

for carbon monoxide (CO). Under the Clean Air Act as amended in 1990 (CAA), designations can be revised if sufficient data is available to warrant such revisions.

In addition, EPA is proposing approval of two related State Implementation Plan (SIP) submissions by Massachusetts DEP. On November 15, 1993, Massachusetts DEP submitted a final 1990 base year emission inventory for CO emissions, which includes emissions data for all sources of CO in Massachusetts' CO nonattainment areas, as well as CO emissions for the entire State. On October 29, 1993, Massachusetts DEP submitted an oxygenated fuel program for the Boston consolidated metropolitan statistical area (CMSA).

In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the CO emissions inventory and the oxygenated fuels program as a direct final rule.

In addition, EPA is also approving Massachusetts' redesignation request as a direct final rule without prior proposal. A detailed rationale for the action is set forth in the direct final rule, including a modification in national policy regarding the need for a conformity SIP submission prior to redesignation of an area. 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 If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this notice. Any parties interested in commenting on this notice should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received by February 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Susan Studlien, Acting Director of the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, at the EPA Regional Office listed below. Copies of the redesignation request and the State of Massachusetts' submittal are available for public review during normal business hours at the addresses listed below.

Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460, and; Environmental Protection Agency, One Congress Street, Boston, MA 02203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wing Chau of the EPA Region I Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management

Division at (617) 565-3240. Dated: September 29, 1995.

John P. DeVillars,

Regional Administrator, Region I.

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40 CFR Parts 52 and 81

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Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Redesignation of the Philadelphia County Carbon Monoxide Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and the Philadelphia County 1990 Base Year Carbon Monoxide Emission Inventory; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the purpose of approving a maintenance plan, the 1990 base year carbon monoxide (CO) emissions inventory for Philadelphia County and a request to redesignate the Philadelphia County carbon monoxide nonattainment area, from nonattainment to attainment for CO. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the Commonwealth's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial SIP revision 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 proposed 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 February 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to Marcia L. Spink, Associate Director, Air Programs, Mailcode 3AT00, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107. Copies of the

documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air, Radiation, and Toxics Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107; Pennsylvania Department of the Environment, Bureau of Air Quality, P.O. Box 8468, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105 and Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Air Management Services, 321 University Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelly L. Bunker, (215) 597-4554.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the Direct Final action, titled, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Redesignation of the Philadelphia County Carbon Monoxide Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and the Philadelphia County 1990 Base Year Carbon Monoxide Emission Inventory; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, which is located in the Rules and Regulations Section of this **Federal Register**.

List of Subjects in

40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Carbon monoxide, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

40 CFR Part 81

Air pollution control.

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

Dated: October 31, 1995.

Stanley Laskowski,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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40 CFR Parts 52 and 81

[FRL-5325-1]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Redesignation of the Metropolitan Washington Carbon Monoxide Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and Emission Inventory; Commonwealth of Virginia, District of Columbia and the State of Maryland

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted on October 4, 1995 and October 12, 1995, by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia, respectively, for the purpose of approving a maintenance plan and a request to redesignate the Metropolitan Washington area; including the Counties of Alexandria and Arlington, Virginia; Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties in Maryland, and the District of Columbia (the "Washington Carbon Monoxide (CO) nonattainment area") from nonattainment to attainment for CO. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial SIP revision 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 proposed 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 February 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to Marcia L. Spink, Associate Director, Air Programs, Mailcode 3AT00, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air, Radiation, and Toxics Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107; District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, 2100 Martin Luther King Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20020; Maryland Department of the Environment, 2500 Broening Highway, Baltimore, Maryland, 21224; Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, 629 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, 23219.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelly A. Sheckler, (215) 597-6863.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the Direct Final action, titled, Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans;

Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Redesignation of the Washington Metropolitan Carbon Monoxide Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan and Emission Inventory; Commonwealth of Virginia, States of Maryland and the District of Columbia, which is located in the Rules and Regulations Section of this **Federal Register**.

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

Dated: October 23, 1995.

Stanley Laskowski,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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40 CFR Part 70

[NJ001; FRL-5403-8]

Clean Air Act Proposed Interim Approval of Operating Permit Program; New Jersey

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed interim approval.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes source category-limited interim approval of the operating permit program submitted by the State of New Jersey for the purpose of complying with federal requirements which mandate that states develop, and submit to EPA, programs for issuing operating permits to all major stationary sources and to certain other sources.

DATES: Comments on this proposed action must be received in writing by February 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to Steven C. Riva, Chief, Permitting/Toxics Supports Section, Air Compliance Branch, at the EPA Region 2 office listed below. Copies of New Jersey's submittal and other supporting information used in developing the proposed interim approval are available for inspection during normal business hours at the following location: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2, 290 Broadway, 21st Floor, New York, NY 10007-1866.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Suilin Chan, Air and Waste Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2, 290 Broadway, 21st Floor, New York, NY 10007-1866, (212) 637-4019.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background and Purpose

A. Introduction

As required under title V of the Clean Air Act ("the Act") as amended by the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments, EPA promulgated rules on July 21, 1992 (57 FR 32250), that define the minimum elements of an approvable state operating permit program and the corresponding standards and procedures by which EPA will approve, oversee, and withdraw approval of state operating permit programs. These rules are codified at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 70, Title V and Part 70 require that states develop, and submit to EPA, programs for issuing operating permits to all major stationary sources and to certain other sources.

The Act requires states to develop and submit these programs to EPA by November 15, 1993, and EPA to approve or disapprove such program within one year after receiving the complete submittal. If the State's submission is materially changed during the one-year review period, 40 CFR § 70.4(e)(2) allows EPA to extend the review period for no more than one year following receipt of the additional materials. EPA reviews state operating permit programs pursuant to section 502 of the Act and 40 CFR Part 70, which together outline the criteria for approval or disapproval. Where a program substantially, but not fully, meets the requirements of Part 70, EPA may grant the program interim approval for a period of up to two years. Additionally, where a state can demonstrate to the satisfaction of EPA that reasons exist to justify granting a source category-limited interim approval, EPA may so exercise its authority. A program with a source category-limited interim approval is one that substantially meets the requirements of Part 70 and that applies to at least 60% of all affected sources which account for 80% of the total emissions within the state. If EPA has not fully approved a program by November 15, 1995, or by the end of an interim program, it must establish and implement a federal operating permit program for that state.

EPA received New Jersey's title V operating permit program submittal initially on November 19, 1993. However, EPA found that submittal to be incomplete. In a February 4, 1994 letter to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), EPA informed New Jersey of the incompleteness determination and listed the deficiencies that must be corrected. EPA received New Jersey's