

changes to the definition of VOC and to update the Exempt Compound list in BAAQMD 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 revisions as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views these administrative changes as noncontroversial revision amendments 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 If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule.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 September 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to: Christine Vineyard, 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 the rules 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.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Christine Vineyard, Rulemaking Office
[Air-4], Air Division, U.S.
Environmental Protection Agency,
Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San
Francisco, CA 94105-3901, Telephone
(415) 744-1197.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This document concerns BAAQMD
Rule 8-4, General Solvent and Surface
Coating Operations; Rule 8-11, Metal

Container, Closure and Coil Coating;
Rule 8-12, Paper, Fabric, and Film
Coating; Rule 8-13, Light and Medium
Duty Motor Vehicle Assembly Plants;
Rule 8-14, Surface Coating of Large
Appliance and Metal Furniture; Rule 8-
19, Surface Coating of Miscellaneous
Metal Parts and Products; Rule 8-20,
Graphic Arts Printing and Coating; Rule
8-23, Coating of Flat Wood Paneling
and Wood Flat Stock; Rule 8-29,
Aerospace Assembly and Component
Coating Operations; 8-31, Surface
Coating of Plastic Parts and Products;
Rule 8-32, Wood Products; Rule 8-38,
Flexible and Rigid Disc Manufacturing;
Rule 8-43, Surface Coating of Marine
Vessels; Rule 8-45, Motor Vehicle and
Mobile Equipment Coating Operations;
and 8-50, Polyester Resin Operations.
These rules were submitted to EPA on
October 18, 1996 by the California Air
Resources Board. 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: July 10, 1997.

Felicia Marcus,

Regional Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 52 and 81

[VT-015-01-1217b; A-1-FRL-5860-1]

Clean Air Act Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Vermont: PM10 Prevention of Significant Deterioration Increments

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing full
approval of a State Implementation Plan
(SIP) revision submitted by the State of
Vermont, which replaces the total
suspended particulate (TSP) prevention
of significant (PSD) increments with
increments for PM10 (particulate matter
with an aerodynamic diameter smaller
than or equal to a nominal 10
micrometers). This action is being taken
under the Clean Air Act. In the Final
Rules Section of this **Federal Register**,
EPA is approving the Vermont's SIP
revision 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 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
does receive 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. EPA will
not institute a second comment period
on this proposal. Any parties interested
in commenting on this proposal should
do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received on
or before September 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to
Susan Studlien, Deputy Director, Office
of Ecosystem Protection, EPA-Region 1,
JFK Federal Bldg (CAA), Boston, MA
02203. Copies of Vermont's submittal
and EPA's technical support document
are available for public inspection by
appointment during normal business
hours at the following locations: Office
of Ecosystem Protection, EPA-Region 1,
One Congress Street, 11th floor, Boston,
MA 02203; Air Pollution Control
Division, Agency of Natural Resources,
Building 3 South, 103 South Main
Street, Waterbury, VT 05676; and Air
and Radiation Docket and Information
Center, 401 M Street, SW, Washington,
DC 20460.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Susan Lancey at (617) 565-3587 or
lancey.susan@epamail.epa.gov.

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

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

Dated: June 18, 1997.

John P. DeVillars,

Regional Administrator, EPA-Region 1.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 62

[FRL-5868-2]

Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; States of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to approve
Municipal Waste Combustors (MWC)
111(d)/129 Plan negative declarations
submitted by the states of Iowa, Kansas,

Missouri, and Nebraska. These negative declarations certify that MWCs subject to the requirements of section 111(d) and section 129 of the Clean Air Act do not exist in these states. In the final rules section of the **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the states' negative declarations as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this action as noncontroversial, 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 rule. If the 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: Comments on this proposed rule must be received in writing by September 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Aaron J. Worstell, Environmental Protection Agency, Air Planning and Development Branch, 726 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Aaron J. Worstell at (913) 551-7787.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the direct final rule which is located in the rules section of the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 11, 1997.

Dennis Grams,

Regional Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 600

[Docket No. 970708168-7168-01; I.D. 061697B]

RIN 0648-AJ58

Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; National Standard Guidelines

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: NMFS proposes revisions to the guidelines for national standards 1

(optimum yield), 2 (scientific information), 4 (allocations), 5 (efficiency), and 7 (costs and benefits); and adds guidelines for new national standards 8 (communities), 9 (bycatch), and 10 (safety of life at sea). The guidelines are intended to assist in the development and review of Fishery Management Plans (FMPs), amendments, and regulations prepared by the Regional Fishery Management Councils (Councils) and the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). The proposed revisions and additions implement the October 1996 amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Act, which resulted from the Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA). Additional minor changes are made to conform national standard guideline language to the Magnuson-Stevens Act, as amended.

DATES: Comments must be received by September 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Dr. Gary C. Matlock, F/SF, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George H. Darcy, 301-713-2341.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 11, 1996, the President signed into law the SFA (Public Law 104-297), which made numerous amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*). This proposed rule amend 50 CFR part 600, subpart D, to update the national standard guidelines and to implement some of the Magnuson-Stevens Act amendments.

Background

Section 301(a) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act contains 10 national standards for fishery conservation and management, with which all FMPs and amendments prepared by the Councils and the Secretary must comply. Section 303(b) requires that the Secretary establish advisory guidelines, based on the national standards, to assist in the development of FMPs. The SFA established three new national standards, which require consideration of impacts of fishery management decisions on fishing communities (national standard 8), bycatch (national standard 9), and safety of life at sea (national standard 10). This proposed rule would add those standards and associated guidelines to subpart D of 50 CFR part 600. Other provisions of the SFA necessitate significant revisions to the guidelines for national standard 1 (optimum yield), as proposed in this rule. Minor revisions to national

standards 2 (scientific information), 4 (allocations), and 5 (efficiency) are also proposed to conform those standards and their guidelines to the Magnuson-Stevens Act, as amended. Additional technical changes would be made to § 600.305 (general) and to guidelines for national standards 3 (management units) (§ 600.320) and 7 (costs and benefits) (§ 600.340) to update terminology.

The proposed guidelines explain requirements and provide some options for compliance with the guidelines. Lists and examples are not all inclusive; rather, they are intended to provide illustrations of the kind of information, discussion, or examination/analysis useful in demonstrating consistency with the standard in question. The proposed guidelines are intended to provide for reasonable accommodation of regional or individual fishery characteristics, provided that the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act are met. The guidelines are intended as an aid to decisionmaking, with responsible conservation and management of valued national resources as the goal. The proposed revisions and additions are described below.

General

The new and revised national standards apply to all FMPs and implementing regulations, existing and future. However, as Congress recognized by allowing the Councils 2 years from enactment (i.e., until October 11, 1998) to submit FMP amendments to comply with the related new requirements in section 303(a), it will take considerable time and effort to bring all FMPs into compliance with the Magnuson-Stevens Act. For example, national standard 9 requires that management measures minimize bycatch, but section 303(a)(11), which states exactly the same requirement, need not be fully implemented in all FMPs until October 1998; NMFS will therefore not expect full compliance with standard 9 until that date. Once issued in final, NMFS will use these guidelines to review all new FMPs and amendments to determine whether they comply with the new and revised national standards. The Councils should review existing FMPs for compliance with the new and revised national standards and submit necessary amendments by October 11, 1998.

The main purpose of the guidelines is to aid the Councils in fulfilling the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. In the context of preparing an FMP or FMP amendment, the guidelines typically address only the Councils'