

no new requirements. Accordingly, no additional costs to State, local, or tribal governments, or to the private sector, result from this action.

The Regional Administrator's decision to approve or disapprove the SIP revision will be based on whether it meets the requirements of section 110(a)(2)(A)-(K) and part D of the Act, as amended, and EPA regulations in 40 CFR Part 51.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Hydrocarbons, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Volatile organic compounds.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: April 16, 1997.

William J. Muszynski,

Deputy Regional Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[WA60-7135b; WA61-7136b; and WA63-7138b; FRL-5812-8]

Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans: State of Washington

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve three State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the State of Washington (Washington) for the purpose of removing the requirement for oxygenated fuel in the Vancouver, Washington, and Central Puget Sound carbon monoxide (CO) maintenance areas. One requested revision removes the requirement for oxygenated fuel from the Washington regulations; a second requested revision removes the requirement for oxygenated fuel from the Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency (PSAPCA) regulations; and a third requested revision removes the requirement for oxygenated fuel from the Southwest Air Pollution Control Authority (SWAPCA) regulations. The SIP revisions were submitted by Washington because the Vancouver and Central Puget Sound areas have been redesignated as attainment for carbon monoxide (CO) and oxygenated fuel is no longer required in those areas, as specified in the CO Maintenance Plans previously approved for those areas. In

the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving Washington's SIP revisions as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision 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 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.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received in writing by May 30, 1997.

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 documents relevant to this proposed rule are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. 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 State of Washington Department of Ecology, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey, Washington 98504-8711.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William M. Hedgebeth, Office of Air Quality (OAQ-107), EPA, 1200 6th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101, (206) 553-7369.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the Direct Final action which is located in the Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 3, 1997.

Chuck Clarke,

Regional Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[CA 126-0032b; FRL-5815-6]

Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Placer County Air Pollution Control District

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve revisions to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP) that concern a wide range of administrative and traditional source category rules.

The intended effect of proposing approval of these rules is to regulate emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) and other pollutants in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990 (CAA or the Act). In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the state's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for this 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. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document. 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 May 30, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to: Andrew Steckel, Rulemaking Office [AIR-4], Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

Copies of the rule revisions are available for public inspection at EPA's Region 9 office during normal business hours. Copies of the submitted rule revisions are also available for inspection at the following locations: Placer County Air Pollution Control District, 11464 B Avenue, Auburn, CA 96503 and California Air Resources Board, Stationary Source Division, Rule

Evaluation Section, 2020 "L" Street, Sacramento, CA 95812.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cynthia G. Allen, Rulemaking Office [AIR-4], Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901, Telephone: (415) 744-1189

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document concerns Placer County Air Pollution Control District Rule 101, Title; Rule 102, Definitions; Rule 103, Validity; Rule 201, Coverage; Rule 202, Visible Emissions; Rule 203, Exemptions to Rule 202; Rule 204, Wet Plumes; Rule 208, Orchard or Citrus Heaters; Rule 209, Fossil Fuel-Steam Facility; Rule 210, Specific Contaminants; Rule 211, Process Weight; Rule 213, Gasoline Transfer into Stationary Storage Containers; Rule 214, Transfer of Gasoline into Tank Trucks, Trailers and Railroad Cars at Loading Facilities; Rule 217, Cutback and Emulsified Asphalt Paving Materials; Rule 219, Organic Solvents; Rule 220, Abrasive Blasting; Rule 221, Compliance Tests; Rule 222, Reduction of Animal Matter; Rule 225, Wood Fired Appliances; Rule 226, Sulfur Content of Fuels—Lake Tahoe Basin; Rule 228, Fugitive Dust—Lake Tahoe Air Basin; Rule 406, Combination of Emissions; Rule 407, Circumvention; and Rule 408, Source Recordkeeping and Reporting. For further information, please see the information provided in the Direct Final action which is located in the Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: April 14, 1997.

Felicia Marcus,

Regional Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 52 and 81

[AL-40-7142; FRL-5818-4]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans for the State of Alabama—Proposed Disapproval of the Request to Redesignate the Birmingham, Alabama (Jefferson and Shelby Counties) Marginal Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and the Associated Maintenance Plan

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to disapprove the State of Alabama's request submitted through the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) to redesignate the Birmingham marginal ozone nonattainment area (Jefferson and Shelby Counties) to attainment and the associated maintenance plan as a revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP). Prior to the end of the close of the administrative record, EPA determined that the area registered a violation of the ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS). As a result, the Birmingham area no longer meets the statutory criteria for redesignation to attainment of the ozone NAAQS.

DATES: Comments on this proposed action must be received in writing by May 30, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to Kimberly Bingham at the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Copies of documents relative to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the visiting day. Reference file AL-40-7142. The Region 4 office may have additional background documents not available at the other locations.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Kimberly Bingham, (404) 562-9038.

Alabama Department of Environmental Management, 1751 Congressman, W. L. Dickinson Drive, Montgomery, Alabama 36109.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kimberly Bingham at (404) 562-9038.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 16, 1995, ADEM submitted a request to EPA to redesignate the Birmingham, Alabama, marginal ozone nonattainment area to attainment. On that date, they also submitted a maintenance plan for the area as a revision to the Alabama SIP.

According to section 107(d)(3)(E) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 U.S.C. 7407(d)(3)(E), redesignation requests must meet five specific criteria in order for EPA to redesignate an area from nonattainment to attainment:

1. The Administrator determines that the area has attained the ozone NAAQS;

2. The Administrator has fully approved the applicable implementation plan for the area under section 110(k);

3. The Administrator determines that the improvement in air quality is due to permanent and enforceable reductions in emissions resulting from implementation of the applicable implementation plan and applicable Federal air pollution control regulations and other permanent and enforceable reductions;

4. The Administrator has fully approved a maintenance plan for the area as meeting the requirements of section 175A; and

5. The State containing such area has met all requirements applicable to the area under section 110 and part D.

The EPA provided guidance on redesignation in the General Preamble for the Implementation of the CAAA of 1990, 57 FR 13498 (April 16, 1992), supplemented at 57 FR 18070 (April 28, 1992). The primary memorandum providing further guidance with respect to section 107(d)(3)(E) of the amended Act is dated September 4, 1992, and issued by the Director, Air Quality Management Division, Subject: Procedures for Processing Requests to Redesignate Areas to Attainment (Calcagni Memorandum).

The State submitted its request for redesignation on March 16, 1995. The request included information showing that the Birmingham area had three years of air quality attainment data from 1990-1993. The area continued to maintain the ozone NAAQS through 1994. The submittal was rendered administratively complete on April 11, 1995. Supplemental information needed for the submittal to be approvable which was initially requested from ADEM in a February 15, 1995, letter addressing the prehearing submittal was submitted on July 21, 1995. A direct final rule approving the redesignation request was signed by the Regional Administrator and forwarded to the EPA Federal Register Office on August 15, 1995. The direct final rule as drafted contained a thirty day period for public comment on the redesignation request.

Prior to publication of the document and therefore prior to close of the administrative record, EPA determined that the area registered a violation of the ozone NAAQS on August 18, 1995. The EPA directed the Office of Federal Register to recall the document from being published. The ambient data has been quality assured according to established procedures for validating such monitoring data. The State of Alabama does not contest that the area violated the NAAQS for ozone during