

process the refund, with a minimum charge of \$25.

[Add new 2.6 (subsequent sections are renumbered) to read as follows:]

2.6 Refunds for Information-Based Indicia (IBI)

A refund for complete and legible valid, unused IBI on unmailed envelopes or labels is made when they are submitted to the authorized provider within 10 days from the date of mailing shown in the indicia. The provider may charge a service fee of no more than 10 percent of the face value of the IBI.

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[Replace current 2.8 and 2.9 with new 2.9 and 2.10 to add references to postage evidencing systems that print information-based indicia to read as follows:]

2.9 Applying for Refund

Except for refunds for unused IBI and unused postage value remaining on a postal security device (see 4.0), the customer must apply for a refund on Form 3533, Application and Voucher for Refund of Postage and Fees, submitted to the postmaster, and must provide the envelope, wrapper, or a part of it showing the names and addresses of the sender and addressee, canceled postage and postal markings, or other evidence of postage and fees paid for which the refund is requested. For IBI, the product service provider processes requests for refunds.

2.10 Ruling on Refund Request

Except for refunds for IBI under 2.6, the local postmaster grants or denies other requests for refunds under 2.0. The customer may appeal an adverse decision through the postmaster to the RCSC. A mailer's request for a refund for an Optional Procedure (OP) mailing must be submitted to the RCSC manager.

For IBI, the product service provider grants or denies requests for refunds (see 4.0). The registered user may appeal an adverse decision through the manager of Postage Technology Management (PTM), USPS Headquarters.

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[Add new 4.0 (subsequent sections are renumbered) to read as follows:]

4.0 REFUND REQUEST FOR INFORMATION-BASED INDICIA (IBI)

4.1 Unused Postage Value Remaining on a Postal Security Device (PSD)

The unused postage value remaining on a postal security device (PSD) that is surrendered and withdrawn from service can be refunded. The registered user must notify the product service provider of the intent to withdraw the PSD. The refund will be issued through the registered user's provider. To determine the remaining postage value on the PSD, the registered user has the postage evidencing system generate a refund request indicium for transmittal to the provider for verification. A refund can be issued only when the PSD is in the provider's possession. If the PSD is withdrawn from service for faulty or misregistering operation, a final postage adjustment or refund may be withheld pending the product service provider's report to the Postal Service of the cause of the faulty operation. If the PSD is damaged, postage is refunded only if the registers are legible, or can be reconstructed by the provider.

4.2 Unused Information-Based Indicia (IBI)

Unused IBI are considered for refund only if they are complete, legible, and valid, and are submitted to the authorized provider for verification with Postal Service Form 3533-PCP-X, Refund Request for Unused IBI Postage, within 10 days of the date of mailing shown in the indicia. Form 3533-PCP-X lists the indicia submitted for refund and must be signed and dated by the registered user. In support of the refund request, IBI printed on an envelope or wrapper are submitted with the part of the envelope or wrapper showing the addressee's name and address (including the window in a window envelope). For IBI printed on a label that is not affixed to an envelope or wrapper, the complete label is submitted loose. The registered user shall use the U.S. mail to send the unused postage to the provider.

4.3 Rounding

Any fraction of a cent in the total to be refunded is rounded in favor of the USPS (e.g., \$4.187 is rounded to \$4.18).

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Appropriate amendments to 39 CFR part 111 to reflect these changes will be published if the proposal is adopted.

Dated:

Stanley F. Mires,

Chief Counsel, Legislative.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[AZ 063-0029b; FRL-6876-5]

Revisions to the Arizona State Implementation Plan, Pinal County Air Quality Control District

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve revisions to the Pinal County Air Quality Control District portion of the Arizona State Implementation Plan (SIP). These revisions concern sulfur dioxide (SO₂) emissions from fuel burning installations, sulfite pump mills, and fossil fuel fired generators. We are proposing to approve local rules to regulate these emission sources under the Clean Air Act as amended in 1990 (CAA or the Act), and to remove one rule from the SIP.

DATES: Any comments on this proposal must arrive by October 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments to Andy Steckel, Rulemaking Office Chief (AIR-4), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

You can inspect copies of the submitted SIP revisions and EPA's technical support documents (TSDs) at our Region IX office during normal business hours. You may also see copies of the submitted SIP revisions at the following locations: Arizona Department of Environmental Quality, 3033 North Central, Phoenix, AZ 95012.

Pinal County Air Quality Control District, Building F, 31 North Pinal Street, Florence, AZ 85232.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Vineyard, Rulemaking Office (Air-4), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, (415) 744-1197.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposal addresses the following local rules:

Air pollution agency	Rule No.	Rule title	Submitted
PCAQCD	5-22-950	Fossil Fuel Fired Steam Generator Standard Applicability	11/27/95
PCAQCD	5-22-960	Fossil Fuel Fired Steam General Sulfur Dioxide Emission Limitation.	11/27/95

Air pollution agency	Rule No.	Rule title	Submitted
PCAQCD	5-24-1024	Sulfite pulp mills—sulfur compound emissions	11/27/95
PCAQCD	7-3-2.5	Other Industries (repealed)	10/07/98

In the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**, we are approving these local rules and remove one rule in a direct final action without prior proposal because we believe these SIP revisions are not controversial. If we receive adverse comments, however, we will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule and address the comments in subsequent action based on this proposed rule. We do not plan to open a second comment period, so anyone interested in commenting should do so at this time. If we do not receive adverse comments, no further activity is planned. For further information, please see the direct final action.

Dated: August 21, 2000.

Carl Kohnert,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[Region 2 Docket No. NY43b-212, FRL-6873-1]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New York State Implementation Plan Revision

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing to approve a revision to the New York State Implementation Plan (SIP) for ozone concerning the control of volatile organic compounds and oxides of nitrogen. This revision was submitted to comply with provisions of the Clean Air Act (CAA) relating to the adoption of vehicle refueling controls or comparable measure(s) in the upstate portion of New York State. The intended effect of this action is to approve a program required by the CAA which will result in emission reductions that will help achieve attainment of the national ambient air quality standard for ozone. In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving New York's SIP revision 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 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. The 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 on or before October 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to: Raymond Werner, Chief, Air Programs Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 Office, 290 Broadway, 25th Floor, New York, New York 10007-1866.

Copies of the State submittal are available at the following addresses for inspection during normal business hours:

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 Office, 290 Broadway, 25th Floor, New York, New York 10007-1866.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Air Resources, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12233.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kirk J. Wieber, Air Programs Branch, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2 Office, 290 Broadway, 25th Floor, New York, New York 10278, (212) 637-4249.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the direct final rule which is published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: August 21, 2000.

William J. Muszynski,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 2.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Rebuilding Overfished Fisheries

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability of an amendment to a fishery management plan; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has submitted for Secretarial review Amendment 14 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crabs (FMP). This amendment contains a rebuilding plan for the overfished stock of Bering Sea snow crab. It is an action intended to ensure that conservation and management measures continue to be based upon the best scientific information available and enhance the Council's ability to achieve, on a continuing basis, optimum yield from fisheries under its authority.

DATES: Comments on the amendment must be submitted on or before November 28, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted to Sue Salveson, Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668, Attn: Lori Gravel. Comments also may be sent via facsimile (fax) to 907-586-7465. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or Internet. Courier or hand delivery of comments may be made to NMFS in the Federal Building, Room 453, Juneau, AK 99801. Copies of Amendment 14 to the FMP, and the Environmental Assessment prepared for the amendment are available from the North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 West 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252; telephone 907-271-2809.