

proposed rulemaking. Interested parties are invited to attend and participate at these meetings.

**DATES:** Public meetings will be held in Houston on February 25, 1997, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Central time; and in Lakewood, Colorado on March 4, 1997, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mountain time.

**ADDRESSES:** The Houston Meeting will be held in the Houston Compliance Division Office, Minerals Management Service, 4141 North Sam Houston Parkway East, Houston, Texas 77032 Phone: (281) 987-6802.

The Denver Meeting will be held in the Veterans Affairs Building, 155 N. Van Gordon St., Lakewood, Colorado 80228 Phone: (303) 914-5800.

To make reservations contact Mary Kay Reynolds at (303) 275-7252 at least 2 days prior to the meeting you will be attending.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David S. Guzy, Chief, Rules and Publications Staff, Minerals Management Service, Royalty Management Program, P.O. Box 25165, MS 3101, Denver, Colorado 80225-0165, telephone (303) 231-3432, fax number (303) 231-3194, e-Mail David\_Guzy@smtp.mms.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meetings will be open to the public without advance registration. Public attendance may be limited to the space available. For building security measures, each person may be required to present a picture identification to gain entry to the meeting.

The meeting will be organized into two sessions:

- MMS presentation of proposed rule, 10 a.m. to noon
- Public commenting on proposed rule, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Members of the public may make statements during the meeting and are encouraged to file written statements for consideration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### 33 CFR Parts 154 and 155

[CGD 94-032 and 94-048]

RIN 2115-AE87 and 2115-AE88

#### Tank Vessel and Facility Response Plans, and Response Equipment for Hazardous Substances

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard.

**ACTION:** Notice of workshop and public meeting; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** At the request of the Coast Guard, The Keystone Center is conducting a workshop to discuss specific issues related to the Coast Guard's development of proposed response plans regulations for certain tank vessels operating on the navigable waters of the United States or any marine transportation-related (MTR) facility, that, because of its location, could reasonably be expected to cause substantial or significant and substantial harm to the environment by discharging a hazardous substance. The purpose of the public meeting is to summarize the highlights of the workshop, and provide the general public the opportunity to respond to any findings or recommendations discussed during the workshop.

**DATES:** The workshop will be held Wednesday, February 26, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., and Thursday, February 27, 1997, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The public meeting will be held Thursday, February 27, 1997, from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Written statements and requests to make oral presentations must be received on or before February 26, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The location of the workshop and public meeting is the Nassau Bay Hilton, 3000 NASA Road 1, Houston, Texas 77058, telephone 1-800-634-4320. The workshop will be facilitated by The Keystone Center, a non-profit, public policy organization that specializes in developing creative problem-solving processes to assist diverse parties in addressing issues of importance to society. Written materials may be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Marine Safety Council (G-LRA), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001, or may be delivered to room 3406 at the same address between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copy at the same address.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lieutenant C. R. Thomas, Office of Standards Evaluation and Development (G-MSR), telephone (202) 267-1099, fax (202) 267-4547. The telephone number is equipped to record messages on a 24-hour basis.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The President is required by the Oil Pollution of 1990 (OPA 90) to issue regulations requiring the preparation of hazardous substance response plans. The Coast Guard has been delegated the responsibility to develop these regulations. The Coast Guard commenced the regulation development process through public meetings and the publication of an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) (61 FR 20084) on May 3, 1996. The ANPRM solicited comments on 96 questions to assist in the development of separate notices of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) for vessels and marine transportation-related facilities (MTR). The Coast Guard has reviewed the comments received via the public meetings and the ANPRM, and has determined that this workshop is necessary for further development of the NPRM.

#### Agenda of Workshop

The tentative agenda includes the following:

*Wednesday, February 26, 1997*

8:30 a.m.—9:00 a.m.—*Introduction*  
9:00 a.m.—12:15 p.m.—*Session I—Role and Contents of First Responders Guides*

This session will explore how a "First Responders Guide" may be utilized to provide concise guidance to address immediate threats following a chemical release. Discussion points will include the usefulness of such a guide, recommended contents, and current industry standards of a similar nature.

*Wednesday, February 26, 1997*

1:15 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—*Session II—Role and Capabilities of Decision Support Systems*

This session will address how these regulations may reflect a non-prescriptive, performance based approach that aligns response with actual risk. One "risk management" tool that will be explored in this session is the use of a "decision support system." For the purposes of the workshop, "decision support system" refers to any protocol that ensures required information is obtained by the responsible party in an expeditious manner. During this session, participants will assess the feasibility of integrating this concept into the regulatory scheme.

