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DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received in writing by February 21, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to: Steve Ringer, Permits Office (A-5-1), Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

Copies of the rules and EPA's evaluation report for the rules are available for public inspection at EPA's Region IX office during normal business hours. Copies of the submitted rules are available for inspection at the following locations:

Permitting Office (A-5-1), Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105

Environmental Protection Agency, Air Docket (6102), 401 "M" Street S.W., Washington, DC 20460

California Air Resources Board, Stationary Source Division, Rule Evaluation Section, 2020 "L" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Mojave Desert AQMD, 15428 Civic Drive, Suite 200, Victorville, CA 92392-2383.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Ringer at (415) 744-1260.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EPA is proposing to approve the following rules into the SIP:

Rule 1400, General; rule 1401, Definitions; rule 1402, Emission Reduction Credit Registry; and rule 1404, Emission Reduction Credit Calculation (rules 1400, 1401, 1402, and 1404 will hereafter be referred to as the "submitted rules"). The submitted rules were adopted on June 28, 1995, and were submitted by the State of California to EPA on August 10, 1995. EPA found the submitted rules to be complete on October 4, 1995.

For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action which is located in the Rules section of this Federal Register.

Dated: December 8, 1996.

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

Felicia Marcus,

Regional Administrator.

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[IN70-1b; FRL-5675-3]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Indiana

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: On February 13, 1996, and June 27, 1996, the State of Indiana submitted rules for the control of volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from shipbuilding and ship repair operations in Clark, Floyd, Lake, and Porter Counties, as a requested revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for ozone. This rule is part of the State's 15% Rate-of-Progress plan for reducing VOC emissions in Clark and Floyd Counties. This rule requires facilities which build or repair commercial ships or barges to use coatings which meet volatile organic compound content limits, as well as comply with certain work practices to lower emissions when using solvents. In the final rules section of this Federal Register, the EPA is approving this action as a direct final rule without prior proposal because EPA views this as a noncontroversial action 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 that direct final rule, 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 the proposed rule. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received on or before February 21, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR18-J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Copies of the State submittal are available for inspection at: Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR18-J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark J. Palermo, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), Environmental

Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-6082.

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

Dated: December 24, 1996.

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Regional Administrator.

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[CA 105-0012b; FRL-5673-7]

Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision; Kern County Air Pollution Control District; San Diego Air Pollution Control District; Ventura 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) which concern the control of oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) emissions from the operations of boilers, steam generators, process heaters, electric utility boilers, internal combustion engines, and stationary gas turbines.

The intended effect of proposing approval of these rules is to regulate emissions of NO_x in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990 (CAA or the Act). In the Final Rule 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 amendment 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 action, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this action. 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 February 21, 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 rules and EPA's evaluation report of each rule are available for public inspection at EPA's Region 9 office during normal business hours. Copies of the submitted rules are also available for inspection at the following locations:

California Air Resources Board,
Stationary Source Division, Rule
Evaluation Section, 2020 "L" Street,
Sacramento, CA 95814.

Kern County Air Pollution Control
District, 2700 M Street, Suite 302,
Bakersfield, CA 93301.

San Diego County Air Pollution Control
District, 9150 Chesapeake Drive, San
Diego, CA 92123-1096.

Ventura County Air Pollution Control
District, Rule Development Section,
669 County Square Drive, Ventura,
CA 93003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Andrew Steckel, Rulemaking Office
(AIR-4), Air Division, U.S.
Environmental Protection Agency,
Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San
Francisco, CA 94105-3901, Telephone:
(415) 744-1185.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document concerns Kern County Air Pollution Control District's (KCAPCD) Rule 425.2, Boilers, Steam Generators, and Process Heaters (Oxides of Nitrogen), Rule 427, Stationary Piston Engines (Oxides of Nitrogen), San Diego County Air Pollution Control District's (SDCAPCD) Rule 69.4, Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines, and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District's (VCAPCD) Rule 59, Electric Power Generating Equipment—Oxides of Nitrogen Emissions, and Rule 74.23, Stationary Gas Turbines. These rules were submitted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to EPA on May 25, 1995, March 26, 1996, October 19, 1994, February 11, 1994 and March 26, 1996, respectively. 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: December 23, 1996.

Felicia Marcus,

Regional Administrator.

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Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Conditional Approval of 15 Percent Reasonable-Further-Progress Plan and 1990 VOC Emission Inventory for the Pittsburgh Ozone Nonattainment Area

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to conditionally approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for the Pittsburgh ozone nonattainment area, to meet the 15 percent reasonable further progress (RFP, or 15% plan), also known as rate-of-progress (ROP) requirements of the Clean Air Act. EPA is proposing conditional approval because the 15 percent plan submitted by Pennsylvania for the Pittsburgh area requires additional documentation to quantify the 15% emission reduction. The 1990 emissions inventory for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) used in the 15% plan as the baseline for reasonable further progress contains inconsistencies, which must be reconciled by Pennsylvania. EPA is, therefore, proposing conditional approval of the 1990 VOC emission inventory.

DATES: Comments on this proposed action must be postmarked by February 21, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be mailed to David L. Arnold, Chief, Ozone/Carbon Monoxide, and Mobile Sources Section, Mailcode 3AT21, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19107. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air, Radiation, and Toxics Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107. Persons interested in examining these documents should schedule an appointment with the contact person (listed below) at least 24 hours before the visiting day. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are also available at the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Quality, P.O. Box 8468, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cynthia H. Stahl, Ozone/Carbon Monoxide and Mobile Sources Section (3AT21), USEPA—Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107, or by telephone at: (215) 566-2180. Questions may also be addressed via e-mail, at the following address: stahl.cynthia@epamail.epa.gov Please note that while information may be requested via e-mail, only written comments can be accepted for inclusion in the docket.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 182(b)(1) of the Clean Air Act (the Act or CAA), as amended in 1990, requires ozone nonattainment areas classified as moderate or above to develop plans to reduce VOC emissions by fifteen percent from the 1990 baseline inventory for the area. These "15% plans" were due to be submitted to EPA by November 15, 1993, with the reductions to occur within 6 years of enactment of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments (i.e. November 15, 1996). Furthermore, the Act sets limitations on the creditability of certain control measures toward reasonable further progress. Specifically, States cannot take credit for reductions achieved by Federal Motor Vehicle Control Program (FMVCP) measures (e.g. new car emissions standards) promulgated prior to 1990; or for reductions stemming from regulations promulgated prior to 1990 to lower the volatility (i.e., Reid Vapor Pressure) of gasoline. The Act also does not allow credit towards RFP for post-1990 corrections to existing motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) programs or corrections to reasonably available control technology (RACT) rules, since these programs were required to be in-place prior to 1990.

Additionally, section 172(c)(9) of the Act requires "contingency measures" to be included in the plan revision. These measures are required to be implemented immediately if reasonable further progress is not achieved, or if the NAAQS standard is not attained under the deadlines set forth in the Act.

In Pennsylvania, three nonattainment areas are subject to the Clean Air Act 15% rate-of-progress requirements. These are the Philadelphia severe nonattainment area, the Pittsburgh moderate nonattainment area, and the Reading moderate nonattainment area. On July, 19, 1995, EPA published, in the Federal Register, a final rule waiving the 15% rate-of-progress requirements for the Pittsburgh and Reading moderate ozone nonattainment areas. The basis