

allow direct consultation among agencies at the local levels. The proposed approval is limited to Transportation Conformity. The EPA approved the SIP revision for conformity of general Federal actions on September 13, 1996 (61 FR 48409).

The EPA is proposing to approve this SIP revision under sections 110(k) and 176 of the Clean Air Act. The EPA has given its rationale for the proposed approval and other information in the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**.

In the "Rules and Regulations" section of **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because EPA views this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no adverse comment. The EPA has explained its reasons for this approval in the preamble to the direct final rule. If EPA receives no adverse comment, no further action will be taken on this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse comment, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and it will not take effect. The EPA will address all public comments in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time.

DATES: We must receive your comments in writing, postmarked by January 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You should send your written comments to Mr. Thomas H. Diggs, Chief, Air Planning Section (6PDL) at the address given below. You may inspect copies of the State's SIP revision and other relevant information during normal business hours at the following locations. If you wish to examine these documents, you should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the visiting day.

Air Planning Section (6PDL),
Multimedia Planning and Permitting
Division, Environmental Protection
Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue,
Dallas, TX 75202; Telephone: (214)
665-7214.

Louisiana Department of Environmental
Quality, Air Quality, 7290 Bluebonnet
Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70810;
Telephone: (225) 765-0178.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. J. Behnam, P.E., Air Planning Section (6PDL), Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, TX 75202; Telephone (214) 665-7247.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: If you wish to obtain additional information, you should read the Direct Final rule which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**.

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

Dated: November 22, 1999.

Gregg A. Cooke,

Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[AK-21-1709-b; FRL-6515-4]

Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans: Alaska

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the State of Alaska which include revisions to Alaska's Air Quality Control Regulations, Transportation Conformity Rule (18 AAC 50); Emissions Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) requirements for Motor Vehicles (18 AAC 52); and Fuel Requirements for Motor Vehicles (18 AAC 53).

These revisions include changing the I/M program schedule for cars subject to I/M from annual to biennial, replacing the CO contingency measures for Anchorage, and streamlining several portions of the Alaska Air Quality Control Plan for more efficient reading and organization. They also include updating and streamlining the Alaska's Transportation Conformity Rule. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, the 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 amendment 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 the 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. The 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 in writing by January 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Montel Livingston, Environmental Protection Specialist (OAQ-107), Office of Air Quality, at the EPA Regional Office listed below. Copies of the state submittal are available at the following addresses for inspection during normal business hours. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the visiting day.

Environmental Protection Agency,
Region 10, Office of Air Quality, 1200
6th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101
The Alaska Department of
Environmental Conservation, 410
Willoughby Avenue, Suite 105,
Juneau, AK 99801-1795.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Montel Livingston, Office of Air Quality, (OAQ-107), EPA, 1200 6th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101, (206) 553-0180.

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

Dated: December 10, 1999.

Chuck Clarke,

Regional Administrator,

Region 10.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR PARTS 160, 792, and 806

RIN 2020-AA26

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Consolidation of Good Laboratory Practice Standards

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to consolidate its Good Laboratory Practice Standards (GLPS), which currently exist in two separate regulations at 40 CFR part 160 and 40 CFR part 792. The proposed consolidated GLPS rule would be applicable to programs under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to which the current rules apply. In addition to the proposed consolidation, EPA is also proposing amendments to the GLPS that streamline and ease