

areas with population in excess of either 100,000 or 200,000 depending on location. Furthermore, the impact created by the proposed action does not increase the preexisting burden of the existing rules which this proposal seeks to amend.

D. Unfunded Mandates Act

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 where the estimated costs to State, local, or tribal governments, or to the private sector, will be \$100 million or more. Under § 205, EPA must select the most cost-effective and least burdensome alternative that achieves the objective 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 impacted by the rule. To the extent that the rules being proposed by this action would impose any mandate at all as defined in section 101 of the Unfunded Mandates Act upon the state, local, or tribal governments, or the private sector, as explained above, this proposed rule is not estimated to impose costs in excess of \$100 million. Therefore, EPA has not prepared a statement with respect to budgetary impacts. As noted above, this rule offers opportunities to states that would enable them to lower economic burdens from those resulting from the currently existing I/M rule.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 51

Environmental protection,
Administrative practice and procedure,
Air pollution control, Carbon monoxide,
Transportation.

Dated: September 2, 1997.

Carol M. Browner,
Administrator.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, title 40, chapter I of the Code of Federal Regulations is proposed to be amended to read as follows:

PART 51—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 51 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q.

2. Section 51.353 is amended by revising paragraphs (c)(3) and (c)(4) to read as follows:

§ 51.353 Network type and program evaluation.

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(c) * * *

(3) The evaluation program shall consist, at a minimum, of those items described in paragraph (b)(1) of this section and program evaluation data using a sound evaluation methodology, as approved by EPA, and evaporative system checks, specified in § 51.357(a) (9) and (10) of this subpart, for model years subject to those evaporative system test procedures. The test data shall be obtained from a representative, random sample, taken at the time of initial inspection (before repair) on a minimum of 0.1 percent of the vehicles subject to inspection in a given year. Such vehicles shall receive a state administered or monitored test, as specified in this paragraph (c)(3), prior to the performance of I/M-triggered repairs during the inspection cycle under consideration.

(4) The program evaluation test data shall be submitted to EPA and shall be capable of providing accurate information about the overall effectiveness of an I/M program, such evaluation to begin no later than November 30, 1998.

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PART 52—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 52 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q.

2. Section 52.2026 is amended by revising paragraph (a)(2) to read as follows:

§ 52.2026 Conditional approval.

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(a) * * *

(2) The Commonwealth must submit to EPA as a SIP amendment, by November 30, 1998, the final Pennsylvania I/M program evaluation regulation requiring an approved alternative sound evaluation methodology to be performed on a minimum of 0.1 percent of the subject fleet each year as per 40 CFR 51.353(c)(3) and which meets the program evaluation elements as specified in 40 CFR 51.353(c).

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3. Section 52.2450 is amended by revising paragraph (b)(2) to read as follows:

§ 52.2450 Conditional approval.

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(b) * * *

(2) The Commonwealth must submit to EPA as a SIP amendment, by November 30, 1998, the final Virginia I/M program evaluation regulation requiring an approved alternative sound evaluation methodology to be performed on a minimum of 0.1 percent of the

subject fleet each year as per 40 CFR § 51.353(c)(3) and which meets the program evaluation elements as specified in 40 CFR 51.353(c).

4. Section 52.424 is amended by revising paragraph (b) introductory text to read as follows:

§ 52.424 Conditional approval.

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(b) The State of Delaware's February 17, 1995 submittal for an enhanced motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) program, and the November 30, 1995 submittal of the performance standard evaluation of the low enhanced program, is conditionally approved based on certain contingencies.

The following conditions must be addressed in a revised SIP submission. Along with the conditions listed is a separate detailed I/M checklist explaining what is required to fully remedy the deficiencies found in the proposed notice of conditional approval. This checklist is found in the Technical Support Document (TSD), located in the docket of this rulemaking, that was prepared in support of the proposed conditional I/M rulemaking for Delaware. This checklist and Technical Support Document are available at the Air, Radiation, and Toxics Division, 841 Chestnut Bldg., Philadelphia, PA 19107, telephone (215) 566–2183. By no later than one year from June 18, 1997, Delaware must submit a revised SIP that meets the following conditions for approvability, with the exception of condition in paragraph (b)(3) of this section which addresses I/M program evaluation requirements. Condition in paragraph (b)(3) of this section must be met by November 30, 1998, in keeping with the amended requirements of 40 CFR 51.353.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[TX–21–1–7345b; FRL–5894–5]

Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan: Employee Commute Options (Employer Trip Reduction) Program for Texas

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This action proposes to remove the Texas Employee Commute Options (ECO) rule from the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Texas for the purpose of establishing an ECO program (also known as the Employer Trip Reduction program). This action will relieve, if approved, the State from mandatory implementation of the ECO program in the Houston-Galveston ozone nonattainment area. The authority for this removal action is based on Public Law 104-70 and the subsequent EPA policy issued on April 23, 1996.

In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is removing the Texas ECO rule from the SIP as a direct final rulemaking without prior proposal because the EPA 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 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 this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in providing comments on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received in writing and postmarked by October 20, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments must be submitted to Mr. J. Behnam, P. E., Air Planning Section (6PDL), Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202.

Copies of the State ECO withdrawal request are available for inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. Interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the visiting day.

Air Planning Section (6PDL), Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202, Telephone: (214) 665-7214.

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. J. Behnam, P. E., Air Planning Section (6PDL), Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, Environmental

Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202, Telephone (214) 665-7247.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the direct final rule which is located in the Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Carbon monoxide, Hydrocarbons, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Volatile organic compounds.

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

Dated: August 12, 1997.

Jerry Clifford,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 97-201, RM-9127]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Crested Butte, CO

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed on behalf of Crested Butte Broadcasting Company, requesting the allotment of Channel 293A to Crested Butte, Colorado, as that community's first local commercial FM transmission service. Coordinates used for Channel 293A at Crested Butte are 38-52-06 and 106-59-06.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before November 3, 1997, and reply comments on or before November 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner's counsel, as follows: Nancy L. Wolf and Matthew H. Brenner, Esqs., Leventhal, Senter & Lerman, Suite 600, 2000 K Street, NW., Washington DC 20006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Joyner, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 97-201, adopted September 3, 1997, and released September 12, 1997. The full text of this Commission decision is

available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036, (202) 857-3800.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments. See 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contacts.

For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, See 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

John A. Karousos,

Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[MM Docket No. 97-200, RM-9144]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Ashton, ID

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed by Mountain Tower Broadcasting requesting the allotment of Channel 224A to Ashton, Idaho, an incorporated community, as its first local aural transmission service. Coordinates used for Channel 224A at Ashton are 44-08-10 and 111-30-57.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before November 3, 1997, and reply comments on or before November 18, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the