Airplane Directorate, 1201 Walnut, suite 900, Kansas City, Missouri 64106. The request shall be forwarded through an appropriate FAA Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Small Airplane Directorate.

**Note 2:** Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Small Airplane Directorate.

(g) Questions or technical information related to Shorts Service Bulletin 53-68 should be directed to Short Brothers plc, P.O. Box 241, Airport Road, Belfast BT3 9DZ, Northern Ireland. This service information may be examined at the FAA, Central Region, Office of the Regional Counsel, Room 1558, 601 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

**Note 3:** The subject of this AD is addressed in British Airworthiness Directive 009-01-96, not dated.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[CT-053-7212b; A-1-FRL-6443-2]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; Nitrogen Oxides Budget and Allowance Trading Program

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA is proposing to approve State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the State of Connecticut. The revisions consists of adding a regulation, section 22a-174-22a, "The Nitrogen Oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) Budget Program" and four NO<sub>x</sub> RACT trading orders to the CT SIP. The regulation is part of a regional nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions cap and allowance trading program designed to reduce stationary source NO<sub>x</sub> emissions during the ozone season in the Ozone Transport Region (OTR) of the northeastern United States. The trading orders allow three NO<sub>x</sub> emitting facilities to meet reasonably available control technology (RACT) requirements using NO<sub>x</sub> emission credits and one facility to generate NO<sub>x</sub> emission credits. These SIP revisions were submitted pursuant to section 110 of the Clean Air Act (CAA).

In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP submittals as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views them as noncontroversial revisions 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 in relation to this proposed rule. 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. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before October 29, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to Susan Studlien, Deputy Director, Office of Ecosystem Protection (mail code CAA), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02114-2023. Copies of the State submittals and EPA's technical support documents are available for public inspection during normal business hours, by appointment at the Office of Ecosystem Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, 11th floor, Boston, MA, and the Bureau of Air Management, Department of Environmental Protection, State Office Building, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-1630.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven Rapp, (617) 918-1048 or at Rapp.Steve@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information, see the direct final rule which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: September 15, 1999.

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