

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Parts 52 and 81**

[Docket #WA-01-006; FRL-7267-9]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Washington; Yakima Carbon Monoxide Redesignation to Attainment and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: On September 26, 2001, the State of Washington submitted a request to redesignate the Yakima "not classified" carbon monoxide (CO) nonattainment area to attainment for the CO National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). The State also submitted a CO maintenance plan for Yakima. In this action, EPA is proposing to approve the Yakima CO redesignation request and the maintenance plan. In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's redesignation request and State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision, involving the maintenance plan, as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views the redesignation and SIP revision as noncontroversial 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 If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule.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 on this proposed rule must be received in writing by December 2, 2002.

ADDRESSES: *Written comments may be mailed to:* Steven K. Body, Office of Air Quality, EPA Region 10, 1200 Sixth Ave., Seattle, WA 98101.

Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday at the following office: United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, Office of Air Quality, 1200 Sixth Ave., Seattle WA 98101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven K. Body, Office of Air Quality,

EPA Region 10, 1200 Sixth Ave. Seattle WA 98101. Telephone at (206) 553-0782.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the direct final rule, of the same title, published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 12, 2002.

Ronald A. Kreizenbeck,
Acting Regional Administrator, Region 10.
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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Research and Special Programs Administration****49 CFR Part 171**

[Docket No. RSPA-99-5013 (HM-229)]

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Hazardous Materials: Revisions to Incident Reporting Requirements and the Hazardous Materials Incident Report Form**AGENCY:** Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking; status.

SUMMARY: In a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) published on July 3, 2001, RSPA (we) proposed changes to RSPA's Hazardous Materials Incident Report (DOT Form F 5800.1). This notice is to inform the public that we have contracted with a professional form development contractor to provide recommendations for the layout of the form consistent with RSPA's goals outlined in the NPRM. Also, the contractor will provide a web-based form to fulfill RSPA's goal of electronic, internet-based reporting and will draft detailed instructions to assist in completing the forms. Members of the regulated community may be contacted to participate in focus groups to test the proposed form and subsequent alternative layouts developed by the contractor. The contract is expected to be completed by December 31, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For comments or questions concerning the contract discussed in this update, contact Ron DiGregorio at the Office of Hazardous Materials Planning and Analysis, telephone (202) 366-4484, Research and Special Programs Administration. For comments or questions concerning the NPRM or rulemaking, contact Michael Johnsen at the Office of Hazardous Materials

Standards, telephone (202) 366-8553 or Kevin Coburn, at the Office of Hazardous Materials Planning & Analysis, telephone (202) 366-4555, Research and Special Programs Administration.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

On July 3, 2001, RSPA ("we") published an NPRM (66 FR 35155) proposing revisions to the incident reporting requirements of the Hazardous Materials Regulations and the hazardous materials incident report form, DOT Form F 5800.1. Our intent is to improve the clarity of the form to make it more user-friendly and to allow for electronic scanning of the form.

We included a proposed revision to DOT Form F 5800.1 in the NPRM that incorporated elements found in recent versions of the U.S. Census form and other government forms that are subjected to scanning for electronic data storage, retrieval and analysis. We received several comments concerning the layout of the form, which will be addressed in the final rule. However, we believe that the recommendations of a company well experienced in developing these types of forms could further improve the usefulness of the form. The contractor will consider incorporating recommendations on the format from commenters into its suggested layouts. RSPA will review the suggestions submitted by the contractor in addition to comments received in response to the NPRM, during the development of the revised form that will be part of the final rule.

It is important to note that the final content (*i.e.*, specific information which will be reported) of the form will be determined by RSPA. The contractor will use the content of the proposed form as published in the NPRM and will maintain the data elements as they appear in the proposed form, though wording and order of the questions may vary.

RSPA seeks to compile an accurate database of incidents meeting the criteria specified in § 171.16. A form that can be completed easily and accurately will assist us in compiling accurate data and reduce the information collection burden on the regulated community.

A comprehensive set of instructions for completing the form will answer questions a filer may have without requiring the filer to contact us directly. Clear and concise instructions will also improve the accuracy of the data submitted by providing examples and explanations for each of the questions posed on the form.