

results of internal testing of the product/device, successful completion of Provider infrastructure testing, Alpha testing, and demonstration of limited distribution activities (Beta testing); the submitted product, Provider infrastructure and Provider/manufacture qualification requirements will be administratively reviewed for final approval. Note: Copies of Draft 39 Code of Federal Regulation Part 502 containing IBIP Provider/Manufacturer qualification requirements are available by contacting USPS Metering Technology Management, 475 L'Enfant Plaza SW, Room 8430, Washington, DC 20260-2444. Copies of CFR Part 501 pertaining to postage meters are also available at the above address.

B. The Postal Service may require at any time, that models/versions of approved products, and the design and user manuals and specifications applicable to such product, and any revisions thereof be deposited with the Postal Service.

It is emphasized that this proposed procedure is being published for comments and is subject to final definition.

Although exempt from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553 (b),(c)) regarding proposed rule making by 39 U.S.C. 410(a), the Postal Service invites public comments on the proposed procedures.

**Neva R. Watson,**  
Chief Counsel, Legislative.

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## POSTAL RATE COMMISSION

### 39 CFR 3001

[Docket No. RM98-3; Order No. 1218]

#### Revisions to Rules of Practice

**AGENCY:** Postal Rate Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission seeks suggestions, especially from those who have taken part in recent rate, classification, and complaint dockets, on ways to improve the efficiency of proceedings conducted pursuant to 39 U.S.C. sec. 3624. Commenters are encouraged to address topics covered in 39 CFR 3001.1-92, with the exception of library references and confidential information. These two matters will be addressed in separate rulemakings. Commenters' suggestions will be considered in developing amendments that will improve the efficiency of Commission proceedings.

**DATES:** Comments should be filed on or before October 28, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephen L. Sharfman, General Counsel, 202-789-6820.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:** Following each major proceeding, the Commission reviews the effectiveness of its rules of practice and invites participants to offer suggestions for changes or improvements. The Commission's initial assessment of the operation of its rules in the recently-completed omnibus rate and classification case (Docket No. R97-1) leads to several preliminary conclusions. First, it appears that two recently-adopted revisions—addressing the use of surveys and the Service's filing of "pro forma" financial data and information—worked reasonably well. Second, it appears that consideration should be given to incorporating all (or most) of the special rules of practice into the general, or standing, rules. Third, an assessment of ways to reduce the costs inherent in service of documents, including consideration of the extent to which electronic filing requirements (or options) can be added should be undertaken.

A serious evidentiary dispute over library references indicates that clarification of this longstanding practice is essential. However, the Commission intends to address this matter, and the potential need for changes in its rules on confidential information, in separate rulemakings. Thus, commenters are requested not to include suggestions on these topics in response to this rulemaking.

Dated: August 27, 1998.

**Margaret P. Crenshaw,**  
Secretary.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[CA 212-0092b; FRL-6142-6]

#### Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, South Coast 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 particulate matter (PM) emissions from stationary sources,

including process industries and cement plants, within the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).

The intended effect of proposing approval of these rules is to regulate emissions of PM 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 revision and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for this approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no relevant adverse comments are received in response to this rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this rule. If EPA receives relevant adverse comments, the direct final rule will not take effect 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 rule. Any parties interested in commenting should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing by October 2, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on this action should be addressed to: Andrew Steckel, Rulemaking Office (AIR-4), Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

Copies of the rules and EPA's evaluation report for the rules are available for public inspection at EPA's Region IX office during normal business hours. Copies of the submitted rules are also available for inspection at the following locations:

South Coast Air Quality Management District, 21865 E. Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765  
California Air Resources Board, Stationary Source Division, Rule Evaluation Section, 2020 "L" Street, Sacramento, CA 95812.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia Bowlin, Rulemaking Office (AIR-4), Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901, Telephone: (415) 744-1188.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document concerns SCAQMD Rule 404, Particulate Matter—Concentration; Rule 405, Solid Particulate Matter—Weight; and Rule 1112.1, Emissions of Particulate Matter from Cement Kilns, submitted to EPA on June 4, 1986 by the California Air Resources Board. 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 et seq.

Dated: July 31, 1998.

**Felicia Marcus,**

*Regional Administrator, Region IX.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[MD 061-3028b, MD 065-3028b; FRL-6148-2]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Amendments VOC Regulations for Dry Cleaning and Stage I Vapor Recovery

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA proposes to approve two State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the State of Maryland. The first revision amends Maryland's dry cleaning regulation to eliminate perchloroethylene operations from the volatile organic compound (VOC) requirements. The second revision amends the Stage I Vapor Recovery regulation's gasoline storage tank capacity applicability requirements such that gasoline storage tanks with a capacity of less than 2000 gallons are no longer subject to the regulation. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP revisions as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views these as noncontroversial SIP revisions 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 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. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing by October 2, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to David L. Arnold, Chief, Ozone and Mobile Sources Branch,

Mailcode 3AP21, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103 and the Maryland Department of the Environment, 2500 Broening Highway, Baltimore, Maryland 21224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carolyn M. Donahue, (215) 814-2095 at the EPA Region III address above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** See the information provided in the Direct Final action of the same title which is located in the Rules and Regulations Section of this **Federal Register**.

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

Dated: August 11, 1998.

**W. Michael McCabe,**

*Regional Administrator, Region III.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[PA 119-4074b; FRL-6148-4]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Enhanced Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA proposes to approve two State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's enhanced Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) program. These SIP revisions amend the Commonwealth's enhanced I/M SIP to correct certain deficiencies that EPA identified in its January 28, 1997 interim conditional approval of the Commonwealth's SIP. EPA is proposing to remove several conditions and *de minimus* conditions from the interim conditional approval of Pennsylvania's SIP. However, since there remain conditions of approval which Pennsylvania has not yet addressed, the Commonwealth's SIP would continue to be conditionally approved upon finalization of this proposed rule. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal**

**Register**, EPA is issuing a direct final rule without prior proposal to take the same action upon the Commonwealth's SIP revisions. The Agency views this rulemaking action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse public comment. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule and in the technical support document prepared by EPA for this action. If no adverse comments are received, no further activity is contemplated with 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. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing by October 2, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to Marcia Spink, Associate Director, Air Programs, Mailcode 3AP00, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street—14th Floor, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Copies of relevant documents may also be inspected at the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources Bureau of Air Quality Control, P.O. Box 8468, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian Rehn, by phone at (215) 814-2176, or via e-mail at rehn.brian@epamail.epa.gov, or in writing at the EPA Region III address above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** See the information provided in the Direct Final action of the same title which is located in the Rules and Regulations Section of this **Federal Register**.

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

Dated: August 11, 1998.

**Thomas C. Voltaggio,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.*

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