

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 50 and 53

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National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Sulfur Oxides  
(Sulfur Dioxide) - Reproposal

AGENCY: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).

ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The EPA is announcing the extension of the public comment period on the proposed rule for the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for sulfur oxides (sulfur dioxide) and associated changes to the requirements for Ambient Air Monitoring Reference and Equivalent Methods that were published on November 15, 1994 (59 FR 58958).

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before April 14, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the proposed action on the NAAQS (40 CFR part 50) (duplicate copies preferred) to Air and Radiation Docket Information Center (6102), Room M-1500, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Attn: Docket No. A-84-25, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

Comments on the proposed revisions to the Ambient Air Monitoring Reference and Equivalent Methods (40 CFR part 53) should be separated from those pertaining to the standards and sent to the same address, Attn: Docket No. A-94-42. These dockets, containing supporting information used in

developing the proposed rule, are located in the Air and Radiation Docket Information Center of the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency, South Conference Center, Room M-1500, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. The dockets may be inspected between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on weekdays, and a reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Part 50 Notice - Ms. Susan Lyon Stone, Air Quality Strategies and Standards Division (MD-15), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-1146. Part 53 Notice - Mr. Frank McElroy, Atmospheric Research and Exposure Assessment Laboratory (MD-77), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-2622.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In order to allow additional time to review the Proposed Requirements for Implementation Plans and Ambient Air Quality Surveillance for SO<sub>2</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standards (40 CFR parts 51 and 58) before submitting comment on the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Sulfur Oxides (Sulfur Dioxide) - Reproposal (40 CFR parts 50 and 53), the EPA is extending the public comment period on the 40 CFR parts 50 and 53 proposals from March 15, 1995 to April 14, 1995. The document that proposes for public comment the requirements for implementing the alternative measures and changes in the

sulfur dioxide ambient air surveillance network will be published in the Federal Register on or about March 1, 1995.

The comment period extension is also intended to provide additional opportunity for members of the medical community who are experts in the field of asthma treatment to provide comment on the health significance of the sulfur dioxide-induced effects. The extended comment period will also provide additional time to comment on other parts of the November 15, 1994 notice (59 FR 58958).

List of Subjects

40 CFR Part 50

Air pollution control, Carbon monoxide, Lead, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Particulate matter, Sulfur oxides

40 CFR Part 53

Administrative practice and procedure, Air pollution control, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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