

preparation of flexibility analysis would constitute Federal inquiry into the economic reasonableness of state action. The Clean Air Act forbids EPA to base its actions concerning SIPs on such grounds. *Union Electric Co., v. U.S. EPA*, 427 U.S. 246, 255–66 (1976); 42 U.S.C. 7410(a)(2).

F. Unfunded Mandates

Under section 202 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (“Unfunded Mandates Act”), signed into law on March 22, 1995, EPA must prepare a budgetary impact statement to accompany any proposed or final rule that includes a Federal mandate that may result in estimated annual costs to State, local, or tribal governments in the aggregate; or to private sector, of \$100 million or more. Under section 205, EPA must select the most cost-effective and least burdensome alternative that achieves the objectives of the rule and is consistent with statutory requirements. Section 203 requires EPA to establish a plan for informing and advising any small governments that may be significantly or uniquely impacted by the rule.

EPA has determined that the approval action promulgated does not include a Federal mandate that may result in estimated annual costs of \$100 million or more to either State, local, or tribal governments in the aggregate, or to the private sector. This Federal action approves pre-existing requirements under State or local law, and imposes no new requirements. Accordingly, no additional costs to State, local, or tribal governments, or to the private sector, result from this action.

List of Subject in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Intergovernmental relations, Particulate Matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur Dioxide.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: December 9, 1999.

David P. Howekamp,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 62

[IN 109–1b; FRL–6507–6]

Approval of Hospital/Medical/ Infectious Waste Incinerator State Plan for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Indiana

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve Indiana’s State Plan for Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators (HMIWI), submitted on September 30, 1999. The State Plan adopts and implements our Emissions Guidelines (EG) applicable to existing HMIWIs. The approval means that EPA finds the State Plan meets Clean Air Act (Act) requirements. In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the State’s request as a direct final rule without prior proposal because EPA views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for approving the State’s request is set forth in the direct final rule. The direct final rule will become effective without further notice unless EPA receives relevant adverse written comment on this action. Should the EPA receive such comment, it will publish a final rule informing the public that the direct final rule will not take effect and such public comment received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. If no adverse written comments are received, the direct final rule will take effect on the date stated in that document and no further activity will be taken on this proposed rule. EPA does not plan to institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before January 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR–18J), 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 (AR–18J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ryan Bahr, Environmental Engineer, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR–18J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 353–4366.

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

Dated: November 30, 1999.

Francis X. Lyons,

Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 86

[FRL–6511–4]

Control of Air Pollution From New Motor Vehicles; Compliance Programs for New Light-Duty Vehicles and Light-Duty Trucks

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is extending the public comment period on the Ethyl petition to reconsider the CAP 2000 rule. A **Federal Register** notice requesting comment was published on November 5, 1999 (64 FR 60401). The purpose of this notice is to extend the comment period from December 20, 1999 to January 14, 2000, to allow commenters additional time to submit comments.

DATES: EPA will accept comments until January 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted in duplicate to the EPA Air & Radiation Docket # A–96–50, Room 1500–M (Mail Code 6102), 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460. Copies of information relevant to this petition and CAP 2000 are available for inspection in public docket A–96–50 at the above address, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linda Hormes, Certification and Compliance Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 2000 Traverwood, Ann Arbor, MI 48105, Phone (734) 214–4502, E-mail: hormes.linda@epa.gov.

Dated: December 13, 1999.

Margo T. Oge,

Director, Office of Mobile Sources.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 243

[FRL 6505-7]

RIN 2050-AE66

Revisions to Guidelines for the Storage and Collection of Residential, Commercial, and Institutional Solid Waste

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency is proposing to revise Guidelines for the Storage and Collection of Residential, Commercial, and Institutional Solid Waste through incorporation by reference of new voluntary consensus standards from the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). We are proposing this revision in response to a petition for rulemaking submitted by the Waste Equipment Technology Association requesting the Agency to update the references to ANSI standards. This proposed revision would assure that the Guidelines include references to the most current national safety standards.

