

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing to take direct final action on revisions to the Texas State Implementation Plan provisions for the control of volatile organic compounds (VOCs). This rule covers three separate actions. First, we are approving revisions to the rules for controlling emissions from industrial wastewater for the Houston/Galveston, Beaumont/Port Arthur, Dallas/Fort Worth and El Paso areas. Second, we are approving new rules for the control of emissions from batch processes in the Beaumont/Port Arthur area. Third, we are approving rules that added requirements for vapor recovery at service stations in the 95 counties in the eastern half of Texas.

The EPA is approving these revisions to regulate emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act.

In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the 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 relevant adverse comments, the EPA will not take further action on this proposed rule. If EPA receives relevant adverse comment, EPA will withdraw the direct final rule 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: Written comments must be received by January 19, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Mr. Thomas H. Diggs, Chief, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), at the EPA Region 6 Office listed below. Copies of documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. Anyone wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least two working days in advance.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Office of Air Quality, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Guy R. Donaldson, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, telephone (214) 665-6691.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document concerns revisions to the Texas State Implementation Plan provisions for the control of VOCs. The revisions strengthen the requirements for the control of emissions from industrial wastewater, add requirements for the control of emissions from batch processes and add requirements for the control of emissions during the filling of storage tanks at gasoline service stations in 95 counties in the eastern half of Texas. For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action that is located in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register** publication.

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

Dated: November 3, 2000.

Myron O. Knudson,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[CO-001-0043b; FRL-6875-7]

Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plan Revisions and Section 112(I) Program; Colorado; Issuance of Permits To Limit Potential to Emit Criteria and Hazardous Air Pollutants

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing to approve revisions to Colorado's construction permit requirements in Regulation No. 3 and hazardous air pollutant requirements in Regulation No. 8 of the State Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) regulations, regarding permits to limit potential to emit criteria and hazardous air pollutants (HAPs). These revisions were submitted to EPA on April 26, 1996. Colorado submitted these revisions to create federally enforceable limits on criteria pollutants and HAPs, for both new and existing sources, through the State's construction permit program. EPA is approving the revisions to Regulation No. 3 regarding criteria pollutants as part of Colorado's state implementation plan (SIP) under section 110 of the Clean Air Act (CAA).

SIP approval under section 110 of the CAA, however, only extends to the control of HAPs that are criteria pollutants, such as volatile organic compounds or particulate matter, whereas section 112 of the CAA provides the underlying authority for controlling all HAPs listed in section 112(b) of the CAA. Therefore, the EPA is also approving the revisions to Regulation No. 3 and Regulation No. 8 under section 112(l) of the CAA.

In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the States' revisions to Regulations No. 3 and 8 as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views these 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 proposed rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this 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 on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before January 19, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be mailed to Richard R. Long, Director, Air and Radiation Program, Mailcode 8P-AR, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado, 80202.

Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air and Radiation Program, Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 300, Denver, Colorado, 80202. Copies of the State documents relevant to this action are also available for public inspection at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Air Pollution Control Division, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, Colorado 80246-1530.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Megan Williams, EPA, Region VIII, (303) 312-6431.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the Direct Final action of the same title which is located in the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**.

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

Dated: September 8, 2000.

Jack W. McGraw,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region VIII.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[CA 238-0256b; FRL-6895-8]

Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Santa Barbara and Ventura County Air Pollution Control Districts

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve revisions to the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (SBCAPCD) and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD) portion of the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). These revisions concern Oxides of Nitrogen (NO_x) emissions from Natural-Gas Fired Fan-Type Central Furnaces and Residential Water Heaters, Large Water Heaters and Small Boilers. We are proposing to approve local rules to regulate these emission sources under the Clean Air Act as amended in 1990 (CAA or the Act).

DATES: Any comments on this proposal must arrive by January 19, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments to Andy Steckel, Rulemaking Office Chief (AIR-4), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

You can inspect copies of the submitted SIP revisions and EPA's technical support documents (TSDs) at our Region IX office during normal business hours. You may also see copies of the submitted SIP revisions at the following locations:

California Air Resources Board,
Stationary Source Division, Rule
Evaluation Section, 2020 "L" Street,
Sacramento, CA 95812.

Santa Barbara County, Air Pollution
Control District, 26 Castilian Drive,
Suite B-23, Goleta, CA 93117

Ventura County APCD, 669 County
Square Dr., 2nd Fl., Ventura, CA
93003-5417

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ed Addison, Rulemaking Office (AIR-4), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, (415) 744-1160.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposal addresses the following local

rules: SBCAPCD 352 and VCAPCD 74.11.1. In the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**, we are approving these local rules in a direct final action without prior proposal because we believe these SIP revisions are not controversial. If we receive adverse comments, however, we will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule and address the comments in subsequent action based on this proposed rule. We do not plan to open a second comment period, so anyone interested in commenting should do so at this time. If we do not receive adverse comments, no further activity is planned. For further information, please see the direct final action.

Dated: October 10, 2000.

Laura Yoshii,

Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 70

[FRL-6918-9]

State Operating Permit Programs; Revision to Interim Approval Requirements

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This action would amend EPA's regulations governing the interim approval of State and local operating permits programs. Currently, the regulations allow the Agency to extend expiration dates of interim approvals beyond 2 years from the date the interim approval is originally granted. This action removes that provision.

DATES: Submit comments on or before January 19, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted (in duplicate, if possible) to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), Attention Docket Number A-93-50, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460. The EPA requests that a separate copy also be sent to the contact person listed below.

Supporting material used in developing the proposal and final regulatory revisions is contained in Docket Number A-93-50. This docket is available for public inspection and copying between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the

address listed above, or by calling (202) 260-7548. The Docket is located at the above address in Room M-1500, Waterside Mall (ground floor). A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Roger Powell, Mail Drop 12, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711 (telephone 919-541-5331, e-mail: powell.roger@epa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

If an operating permits program administered by a State or local permitting authority under title V of the Clean Air Act (Act) does not fully meet, but does "substantially [meet]," the requirements of part 70, EPA may grant that program "interim approval." (See § 70.4(d)(1).) Permits issued under an interim approval are fully effective and expire at the end of their fixed term, unless renewed under a part 70 program. (See § 70.4(d)(2).) To obtain full approval, a permitting authority must submit to EPA program revisions correcting all deficiencies that caused the operating permits program to receive interim instead of full approval. Such submittal must be made no later than 6 months prior to the expiration of the interim approval. (See § 70.4(f)(2).) Originally 99 State and local permitting programs were granted interim approval. For 14 of the original interim approved programs, permitting authorities have corrected the deficiencies identified in their interim approvals, and we have granted all of these programs full approval. (See part 70, Appendix A.)

On August 29, 1994 (59 FR 44460), and August 31, 1995 (60 FR 45530), we proposed revisions to our part 70 operating permits program regulations. Primarily, the proposals addressed changes to the system for revising permits, but a number of other proposed changes were also included. The preamble to the August 31, 1995, proposal noted the concern of many permitting authorities over having to revise their operating permits programs twice; once to correct interim approval deficiencies, and again to address the revisions to part 70. In the August 1995 preamble, we proposed that States with interim approval " * * * should be allowed to delay the submittal of any program revisions to address program deficiencies previously listed in their notice of interim approval until the deadline to submit other changes required by the proposed revisions to part 70" (60 FR 45552).