Thursday, February 27, 1997

8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.—*Session III—  
Chemical Removal Technology*

This session will explore the range of viable containment, recovery, source control or chemical treatment options appropriate to reduce the risk to public health and the environment.

Thursday, February 27, 1997

1:00 p.m.—5:00 p.m.—*Session IV—  
Public Responder versus Private  
Responder Issues*

This session will examine the roles of local, public responders and the role of private, contracted responders within the context of hazardous substance response plan regulations.

Thursday, February 27, 1997

7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.—*Public Meeting*

Discussion of workshop highlights and open public comment.

**Procedural**

The workshop is open to the public; however, in order to provide a forum for balanced discussion on specific issues, The Keystone Center has invited a limited number of individuals to be actual participants in the various sessions. In sessions I through IV, the facilitator of the conference will schedule a period of time when the public may present limited, oral comments. As noted in the agenda, the public meeting is open to all individuals to make any comments or respond to points made during the workshop. Persons wishing to make oral presentations during the public meeting should notify the person listed above under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** no later than Thursday, February 20, 1997. Written material may be submitted prior to, during, or up to 30 days after the meeting.

**Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities**

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the workshop, contact the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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*Director of Standards.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
AGENCY**

**40 CFR Part 52**

[DE027-1006; FRL-5684-2]

**Approval and Promulgation of Air  
Quality Implementation Plans;  
Delaware—15 Percent Rate of  
Progress Plan**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is proposing to approve, conditionally, the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the State of Delaware to meet the 15 Percent Rate of Progress Plan requirements of the Clean Air Act. EPA is proposing to conditionally approve the SIP because the 15 Percent Plan, submitted by Delaware, will result in significant emission reductions in volatile organic compounds (VOCs) from the 1990 baseline and thus, will provide progress toward attainment of the ozone standard. This action is being taken under section 110 of the Clean Air Act. **DATES:** Comments must be received on or before March 7, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to David L. Arnold, Section Chief, Ozone/CO & Mobile Sources Section, Mailcode 3AT21, 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, Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107; the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M. Street, SW., Washington, D.C. 20460; and the Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control, 89 Kings Highway, P.O. Box 1401, Dover, Delaware 19903.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rose Quinto, (215) 566-2182, at the EPA Region III address above. Information can also be requested via e-mail (quinto.rose@epamail.epa.gov); however, comments must still be submitted in writing.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Section 182(b)(1) of the Clean Air Act as amended in 1990 (CAAA), requires ozone nonattainment areas with classifications of moderate and above to develop plans to reduce area-wide

volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions by 15 percent from a 1990 baseline. The plans were to be submitted by November 15, 1993 and the reductions were required to be achieved within 6 years of enactment or November 15, 1996. The CAAA also sets limitations on the creditability of certain types of reductions. Specifically, states cannot take credit for reductions achieved by Federal Motor Vehicle Control Program (FMVCP) measures (new car emissions standards) promulgated prior to 1990 or for reductions resulting from requirements to lower the Reid vapor pressure (RVP) of gasoline promulgated prior to 1990.

Furthermore, the CAAA does not allow credit for corrections to Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Programs (I/M) or corrections to Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) rules as these programs were required prior to 1990.

In addition, section 172(c)(9) of the CAAA requires that contingency measures be included in the plan revision to be implemented if reasonable further progress is not achieved or if the standard is not attained.

On February 17, 1995, the Delaware Department of Natural Resources & Environmental Control (DNREC) submitted revisions to its SIP. One of those revisions pertains to the 15% Rate of Progress Plan (RPP) for the State of Delaware. Kent and New Castle are the two counties for which Delaware is required to develop a 15% RPP. The other SIP revisions submitted on February 17, 1995 are the subject of separate rulemaking notices.

EPA is soliciting public comments on the issues discussed in this document or on other relevant matters. These comments will be considered before taking final action. Interested parties may participate in the Federal rulemaking procedure by submitting written comments to the EPA regional offices listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

**EPA's Analysis**

EPA has reviewed Delaware's submittal for consistency with the requirements of EPA regulations. A summary of EPA's analysis is provided below. More detailed support for approval of Delaware's submittal is contained in a Technical Support Document (TSD), which is available from the Region III office listed above.

**A. Accurate Emission Inventory**

Sections 172(c)(3) and 182(b)(1) of the CAAA require that nonattainment plan provisions include a comprehensive,