In the final rules Section of today's **Federal Register**, we are promulgating this amendment as a final rule without a prior proposal because we view this as a noncontroversial action that encourages the use of voluntary consensus standards. Thus, we anticipate no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the amendment is set forth in the preamble to the accompanying direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, we plan no further action regarding this proposed rule as the accompanying direct final rule will be effective. If we receive relevant adverse comments, we will withdraw the final rule and we will address public comments received a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. We will not institute a second comment period on this action.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received on or before January 18, 2000. A relevant adverse comment will be considered to be any comment substantively criticizing the proposal on

a basis not already provided to EPA in comment.

ADDRESSES: Commenters must send an original and two copies of their comments referencing docket number F-99-COLF-FFFFF to: (1) If using regular US Postal Service mail: RCRA Docket Information Center, Office of Solid Waste (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Headquarters (EPA, HQ), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460-0002, or (2) if using special delivery, such as overnight express service: RCRA Docket Information Center (RIC), Crystal Gateway One, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, First Floor, Arlington, VA 22202. Comments may also be submitted electronically through the Internet to: rcra-docket@epa.gov. Comments in electronic format should also be identified by the docket number F-99-COLF-FFFFF and must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

Commenters should not submit electronically any confidential business information (CBI). An original and two copies of CBI must be submitted under separate cover to: RCRA CBI Document Control Officer, Office of Solid Waste (5305W), U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460-0002.

Public comments and supporting materials are available for viewing in the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway I, First Floor, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA. The RIC is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding federal holidays. To review docket materials, it is recommended that the public make an appointment by calling 703 603-9230. The public may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any regulatory docket at no charge. Additional copies cost \$0.15/page. The index and some supporting materials are available electronically. See the "Supplementary Information" section for information on accessing them.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, contact the RCRA Hotline at 800 424-9346 or TDD 800 553-7672 (hearing impaired). In the Washington, DC, metropolitan area, call 703 412-9810 or TDD 703 412-3323.

For more detailed information on specific aspects of this rulemaking, contact Dwight Hlustick, Office of Solid Waste 5306W, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460-0002, 703 308-8647, hlustick.dwight@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The index for the supporting materials is available

on the Internet at <<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/muncpl/equip/>>.

The following supporting materials are available for viewing in the RCRA Information Center (RIC):

Petition for Rulemaking—Proposed Modification to the Requirements and Recommended Procedures for Solid Waste Collection Equipment (40 CFR Part 243), submitted to Robert Dellinger and Larry Starfield (US EPA), submitted from Waste Equipment Technology Association, March 24, 1997.

Mobile Refuse Collection and Compaction Equipment—Safety Requirements, 1992, American National Standards Institute, ANSI Z245.1-1992.

Stationary Compactors—Safety Requirements, 1997, American National Standards Institute, ANSI Z245.2-1997.

Waste Containers—Safety Requirements, 1994, American National Standards Institute, ANSI Z245.30-1994.

Waste Containers—Compatibility Dimensions, 1996, American National Standards Institute, ANSI Z245.60-1996.

You can find these materials at the official record for this action will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into paper form and place them in the official record, which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in **ADDRESSES** at the beginning of this document.

EPA responses to comments, whether the comments are written or electronic, will be in a notice in the **Federal Register** or in a response to comments document placed in the official record for this rulemaking. EPA will not immediately reply to commenters electronically other than to seek clarification of electronic comments that may be garbled in transmission or during conversion to paper form, as discussed above.

Regulated Entities. Entities potentially affected by this action are public or private owners or operators of solid waste collection and transport equipment. Affected categories and entities include the following.

Category	Examples of affected entities
Federal government ..	Agencies procuring waste services.
Industry	Owners or operators of solid waste collection services.
Municipal and tribal governments.	Owners or operators of solid waste collection services.