

approving the Rhode Island State Plan submittal as a direct final rule without a prior proposal. EPA is doing this because the Agency views this action as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates that it will not receive any significant, material, and adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule elsewhere in today's **Federal Register**. If EPA does not receive any significant, material, and adverse comments to this rule, then the approval will become final without further proceedings. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and EPA will address all public comments received in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not begin a second comment period.

DATES: EPA must receive comments in writing by May 29, 2001.

ADDRESSES: You should address your written comments to: Mr. Steven Rapp, Manager, Air Permits Program, Office of Ecosystem Protection, U.S. EPA, One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (CAP), Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2023.

Copies of documents relating to this proposed rule are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations: Environmental Protection Agency, Air Permits Unit, Office of Ecosystem Protection, Suite 1100 (CAP), One Congress Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2023, or Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Resources, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767, (401) 222-2808.

The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the day of the visit.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Courcier, Office of Ecosystem Protection (CAP), EPA—New England, Region 1, Boston, Massachusetts 02203, (617) 918-1659, or by e-mail at courcier.john@epa.gov. While the public may forward questions to EPA via e-mail, it must submit comments on this proposed rule according to the procedures outlined above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the Direct Final action of the same title which is found in the Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 12, 2001.

Ira W. Leighton,

Acting Regional Administrator, EPA New England.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[IL197-1b; FRL-6970-5]

Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Illinois

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is proposing to approve a negative declaration submitted by the State of Illinois which indicates there is no need for a regulation covering the industrial wastewater category in the Chicago ozone nonattainment area. The Chicago ozone nonattainment area includes Cook County, DuPage County, Aux Sable and Goose Lake Townships in Grundy County, Kane County, Oswego Township in Kendall County, Lake County, McHenry County and Will County. The State's negative declaration regarding industrial wastewater category sources was submitted to USEPA in a letter dated December 23, 1999.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before May 29, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Copies of the State submittal are available for inspection at: Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randolph O. Cano, Environmental Protection Specialist, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-6036.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Throughout this document wherever "we", "us" or "our" are used we mean USEPA.

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I. What Action Is USEPA Taking Today?

USEPA is proposing to approve a negative declaration submitted by the State of Illinois on December 23, 1999. This negative declaration concerns a source category located in the Chicago ozone nonattainment area, which is classified as a severe nonattainment area for the pollutant ozone. The negative declaration indicates that the State has searched its emissions inventory and operating permits for the Chicago ozone nonattainment area and determined there are no unregulated sources with a potential to emit 25 tons per year or more of volatile organic compounds (VOC) in the industrial wastewater category.

II. Where Can I Find More Information About This Proposal and the Direct Final Rule?

For additional information see the direct final rule published in the final rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 17, 2001.

David A. Ullrich,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 413, 433, 438, 463, 464, 467, and 471

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Extension of Comment Period on the Proposed Effluent Limitations Guidelines, Pretreatment Standards, and New Source Performance Standards for the Metal Products and Machinery Point Source Category

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Extension of comment period on proposed rule.

SUMMARY: On January 3, 2001 (66 FR 424), EPA proposed effluent limitations guidelines and pretreatment standards for wastewater discharges associated with the operation of new and existing metal products and machinery facilities. The original comment period was 120 days, ending on May 3, 2001. The