

control of volatile organic compounds because the submitted revisions would relax currently approved emission limits for certain operations in the manufacture of pneumatic rubber tires. 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 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 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 If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

**DATES:** To be considered, comments must be received by July 17, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on this action should be addressed to William Denman 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 files TN128-01-6763, TN166-01-9634, TN180-01-9712, and TN182-01-9713. The Region 4 office may have additional background documents not available at the other locations.

Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (Air Docket 6102), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, William Denman, 404/562-9030.

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Air Pollution Control, L & C Annex, 9th Floor, 401 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1531, 615/532-0554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Denman 404/562-9030.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information see the direct

final rule which is published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: June 14, 1997.

**A. Stanley Meiburg,**

*Acting Regional Administrator.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[CA105-0037b; FRL-5842-7]

#### Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, San Diego County Air Pollution Control District, Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management 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<sub>x</sub>) from stationary gas turbine engines, industrial, institutional, and commercial boilers, steam generators, and process heaters.

The intended effect of proposing approval of these rules is to regulate emissions of NO<sub>x</sub> 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 SIP 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 July 17, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on this action should be addressed to: Amy Beckberger, 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 95812  
San Diego County Air Pollution Control District, 9150 Chesapeake Drive, San Diego, CA 92123-1096  
Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, 1947 Galileo Court, Suite 103, Davis, CA 95616

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Beckberger, Rulemaking Office [AIR-4], Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901, Telephone: (415) 744-1191.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document concerns San Diego County Air Pollution Control District's Rule 69.3, Stationary Gas Turbine Engines, and Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District's Rule 2.27, Industrial, Institutional, and Commercial Boilers, Steam Generators, and Process Heaters. These rules were submitted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to EPA on October 19, 1994 (Rule 69.3), and October 18, 1996 (Rule 2.27). For further information, please see the information provided in the Direct Final Action that is located in the Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

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

Dated: June 4, 1997.

**Felicia Marcus,**

*Regional Administrator.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[IL127-1b; FRL-5841-2]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Illinois

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA proposes to approve, as it applies to Stepan Company's Millsdale Facility, the May 5, 1995, and May 26, 1995, State Implementation

Plan (SIP) revision request submitted by the State of Illinois for reactor processes and distillation operation processes in the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry (SOCMI) as part of the State's control measures for Volatile Organic Material (VOM) emissions for the Chicago and Metro-East (East St. Louis) areas. VOM, as defined by the State of Illinois, is identical to "volatile organic compounds" (VOC), as defined by EPA. VOC is one of the air pollutants which combine on hot summer days to form ground-level ozone, commonly known as smog. Ozone pollution is of particular concern because of its harmful effects upon lung tissue and breathing passages. This plan was submitted to meet the Clean Air Act (Act) requirement for States to adopt Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) rules for sources that are covered by Control Techniques Guideline (CTG) documents. 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. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. 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 July 17, 1997.

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

Copies of the State submittal and EPA's analysis of it are available for inspection at: Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Pohlman, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West

Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-3299.

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

Dated: May 9, 1997.

**Valdas V. Adamkus,**  
*Regional Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration

#### 42 CFR Parts 410 and 424

[BPD-813-P]

RIN 0938-AH13

#### Medicare Program; Ambulance Services

**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This proposed rule would update and revise HCFA's policy on coverage of ambulance services. It would base Medicare coverage and payment for ambulance services on the level of medical services needed to treat the beneficiary's condition. It also clarifies Medicare policy on coverage of non-emergency ambulance services for Medicare beneficiaries.

**DATES:** Comments will be considered if we receive them at the appropriate address, as provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on August 18, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail written comments (1 original and 3 copies) to the following address: Health Care Financing Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, Attention: BPD-813-P, P.O. Box 26676, Baltimore, MD 21207-0476.

If you prefer, you may deliver your written comments (1 original and 3 copies) to one of the following addresses:

Room 309-G, Hubert H. Humphrey Building, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20201, or Room C5-09-26, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21244-1850.

Because of staffing and resource limitations, we cannot accept comments by facsimile (FAX) transmission. In commenting, please refer to file code BPD-813-P. Comments received timely will be available for public inspection as they are received, generally beginning

approximately 3 weeks after publication of a document, in Room 309-G of the Department's offices at 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, on Monday through Friday of each week from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (phone: (202) 690-7890).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Margot Blige, (410) 786-4642.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

##### A. Statutory Coverage of Ambulance Services

Under section 1861(s)(7) of the Social Security Act (the Act), Medicare Part B (Supplementary Medical Insurance) covers and pays for ambulance services, to the extent prescribed in regulations, when the use of other methods of transportation would be contraindicated. The House Ways and Means Committee and Senate Finance Committee Reports that accompanied the 1965 Social Security Amendments suggest that the Congress intended that (1) the ambulance benefit cover transportation services only if other means of transportation are contraindicated by the beneficiary's medical condition, and (2) only ambulance service to local facilities be covered unless necessary services are not available locally, in which case, transportation to the nearest facility furnishing those services is covered (H.R. Rep. No. 213, 89th Cong., 1st Sess. 37, and S. Rep. No. 404, 89th Cong., 1st Sess., Pt I, at 43 (1965)). The reports indicate that transportation may also be made from one hospital to another, to the beneficiary's home, or to an extended care facility.

##### B. Current Medicare Regulations for Ambulance Services

Our regulations relating to ambulance services are located at 42 CFR part 410, subpart B. Section 410.10(i) lists ambulance services as one of the covered medical and health services under Medicare Part B. Ambulance services are subject to basic conditions and limitations set forth at §410.12 and to specific conditions and limitations included at §410.40.

Section 410.40(a) defines an "ambulance" as a vehicle that is specially designed for transporting the sick or injured, containing a stretcher, linens, first aid supplies, oxygen equipment, and other lifesaving equipment required by State or local laws, and staffed with personnel trained to provide first aid treatment.

Section 410.40(b) permits Part B coverage of ambulance services when the use of other means of transportation