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DATES: To be considered, comments must be received by January 7, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Randy Terry at the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Copies of documents relative to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the visiting day. Reference file KY-102-106-9903. The Region 4 Office may have additional background documents not available at the other locations.

Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (Air Docket 6102), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Commonwealth of Kentucky, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, 803 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy Terry at 404-562-9032 or Karla L. McCorkle at 404/562-9043. For additional information concerning the Inspection/Maintenance Program contact Dale Aspy at 404-562-9041.

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

Dated: November 13, 1998.

Michael V. Peyton,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[Region VII Docket No. MO-057-1057b; FRL-6196-9]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to approve new Missouri rule 10 CSR 10-6.330 entitled "Restriction of Emissions from Batch-Type Charcoal Kilns" as a revision to the Missouri SIP. This rule requires batch-type charcoal kilns to substantially reduce emissions of particulate matter, volatile organic compounds, and carbon monoxide. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the state's SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal 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 action, no further activity is contemplated. 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. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before January 7, 1999.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to: Joshua A. Tapp, Environmental Protection Agency, Air Branch, 726 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

Copies of the state submittal(s) are available at the following addresses for inspection during normal business hours: Environmental Protection Agency, Air Planning and Development Branch, 726 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joshua A. Tapp at (913) 551-7606.

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

November 24, 1998.

Dennis Grams,

P.E., Regional Administrator, Region VII.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[SC-21-1; SC-23-1-9832b; FRL-6197-5]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; South Carolina: Approval of Revisions to the South Carolina SIP Regarding Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Definition Adoptions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: On June 6, 1989 and September 27, 1990, the State of South Carolina submitted revisions to the South Carolina SIP. The revisions include modifications to an existing definition and the adoption of multiple definitions. In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the EPA views this as a noncontroversial revision amendment 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 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 should do so at this time.

DATES: To be considered, comments must be received by January 7, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to Randy B. Terry at the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Copies of documents relative to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the visiting day and reference South Carolina files 21-1 and 23-1-9832. The Region 4 office may

have additional background documents not available at the other locations.

Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (Air Docket 6102), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29201-1708.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy B. Terry, Regulatory Planning Section, Air Planning Branch, Air, Pesticides & Toxics Management Division, Region 4 Environmental Protection Agency, 61 Forsyth Street SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. The telephone number is (404) 562-9032.

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

Dated: November 23, 1998.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants: 90-Day Finding for a Petition to List the Bonneville Cutthroat Trout as Threatened

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of 90-day petition finding and initiation of status review.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service announces a 90-day finding for a petition to list the Bonneville cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki utah*) as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). We find that the petition presented substantial information indicating that listing this species may be warranted, and we are initiating a status review of this species.

DATES: The finding announced in this document was made on November 25, 1998. To be considered in the 12-month finding for this petition, comments and materials should be submitted to the Service by January 7, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Information, data, or comments concerning this petition

should be submitted to the Field Supervisor, Ecological Services, Utah Field Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 145 East 1300 South, Suite 404, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115. The petition, finding, supporting data, and comments are available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours, at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janet A. Mizzi, Utah Field Office, at the above address, or telephone 801/524-5001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 4(b)(3)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), requires that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service make a finding on whether a petition to list, delist, or reclassify a species presents substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the petitioned action may be warranted. This finding is to be based on all information available to the Service at the time the finding is made. To the maximum extent practicable, this finding is to be made within 90 days of the date the petition was received, and the finding is to be published promptly in the **Federal Register**. If the finding is positive, the Service also is required to promptly commence a review of the status of the species involved.

We have made a 90-day finding on a petition to list the Bonneville cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki utah*) as threatened throughout its range. The petition, dated February 5, 1998, and received February 26, 1998, was submitted by the Biodiversity Legal Foundation, Boulder, Colorado. The petitioner requested that we list the Bonneville cutthroat trout as threatened in United States river and lake ecosystems where it presently continues to exist and to designate its occupied habitat as critical habitat within a reasonable period of time following the listing. The petitioner submitted information on the historical and current status, distribution, and threats to the species, as well as other information including scientific references in support of the petition.

The processing of this petition conforms with the Service's listing priority guidance published in the **Federal Register** on May 8, 1998 (63 FR 25502) for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, which supplements the 1983 listing priority guidance. Administrative findings for listing petitions that are not assigned to Tier 1, emergency listing actions, are processed as a Tier 2

priority. The processing of this petition falls under Tier 2.

Bonneville cutthroat trout are native to the Bonneville Basin in Utah, Idaho, Nevada, and Wyoming. Their habitat is widely distributed and variable and includes both river and lake ecosystems. The subspecies occurs in streams with coniferous and deciduous riparian trees at 3,500 meters (m) (11,483 feet (ft)) above mean sea level, to streams in sage-steppe grasslands with herbaceous riparian zones at 1,000 (m) (3281 ft) above mean sea level, to lake environments.

Based on 1996 data, the petitioner estimated the current status of the species as 81 populations occupying 234 stream miles (mi). Eighty-three (83) percent of the populations occur on Forest Service lands, with 14 percent occurring on Bureau of Land Management administered lands and the remaining one (1) percent on State or other lands. The petitioner estimated that 90 percent of streams within the Bonneville Basin had historic occurrences of Bonneville cutthroat trout, and that current occupancy was now restricted to 3.7 percent of the historic stream miles. More precisely, the petitioner estimated that the subspecies was now extirpated (extinct) in 76 percent of sub-basins on six National Forests in Utah, and in 43 percent of sub-basins on two National Forests in Idaho. Furthermore, the petitioner identified that 72 percent of current populations were secure or stable, while 25 percent were declining or at risk, with the status of the remaining three percent unknown. The petitioner asserted that habitat conditions for the Bonneville cutthroat trout on National Forests have been rated as 13 percent excellent, 49 percent good, 18 percent fair, 11 percent poor and 2 percent extremely degraded.

Threats to the Species

The following specific threats were identified by the petitioner as factors in the decline of the species or as current threats to the continued existence of Bonneville cutthroat trout: competition and predation from exotic species; habitat removal/damage; altered hydrologic regimes; overfishing; anthropogenic activities; loss of connectivity to sub-basins; nonnative fish introductions (largely rainbow (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), brown (*Salmo trutta*), and brook trout (*Salvelinus fontinalis*)); habitat fragmentation; decreases in Bonneville cutthroat throughout the Basin; hybridization; channelization, dewatering, diversions and damming of streams; unscreened irrigation ditches; increased