

Discussion

ATF is requesting information from consumers, consumer groups, interest groups, associations, and industry members on the desirability of amending the regulations with regard to the legibility and noticeability of the mandated Government health warning statement. Although we are soliciting comments on the following specific questions, we are also requesting any relevant information on the subject.

1. Are consumers aware that the health warning statement must appear on the labels of all alcohol beverages sold in the U.S.?

2. Do consumers look for the warning statement on alcohol beverage containers?

3. Do consumers notice the health warning statement on alcohol beverage containers? Explain.

4. Do consumers read the warning statement on labels of alcohol beverages? Why or why not?

5. Are consumers familiar with the information contained in the alcohol health warning statement?

6. Do consumers find the warning statement on alcohol beverages difficult to read? Explain.

7. Do consumers have examples of alcohol beverages where the warning statement is legible and noticeable? What makes the warning statement legible and noticeable?

8. Do consumers believe the regulations need to be amended to make the warning statement more legible? Explain.

9. What would be the costs associated with adopting any or all of the changes recommended by the petitioners, to the industry and, ultimately, the consumer?

As indicated by the Surgeon General, over the last 10 years there has been an abundance of practical experience and science about ways to design and disseminate health information on product packaging. Accordingly, we are requesting scientific information, i.e., scientific studies, reports, consumer surveys, research literature, etc., that might be useful in assessing the changes suggested by the petitioners concerning the legibility of the health warning statement. As mentioned in the FTC's letter to us, the question of whether any particular warning is clear and prominent is an empirical one. Information submitted should not be limited to that completed within the last few years. Although we believe that such information may be more valid, we are seeking any pertinent information on the subject.

We are also interested in studies that are currently in progress and, if

available, any interim findings. We would also like to be advised of any studies currently underway which may not be completed within the 90-day comment period, along with a projected target date for completion.

Executive Order 12866

It has been determined that this advance notice is not a significant regulatory action as defined by Executive Order 12866. Accordingly, this advance notice is not subject to the analysis required by this Executive Order.

Public Participation

We are requesting comments on the petition from all interested persons. We are specifically requesting comments on the clarity of this advance notice and how it may be made easier to understand.

Comments received on or before the closing date will be carefully considered. Comments received after that date will be given the same consideration if it is practical to do so, but assurance of consideration cannot be given except as to comments received on or before the closing date.

ATF will not recognize any material in comments as confidential. Comments may be disclosed to the public. Any material that the commenter considers to be confidential or inappropriate for disclosure to the public should not be included in the comment. The name of the person submitting a comment is not exempt from disclosure.

You may submit written comments by facsimile transmission to (202) 927-8602. Facsimile comments must:

- Be legible;
- Reference this notice number;
- Be 8½" × 11" in size;
- Contain a legible written signature; and
- Be not more than three pages long.

We will not acknowledge receipt of facsimile transmissions. We will treat facsimile transmissions as originals.

Disclosure

Copies of the petition, this notice, and the comments received will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at: ATF Public Reading Room, Room 6480, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Drafting Information

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List of Subjects in 27 CFR Part 16

Alcohol and alcoholic beverages, Consumer protection, Health, Labeling, Penalties.

Authority and Issuance

This notice is issued under the authority of 27 U.S.C. 205 and 215.

Dated: April 25, 2001.

Bradley A. Buckles,
Director.

Approved: April 25, 2001.

Timothy E. Skud,
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary,
(Regulatory, Tariff and Trade Enforcement).
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[MD116-3067b; FRL-6979-5]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Maryland; Repeal of Petroleum Refinery Regulations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Maryland. This action proposes to approve Maryland's repeal of its petroleum refinery regulation. 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 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. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time. Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, EPA may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by June 21, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to David Arnold, Chief, Air Quality Planning and Information Services 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: Ellen Wentworth, (215) 814-2034, at the EPA Region III address above, or by e-mail at wentworth.ellen@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action, with the same title, that is located in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register** publication.

Dated: May 1, 2001.

William C. Early,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[MD112-3066b; FRL-6979-4]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Control of VOC Emissions from Distilled Spirits Facilities

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve revisions to the Maryland State Implementation Plan (SIP). The revisions concern the control of volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from distilled spirits facilities. EPA is proposing these revisions to regulate emissions of VOCs in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA).

In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, 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 EPA receives no adverse comments, EPA will not take further action on this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, EPA will withdraw the direct final rule and it will not take effect.

EPA will address all public comments 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 June 21, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to David L. Arnold, Chief, Air Quality Planning and Information Services 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: Rose Quinto, (215) 814-2182, at the EPA Region III address above, or by e-mail at quinto.rose@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action that is located in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register** publication.

Dated: May 2, 2001.

William C. Early,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 300

[FRL-6965-1]

National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan; National Priorities List

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Proposed notice of intent to delete the Gulf Coast Vacuum Services Superfund Site from the National Priorities List.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 is issuing a proposed notice of intent to delete the

Gulf Coast Vacuum Services Superfund Site (Site) located in Vermilion Parish, Louisiana from the National Priorities List (NPL) and requests public comments on this notice of intent. The NPL, promulgated pursuant to section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) of 1980, as amended, is found at appendix B of 40 CFR part 300 of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP). The EPA, with the concurrence of the State of Louisiana, through the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), has determined that all appropriate response actions under CERCLA, other than operation and maintenance and five-year reviews, have been completed. However, this deletion does not preclude future actions under Superfund.

In the "Rules and Regulations" section of today's **Federal Register**, we are publishing a direct final rule of deletion of the Gulf Coast Vacuum Services Superfund Site without prior notice of intent to delete because we view this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipate no adverse comment. We have explained our reasons for this deletion in the preamble to the direct final rule of deletion. If we receive no adverse comment(s) on this action, we will not take further action on this proposed notice of intent to delete. If we receive adverse comment(s), we will withdraw the direct final rule of deletion and it will not take effect. We will, as appropriate, address all public comments in a subsequent final deletion notice based on this proposed notice of intent to delete. We will not institute a second comment period on this notice of intent to delete. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time. For additional information, see the direct final rule of deletion which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**.

DATES: Comments concerning this Site must be received by June 21, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to: Ms. Janetta Coats, Community Involvement Coordinator, U.S. EPA (6SF-PO), 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, (214) 665-7308 or 1-800-533-3508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs. Katrina Coltrain, Remedial Project Manager, U.S. EPA (6SF-LP), 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, (214) 665-8143 or 1-800-533-3508.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, see the Direct Final Notice of Deletion which is