

does not alter the relationship or the distribution of power and responsibilities established in the Clean Air Act. Thus, the requirements of section 6 of the Executive Order do not apply to this rule.

#### *E. Regulatory Flexibility*

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) generally requires an agency to conduct a regulatory flexibility analysis of any rule subject to notice and comment rulemaking requirements unless the agency certifies that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Small entities include small businesses, small not-for-profit enterprises, and small governmental jurisdictions.

This rule will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities because SIP approvals under section 110 and subchapter I, part D of the Clean Air Act do not create any new requirements but simply approve requirements that the State is already imposing. Therefore, because the Federal SIP approval does not create any new requirements, I certify that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Moreover, due to the nature of the Federal-State relationship under the Clean Air Act, preparation of flexibility analysis would constitute Federal inquiry into the economic reasonableness of state action. The Clean Air Act forbids EPA to base its actions concerning SIPs on such grounds. *Union Electric Co., v. U.S. EPA*, 427 U.S. 246, 255–66 (1976); 42 U.S.C. 7410(a)(2).

#### *F. Unfunded Mandates*

Under sections 202 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 ("Unfunded Mandates Act"), signed into law on March 22, 1995, EPA must prepare a budgetary impact statement to accompany any proposed or final rule that includes a Federal mandate that may result in estimated costs to State, local, or tribal governments in the aggregate; or to the private sector, of \$100 million or more. Under section 205, EPA must select the most cost-effective and least burdensome alternative that achieves the objectives of the rule and is consistent with statutory requirements. Section 203 requires EPA to establish a plan for informing and advising any small governments that may be significantly or uniquely impacted by the rule.

EPA has determined that the approval action proposed does not include a Federal mandate that may result in estimated costs of \$100 million or more

to either State, local, or tribal governments in the aggregate, or to the private sector. This Federal action proposes to approve pre-existing requirements under State or local law, and imposes no new requirements. Accordingly, no additional costs to State, local, or tribal governments, or to the private sector, result from this action.

#### **List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52**

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen oxides, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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

Dated: August 24, 2000.

**Francis X. Lyons,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 5.*

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

#### **40 CFR Parts 52 and 81**

[Docket OR–84–7299b; FRL–6858–2]

#### **Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Oregon**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to approve the revisions to Oregon's State Implementation Plan which were submitted on November 10, 1999. These revisions consist of: Approval of the 1993 carbon monoxide periodic emissions inventory for Grants Pass, Oregon; approval of the Grants Pass carbon monoxide maintenance plan; and redesignation of Grants Pass from nonattainment to attainment for carbon monoxide.

In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, the 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 amendment 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 the 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. The EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

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

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to Debra Suzuki, Office of Air Quality (OAQ–107), at the EPA Regional Office listed below.

Copies of the State's request and other information supporting this action are available for inspection during normal business hours at the following locations: EPA, Office of Air Quality (OAQ–107), 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101, and State of Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, 811 SW Sixth Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204–1390.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Debra Suzuki, Office of Air Quality (OAQ–107), EPA, Seattle, Washington, (206) 553–0985.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information, see the Direct Final rule which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 17, 2000.

**Ronald A. Kreizenbeck,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 10.*

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### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

#### **40 CFR Part 125**

[FRL–6862–8]

#### **Extension of Comment Period for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System; Regulations Addressing Cooling Water Intake Structures for New Facilities; Proposed Rule**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of comment period for proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is extending the comment period for the proposed rule addressing cooling water intake structures for new facilities. The proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** on August 10, 2000 (65 FR 49060). The comment period for the proposed rule is extended by 30 days, ending on November 9, 2000. In light of issues raised by the regulated community and the plaintiffs in the lawsuit establishing the schedule for this action, EPA agrees that extending the comment period to 90 days is appropriate due to the complexity and

