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An appropriate amendment to 39 CFR part 111 will be published if the proposal is adopted.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[TX-122-1-7451b; FRL-6860-4]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Reasonably Available Control Technology for Major Stationary Sources of Nitrogen Oxides for the Houston/Galveston, Beaumont/Port Arthur, and Dallas/Fort Worth Ozone Nonattainment Areas

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA is proposing to take direct final action on revisions to the Texas State Implementation Plan. The revisions concern Control of Air Pollution from Nitrogen Compounds. Specifically, this rulemaking covers three separate actions: Converting EPA's conditional approval of the revisions to the 30 TAC, Chapter 117, Control of Air Pollution from Nitrogen Compounds for major stationary sources in the Beaumont/Port Arthur (B/PA) and Houston/Galveston (H/GA) ozone nonattainment areas to a full approval, as meeting the Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) requirements for controlling Oxides of Nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) emission from major stationary sources in the B/PA and H/GA ozone nonattainment areas; approving Revisions to the 30 TAC, Chapter 117, Control of Air Pollution from Nitrogen Compounds for lean burn, stationary, reciprocating internal combustion engines in the B/PA, and H/GA ozone nonattainment areas; and approving Revisions to the 30 TAC, Chapter 117, Control of Air Pollution from Nitrogen Compounds, for major stationary sources in the Dallas/Fort

Worth (D/FW) ozone nonattainment area, as meeting the RACT requirements for controlling the NO<sub>x</sub> emission from major stationary sources in the D/FW ozone nonattainment area. The EPA is approving these revisions to regulate emissions of Nitrogen dioxide in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act.

In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the EPA views this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no adverse comment. The EPA has explained its reasons for this approval in the preamble to the direct final rule. If EPA receives no relevant adverse comments, the EPA will not take further action on this proposed rule. If EPA receives relevant adverse comment, EPA will withdraw the direct final rule and it will not take effect. The EPA will address all public comments in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received by October 2, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to Mr. Thomas H. Diggs, Chief, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), at the EPA Region 6 Office listed below. Copies of documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. Anyone wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least two working days in advance.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Office of Air Quality, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Alan Shar, P.E., Air Planning Section (6PD-L), EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, telephone (214) 665-6691.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document concerns Control of Air Pollution from Nitrogen Compounds and the RACT requirements in the B/PA, H/GA, and D/FW ozone nonattainment areas. 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.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: August 11, 2000.

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Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[MD008/052-3052b; FRL-6845-9]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Control of Iron and Steel Production Installations

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the State of Maryland for the purpose of establishing opacity limits for blast furnaces constructed on or after January 1, 1977. In the Final Rules 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 more detailed description of the state submittal and EPA's evaluation are included in a Technical Support Document (TSD) prepared in support of this rulemaking action. A copy of the TSD is available, upon request, from the EPA Regional Office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. 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.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing by October 2, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to Ms. Makeba A. Morris, Chief, Technical Assessment Branch, Mailcode 3AP22, 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,