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The entire record for the TB rulemaking is available for inspection and copying in the Docket Office, Docket H-371, telephone 202-693-2350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bonnie Friedman, Office of Information and Consumer Affairs, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Room N-3647, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210, Telephone (202) 693-1999, FAX (202) 693-1634.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 17, 1997, OSHA published its proposed standard for occupational exposure to TB (62 FR 54160). Based on a review of the data, OSHA made a preliminary determination that workers in hospitals, nursing homes, hospices, correctional facilities, homeless shelters, and certain other work settings are at significant risk of incurring TB infection while performing certain procedures or caring for their patients and clients. OSHA proposed a standard that would require employers to protect TB-exposed workers by means of infection prevention and control measures that have been demonstrated to be highly effective in reducing or eliminating job-related TB infections.

During the comment period and the public hearing, several commenters suggested that OSHA's estimates of the risk of TB infection, activation to TB disease, and subsequent deaths for health care workers were too high. Although OSHA's risk assessment methodology received little challenge, some commenters objected to OSHA's use of studies showing increased risk to workers in both hospitals and long-term care facilities for the elderly.

Request for Comments

In order to obtain the best, most recent data for the purpose of providing the most accurate risk estimates, OSHA requests public comment on any new data or studies that will assist the Agency in determining occupational risk and the reasons why a particular study or set of data should be used. OSHA especially wishes to obtain

studies that could provide estimates of TB infection rates for workers in hospitals, long-term care facilities, in-home health care operations, homeless shelters, and correctional facilities.

This document was prepared under the direction of Charles N. Jeffress, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210.

It is issued under section 6(b) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (29 U.S.C. 655), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 1-90 (55 FR 9033) and 29 CFR part 1911.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 22nd day of June, 1999.

Charles N. Jeffress,

Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[CA 210-147b; FRL-6363-1]

Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, Placer County Air Pollution Control District, and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is approving revisions to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). This action revises the definitions in Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD); Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control (MBUAPCD); Placer County Air Pollution Control District (PCAPCD); and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD).

The intended effect of approving this action is to incorporate changes to the definitions for clarity and consistency and to update the Exempt Compound list in MBUAPCD, PCAPCD, and VCAPCD rules to be consistent with the revised federal and state VOC definitions. EPA is proposing approval of these revisions to be incorporated into the California SIP for the attainment of the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for ozone under title I of the Clean Air Act (CAA or the Act). In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is

approving the state's SIP submittal 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, no further activity is contemplated. 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. Any parties interested in commenting should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received by July 28, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Andrew Steckel, Chief, Rulemaking Office (AIR-4), Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

Copies of the rule revisions 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 rule revisions are also available for inspection at the following locations:

Rulemaking Office (AIR-4), 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, D.C. 20460

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

Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109-7714

Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District, 24580 Silver Cloud Ct., Monterey, CA 93940-6536

Placer County Air Pollution Control District, DeWitt Center, 11464 "B" Ave., Auburn, CA 95603-2603

Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, 669 County Square Dr., 2nd Fl., Ventura, CA 93003-5417

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia G. Allen, Rulemaking Office [A-4], Air Division, 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 Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Regulation 1, General Provisions and Definitions; Monterey

Bay Unified Air Pollution Control (MBUAPCD) Rule 101, Definitions; Placer County Air Pollution Control District (PCAPCD) Rule 102, Definitions; and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD) Rule 2, Definitions. These rules were submitted by the California Air Resources Board to EPA on February 16, 1999 (Bay Area and Ventura); January 12, 1999 (Monterey); and May 18, 1998 (Placer). For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action that is located in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: May 21, 1999.

Laura K. Yoshii,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 63

[FRL-6366-7]

Delegation of National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories; State of Arizona; Pima County Department of Environmental Quality

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 112(l) of the 1990 Clean Air Act (CAA), the Pima County Department of Environmental Quality (PDEQ) requested delegation of specific national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants (NESHAPs). In the Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is granting PDEQ the authority to implement and enforce specified NESHAPs. The direct final rule also explains the procedure for future delegation of NESHAPs to PDEQ. EPA is taking direct final action without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial action 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, no further activity is contemplated. 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. Any parties interested in commenting should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received by July 28, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to: Andrew Steckel, Rulemaking Office (AIR-4), Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

Copies of the submitted requests are available for public inspection at EPA's Region IX office during normal business hours (docket number A-96-25).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mae Wang, Rulemaking Office (AIR-4), Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901, Telephone: (415) 744-1200.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document concerns delegation of unchanged NESHAPs to the Pima County Department of Environmental Quality. 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: This action is issued under the authority of section 112 of the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 7412.

Dated: June 10, 1999.

David P. Howekamp,

Director, Air Division, Region IX.
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