

products, a technology for reducing handheld 2-stroke emissions, and Phase 2 handheld engine emission standard feasibility, are contained in the docket (see Items IV-C-03, IV-E-09, IV-E-11 through IV-E-14, IV-E-17, IV-E-18, IV-E-20, IV-E-21, IV-E-23, IV-E-26, IV-E-40, IV-E-43, IV-E-50, IV-E-51, IV-E-56, IV-E-62, IV-E-65, IV-E-66, IV-G-22, IV-G-27, and IV-G-28).

Third, summaries of separate discussions held between EPA and Honda, American Suzuki Motor Corporation, and Tecumseh Products concerning the displacement cutoff for an additional nonhandheld class are contained in the docket (see Items IV-E-24, IV-E-52).

Fourth, summaries of a September 16, 1998 telephone conversation between EPA and Tom Cackette (California Air Resources Board) and a September 17, 1998 telephone conversation between EPA and Jason Grumet (NESCAUM) regarding the development of final Phase 2 regulations for small engines is contained in the docket (see Items IV-E-61 and IV-E-22).

Fifth, summaries of correspondence between EPA and members of Congress, including Representative Jo Ann Emerson and three colleagues to EPA, regarding pending Phase 2 regulations for small SI engines, Senator Herb Kohl to EPA on behalf of constituent Cliff Feldmann, President of the Auger and power Equipment Manufacturers Association (APEMA), Representative Frank Lucas to EPA on behalf of constituent Mr. Dick Roberts, a member of the Auger and Power Equipment Manufacturers Association (APEMA), are contained in the docket, (Items IV-C-06, IV-C-05 and IV-C-04).

Finally, summaries of substantive correspondence, conversations, or meetings with other individuals or organizations, including May 20, 1998 information from and September 3, 1998 meeting with Boswell Energy Systems regarding a technology for reducing emissions from small SI engines and June 22, 1998 correspondence from Autonnic Research to EPA regarding the Autonnic Maintenance Alert Meters, June 16, 1998 meeting and October 20 telephone conversations between EPA, Pyrotek Inc. and others regarding Spark Plug Technology for Emission Reductions for Small SI Engines At or Below 19 kW, and correspondence from MECA to EPA regarding catalytic technology for small SI nonroad engines, are contained in the docket (Items IV-D-24, IV-E-07, IV-G-13, IV-E-42 and IV-E-41, and IV-G-25).

D. Information on the Impact of More Stringent Standards on Equipment Manufacturers

EPA sought information on the impact on equipment manufacturers, if any, of changes in technology potentially required to meet more stringent standards than were contained in the NPRM. Summaries of substantive correspondence received or conversations or meetings held regarding the impact of standards on equipment manufacturers are contained in the docket (see Items IV-E-27 through IV-E-39, IV-E-52, IV-E-55, IV-E-58, IV-E-67, and IV-G-20).

E. Correspondence from Representatives of the Model Airplane and Hobbyist Community

EPA received numerous pieces of correspondence before and after the close of the comment period on the NPRM from representatives of the model airplane and related hobbyist community (Items IV-D-07; IV-G-08 through IV-G-12; IV-G-14 through IV-G-19; IV-G-21; IV-G-23, and IV-G-24).

Dated: November 20, 1998.

Robert Perciasepe,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 61 and 63

[FRL-6187-7]

Approval of the Clean Air Act, Section 112(l), Delegation of Authority to Three Local Air Agencies in Washington

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 112(l) of the 1990 Clean Air Act (CAA), the state of Washington Department of Ecology (Ecology) requested program approval and delegation of authority for three local agencies in Washington to implement and enforce locally-adopted hazardous air pollutant (HAP) regulations which adopt by reference the federal National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) contained within 40 CFR Parts 61 and 63, as these regulations apply to all sources (i.e., both Part 70 and non-Part 70 sources). On behalf of these agencies, Ecology also requested approval of a mechanism by which these agencies will receive delegation of future

NESHAPs; and requested that EPA waive its notification requirements such that sources will only need to send notifications and reports to the delegated local agencies. Additionally, Ecology also requested approval of certain local air agency potential-to-emit limiting regulations which would then be recognized as federally enforceable. The local air agencies that would be implementing and enforcing these regulations are: the Northwest Air Pollution Authority (NWAPA); the Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency (PSAPCA); and the Southwest Air Pollution Control Authority (SWAPCA) collectively referred to as "NWAPA, PSAPCA, and SWAPCA."

In the Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is promulgating direct final approval of Ecology's request, on behalf of NWAPA, PSAPCA, and SWAPCA, for program approval and delegation of authority to implement and enforce specific 40 CFR Parts 61 and 63 federal NESHAP regulations which have been adopted into local law (as apply to both Part 70 and non-Part 70 sources). EPA is delegating these programs to Ecology for the purpose of redelegating them to NWAPA, PSAPCA, and SWAPCA, consistent with Ecology's statute, the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.94.860. Additionally, EPA is promulgating direct final approval of the mechanism by which NWAPA, PSAPCA, and SWAPCA will receive delegation of future NESHAP regulations that are adopted unchanged into local law; and is waiving the requirement for sources to send copies of notifications and reports to EPA. Finally, EPA is promulgating direct final approval of PSAPCA and SWAPCA's potential-to-emit regulations as federally enforceable.