the range of issues raised by the proposed rule.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed rule will be accepted through November 9, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to: Cooling Water Intake Structure (New Facilities) Proposed Rule Comment Clerk—W-00-03, Water Docket, Mail Code 4101, EPA, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20460. Comments delivered in person (including overnight mail) should be submitted to the Cooling Water Intake Structure (New Facilities) Proposed Rule Comment Clerk—W-00-03, Water Docket, Room EB 57, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington DC 20460. Please submit any references cited in your comments. Submit an original and three copies of your written comments and enclosures. No facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted. For information on how to submit electronic comments, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional technical information, contact Deborah G. Nagle at (202) 260-2656, or James T. Morgan at (202) 260-6015. For additional economic information, contact Lynne Tudor at (202) 260-5384.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 10, 2000, EPA published proposed regulations under section 316(b) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) addressing cooling water intake structures for new facilities for public review and comment (65 FR 49060). The comment period was scheduled to end on October 10, 2000.

EPA has received requests to extend the comment period from the regulated community and from the plaintiffs in the lawsuit establishing the schedule for this action. In response to these requests, EPA is extending the comment period 30 days, through November 9, 2000, due to the complexity and the range of issues raised by the proposed rule. However, EPA does not believe that additional time beyond 90 days is needed to comment adequately on the proposed rule. The regulated community has known since October 1995 that EPA was operating under a court order entered by the U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York that requires EPA to propose and take

final action on this rule. Thus, they have had sufficient time to plan and conduct research projects they would like to rely upon to support their comments (for example, research into the survival rates of organisms drawn into and later discharged from cooling water intake systems). EPA conducted two public meetings on this rulemaking in 1998 and has met on numerous occasions with interested parties to discuss the Agency's plans for regulating cooling water intake structures. In particular, in May and June 2000, EPA held a series of meetings with interested groups to describe the draft framework for the proposed rule. EPA also made copies of the proposed rule and preamble available to representatives of potentially regulated industries, States, and environmental groups on July 21, 2000, 19 days prior to publication of the proposed rule and preamble in the **Federal Register**.

In addition to accepting hard-copy written comments, EPA will also accept comments submitted electronically. Electronic comments must be submitted as a Word Perfect 5/6/7/8 or ASCII file and must be submitted to ow-docket@epa.gov.

Dated: August 24, 2000.

**J. Charles Fox,**

*Assistant Administrator for Water.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 180

[OPP-30115C; FRL-6743-4]

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### Pesticide Tolerance Processing Fees; Reopening of Comment Period

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

**ACTION:** Proposed Rule; Reopening of Comment Period.

**SUMMARY:** On July 24, 2000 EPA partially reopened the comment period on its proposed rule on tolerance processing fees to provide for public comment on additional data and information pertaining to fees for

pesticide inert ingredients. EPA allotted 30 days for the submission of comments and due to the pressing nature of the proposed regulation, stated that it would not extend this 30-day comment period further. However, due to an overwhelming request from stakeholders for additional time, the Agency has decided to reopen and extend the comment period for an additional 15-day period.

**DATES:** Written comments, identified by the docket number OPP-30115C, must be received on or before September 15, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail, electronically, or in person. Please follow the detailed instructions for each method as provided in Unit I of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. To ensure proper receipt by EPA, it is essential that you identify docket control number OPP-30115C in the subject line on the first page of your response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol Peterson, Office of Pesticide Programs (7506C), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Bldg., 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (703) 305-6598; e-mail address: peterson.carol@epa.gov.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **I. General Information**

#### *A. Does this Document Apply to Me?*

This document may directly affect any person or company who might petition the Agency for new tolerances, hold a pesticide registration with existing tolerances, or any person or company who is interested in obtaining or retaining a tolerance in the absence of a registration. This group can include pesticide manufacturers or formulators, companies that manufacture inert ingredients, importers of food, grower groups, or any person who seeks a tolerance. Federal, State, local, territorial, or tribal government agencies that petition for, or hold, emergency exemption tolerances are exempt from this rule. The vast majority of potentially affected categories and entities may include, but are not limited to:

| Category          | NAICS            | Examples of Potentially Affected Entities                                                    |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chemical Industry | 325320<br>115112 | Pesticide chemical manufacturers, formulators<br>Chemical manufacturers of inert ingredients |