

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AGENCY****40 CFR Part 52**

[OH104-3b; FRL-5874-5]

**Approval and Promulgation of
Implementation Plans; Ohio Ozone
Maintenance Plan****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of the
public comment period.

SUMMARY: On May 14, 1997, EPA published a direct final rule (62 FR 26396) approving, and an accompanying proposed rule (62 FR 26463), proposing to approve a revision submitted on July 9, 1996 and January 31, 1997, to the ozone maintenance plans for the Dayton-Springfield Area (Miami, Montgomery, Clark, and Greene Counties), Toledo Area (Lucas and Wood Counties), Canton area (Stark County), Ohio portion of the Youngstown-Warren-Sharon Area (Mahoning and Trumbull Counties), Columbus Area (Franklin, Delaware,

and Licking Counties), Cleveland-Akron-Lorain Area (Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Summit, Portage, and Geauga Counties), Preble County, Jefferson County, Columbiana and Clinton Counties. The revision was based on a request from the State of Ohio to revise the federally approved maintenance plan for those areas to provide the State and the affected areas with greater flexibility in choosing the appropriate ozone contingency measures for each area in the event such a measure is needed. On June 13, 1997 (62 FR 32257) EPA announced a 60-day extension of the public comment period until August 12, 1997. The EPA is announcing an additional 120-day extension of the public comment period on the May 14, 1997, proposed rule. In the rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is extending the effective date of the related final rule to allow for an additional 120-day extension of the public comment period on these maintenance plans.

DATES: Written comments on the May 14, 1997, proposed rule must be received by December 10, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), at the address below. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following location: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, Regulation Development Branch, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Paskevicz, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Telephone: (312) 886-6084.

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

Dated: August 5, 1997.

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Acting Regional Administrator.

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