

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****40 CFR Part 82**

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**Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Process for Exempting Critical Uses From the Phaseout of Methyl Bromide; Extension of Deadline To Request a Hearing, New Hearing Date, and New Deadline for Submission of Comments****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of comment deadline; and new hearing date.

**SUMMARY:** With this document, EPA is advising individuals of an extension of the deadline to request a hearing, of the new hearing date, and of the revised deadline for submitting comments to the Agency on the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Process for Exempting Critical Uses from the Phaseout of Methyl Bromide" published in the **Federal Register** on August 25, 2004 (69 FR 52366). At the request of members of the public, EPA has extended the date for the hearing and has scheduled a hearing to take place on Monday, September 20th in Washington, DC at EPA headquarters, 1201 Constitution Avenue (EPA East), Room 1153 from 1–5 p.m. The revised deadline for submitting comments on the NPRM therefore will change from Tuesday, October 12th to Thursday, October 21st.

The proposed exemption to the phaseout of methyl bromide for critical uses is allowed under section 604 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) and the *Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer* ("Montreal Protocol").

**DATES:** The new deadline to request a hearing is September 17, 2004. A hearing has been requested and is scheduled to take place on September 20, 2004. The revised deadline to submit comments on the NPRM to the Agency is October 21, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information about the hearing, contact Hodayah Finman by telephone at (202) 343-9246, or by e-mail at [finman.hodayah@epa.gov](mailto:finman.hodayah@epa.gov), or by mail at Hodayah Finman, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Stratospheric Protection Division, Stratospheric Program Implementation Branch (6205J), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20460. Overnight or courier deliveries should be sent to 1310 L Street, NW., Washington, DC,

20005, Attn: Hodayah Finman at 343-9410. You may also visit the methyl bromide phaseout web site of EPA's Stratospheric Protection Division at <http://www.epa.gov/ozone/mbr> for further information about the critical use exemption.

Dated: September 14, 2004.

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**Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; North Carolina: Raleigh/Durham Area and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point Area Maintenance Plan Updates****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA is proposing to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources on June 4, 2004. This SIP revision satisfies the requirement of the Clean Air Act (CAA) for the second 10-year update for the Raleigh/Durham area (Durham and Wake Counties and a portion of Granville County) and Greensboro/Winston-Salem/High Point area (Davidson, Forsyth, and Guilford Counties and a portion of Davie County) 1-hour ozone maintenance plans.

In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the State'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 no significant, material, and adverse comments are received in response to this rule, 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 rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before October 20, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted by mail to: Rosymar De La Torre Colón, Regulatory Development Section, Air Planning Branch, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960. Comments may also be submitted electronically, or through hand delivery/courier. Please follow the detailed instructions described in the direct final rule, **ADDRESSES** section, which is published in the Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Rosymar De La Torre Colón, Regulatory Development Section, Air Planning Branch, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960, (404) 562-8965, [delatorre.rosymar@epa.gov](mailto:delatorre.rosymar@epa.gov), or Matt Laurita, Air Quality Modeling and Transportation Section, Air Planning Branch, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960, (404) 562-9044, [laurita.matthew@epa.gov](mailto:laurita.matthew@epa.gov).

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

Dated: September 8, 2004.

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**Oil Pollution Prevention and Response; Non-Transportation-Related Onshore and Offshore Facilities****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Notice of data availability (NODA) and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This document announces the availability of information we have acquired that might be relevant to determining whether alternate regulatory requirements are appropriate for facilities under the Clean Water Act that handle oil below a certain threshold amount ("certain facilities"). We are