EPA is taking direct final action without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial action 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 action, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this action. If EPA receives relevant adverse comments, the direct final rule will not take effect and all public comments will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed action. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by December 31, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments must be submitted to Doug Hardesty at the

Region X office listed below. Copies of the requests for delegation and other supporting documentation are available for public inspection at the following location: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region X, Office of Air Quality (OAQ-107), 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA, 98101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrea Wullenweber, US EPA, Region 10 (OAQ-107), 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA, 98101, (206) 553-8760.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This document concerns delegation of unchanged NESHAPs to the Northwest Air Pollution Authority, the Puget Sound Air Pollution Control Agency, and the Southwest Air Pollution Control Agency. 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: October 28, 1998.

Chuck Clarke,

Regional Administrator, Region X.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 63

[AD-FRL-6190-5]

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National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Publicly Owned Treatment Works

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: A proposed rule for the publicly owned treatment works (POTW) source category is required to implement section 112 of the Clean Air Act as amended (Act) and reflects the Administrator's determination that POTW sources emit hazardous air pollutants (HAP) identified on the EPA's amended list of 188 HAP. The primary HAP emitted by these sources include xylenes, methylene chloride, toluene, ethyl benzene, chloroform, tetrachloroethylene, benzene, and naphthalene.

The emission standards that the EPA is proposing with today's notice would require control for HAP emissions from each new or reconstructed POTW treatment plant which is a major source of HAP. The standards would also

require each existing and new POTW treatment plant that treats specific industrial waste streams from an industrial user, for the purpose of allowing that industrial user to comply with another National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP), to meet the treatment and control requirements of the relevant NESHAP. The EPA is not proposing any standard for publicly owned sewage and wastewater collection systems at this time, because sufficient information is not available at present to determine the amount of HAP emissions from such systems or to evaluate the practicality of controlling such emissions.

Although section 112(e)(5) of the Act required the EPA to promulgate a maximum achievable control technology (MACT) standard for POTW by November 15, 1995, the EPA was unable to collect and evaluate the necessary information to meet that deadline. Under the separate schedule for promulgation of MACT standards established by the EPA pursuant to sections 112(e)(1) and (e)(3), the EPA was required to promulgate a MACT standard for POTW by November 15, 1997. However, because the EPA was unable to meet that deadline as well, the MACT "hammer" date may eventually apply to the POTW source category. Under section 112(j)(2), the MACT "hammer" date is the date by which affected facilities will be required to apply for a case-by-case MACT emission limitation if the EPA has not promulgated a generally applicable MACT standard. This date is May 15, 1999.

DATES: Comments. Comments must be received on or before January 15, 1999.

Public Hearing. A public hearing will be held, if requested, to provide interested persons an opportunity for oral presentation of data, views, or arguments concerning the proposed standards for POTW sources. If anyone contacts the EPA requesting to speak at a public hearing by December 16, 1998, a public hearing will be held on December 31, 1998.

ADDRESSES: *Comments.* Comments should be submitted (in duplicate, if possible) to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), (LE-131), Attention, Docket No. A-96-46, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. The EPA requests that a separate copy of comments also be sent to Mr. Robert B. Lucas (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** for address). Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions below. No confidential

business information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to the EPA at: A-and-R-Docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disk in WordPerfect in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data submitted in electronic form must note the docket number A-96-46. Electronic comments on this proposed rule may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Public Hearing: If requested, the public hearing will be held in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Persons interested in attending a public hearing should contact JoLynn Collins, (919) 541-5671, Waste and Chemical Processes Group (MD-13) to determine whether a hearing will be held and to obtain information on the exact location.

Request to Speak at a Hearing. Persons wishing to make an oral presentation at a hearing must notify Jo Lynn Collins, Waste and Chemical Processes Group (MD-13), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, telephone (919) 541-5671.

Docket. The official record for this rulemaking will be compiled under docket number A-96-46, (including comments and data submitted electronically as described above). All materials in the docket (including a printed version of each electronic comment), excluding any portion of any materials claimed by the submitter as confidential business information, will be available for inspection and copying from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public docket for this rulemaking is located at the address in **ADDRESSES** at the beginning of this document. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information concerning the proposed standards, contact Mr. Robert B. Lucas, Waste and Chemical Processes Group, Emission Standards Division (MD-13), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, telephone (919) 541-0884; facsimile (919) 541-0246; e-mail lucas.bob@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulated Entities. Entities potentially regulated by this action are publicly owned treatment works. Regulated categories and entities include: