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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[TX-133-1-7493b; FRL-7011-7]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Houston/Galveston Volatile Organic Compound Reasonably Available Control Technology Revision

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing to take direct final action to approve revisions to the Texas State Implementation Plan (SIP). This rulemaking covers four separate actions approving revisions to the Texas Rules for Control of Air Pollution from Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC Rules), 30 TAC Chapter 115. First, EPA is approving amendments to sections 115.161, 115.162, 115.164-115.167, and 115.169, concerning Batch Processes. Second, EPA is approving amendments to sections 115.120, 115.122, 115.125-115.127, and 115.129, concerning control requirements for bakeries and testing requirements for vents. Third, we are approving amendments to section 115.449, concerning Offset Lithographic Printing. Finally, EPA is approving numerous minor administrative changes to the VOC rules. The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC or Commission) adopted these revisions to Chapter 115, concerning Control of Air Pollution from Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), and to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) in order to meet the Clean Air Act (Act) Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) requirements and to control VOC emissions in the Houston/Galveston ozone nonattainment area (HGA). By approving these SIP revisions, EPA is finding that RACT will be implemented for VOC emissions resulting from the operation of batch processes, bakeries (vent gas control), and offset lithography printing sources in the HGA area accordance with the requirements of the Act. In addition, the changes to test methods for vent gas control and

various other minor changes will clarify and strengthen the SIP.

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 August 15, 2001.

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.

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.

Anyone wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least two working days in advance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kenneth Boyce, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, telephone (214) 665-7259.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document concerns Control of Air Pollution from Control of Air Pollution from VOC emissions resulting from the operation of batch processes, bakeries (vent gas control), and offset lithography printing sources in accordance with the requirements of the Act. 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: July 3, 2001.

Jerry Clifford,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[TX-57-1-7183b; FRL-7011-1]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plan for Texas: Transportation Control Measures Rule

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This action proposes to approve a revision to the Texas State Implementation Plan (SIP) that contains the transportation control measures (TCM) rule. The requirements in the State TCM rule address the roles and responsibilities of the Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO), implementing transportation agencies, and provide a method for substitution of the TCMs without a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision in the nonattainment and maintenance areas. The TCM rule is intended to promote effective implementation of the TCMs, streamline TCM substitution process and approval, and increase interaction between the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) and the MPOs in the air quality-transportation planning process at the local levels.

The EPA is proposing to approve this SIP revision under sections 110(k) and 182 of the Clean Air Act (the Act).

In the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving this TCM SIP as a direct final rule without prior proposal because 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 adverse comment, EPA will not take further action on this proposed rule. If EPA receives 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 August 15, 2001.

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.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. J. Behnam, P.E.; Air Planning Section (6PDL), Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202, Telephone (214) 665-7247.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document concerns the Texas SIP and the transportation control measures rule. 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: June 13, 2001.

Jerry Clifford,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[MD-3072; FRL-7012-5]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; One-Hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration Plans for the Baltimore and Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton Ozone Nonattainment Areas

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Supplemental notice of proposed rule.

SUMMARY: On December 16, 1999, EPA proposed approval of the attainment demonstration plans for the Baltimore and Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton severe ozone nonattainment areas. Among other things, EPA proposed approval of these SIPs only if Maryland submitted: adequate motor vehicle

emissions budgets reflecting the benefits from the Federal Tier 2/Sulfur-in-Fuel rule; and enforceable commitments to: submit measures by October 31, 2001 for additional emission reductions as required in the attainment demonstration test, revise the SIP and motor vehicle emissions budgets by October 31, 2001 if additional measures affect the motor vehicle emissions inventory, submit revised SIP and motor vehicle emissions budgets within one year after MOBILE6 issued, and perform a mid-course review. In this rulemaking, EPA is proposing to approve State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the State of Maryland. These revisions establish the requisite enforceable commitments relating to the attainment demonstration and the motor vehicle emissions budgets incorporating the benefits of the Tier 2/Sulfur-in-Fuel rule. The intended effect of this action is to supplement our December 16, 1999 proposed approvals by opening a comment period on these enforceable commitments and motor vehicle emissions budgets. This action is being taken in accordance with the Clean Air Act.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before August 13, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be mailed to David L. Arnold, Chief, Air Quality Planning and Information Services, Mailcode 3AP21, 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, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103; and Maryland Department of the Environment, 2500 Broening Highway, Baltimore, Maryland, 21224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Cripps, (215) 814-2179. Or by e-mail at cripps.christopher@epa.gov.

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

I. Background

A. What Previous Proposed Actions Have Been Taken on the Attainment Demonstration SIP Revisions?

On December 16, 1999, we proposed approval of the attainment demonstration for the following attainment demonstration SIP revisions submitted by the State of Maryland for the following areas: the Baltimore severe

ozone nonattainment area (64 FR 70397) and the Philadelphia-Wilmington-Trenton severe ozone nonattainment area (64 FR 70412). Our approval was contingent upon certain actions by Maryland for each of the two areas. These actions were:

1. Maryland had to adopt and submit an adequate motor vehicle emissions budget including the benefits of the Federal Tier 2/Sulfur-in-Fuel rule.

2. Maryland had to adopt and submit an enforceable commitment to do the following:

(a) Submit measures by 10/31/01 for additional emission reductions as required in the attainment demonstration test as discussed in section I.C.5. of that proposed approval. For additional emission reduction measures developed through the regional process, the State must also submit an enforceable commitment for the additional measures and a backstop commitment to adopt and submit intrastate measures for the emission reductions in the event the OTR process does not recommend measures that produce emission reductions.

(b) Submit a revised SIP & motor vehicle emissions budget by 10/31/01 if additional measures affect the motor vehicle emissions inventory.

(c) Submit revised SIP and motor vehicle emissions budget one year after MOBILE6 issued (required because the attainment SIPs include the benefits of EPA's Tier 2/Sulfur-in-Fuel rule), and

(d) Perform a mid-course review.

On July 28, 2000, EPA published a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPR) on the attainment demonstration (65 FR 46383). In that supplemental notice, we clarified and expanded on two issues relating to the motor vehicle emissions budgets in these SIPs. In the July 28, 2000 SNPR, we reopened the comment period to take comment on these two issues and to allow comment on any additional materials that were placed in the dockets for the proposed actions close to or after the initial comment period closed on February 14, 2000. For many of the areas covered by the July 28, 2000 SNPR, additional information had been placed in the docket close to or since the initial comment period concluded. In general, these materials were identified as consisting of motor vehicle emissions budgets, and revised or additional commitments or reaffirmations submitted by the States (65 FR at 46387, July 28, 2000). The comment period established by the July 28, 2000 SNPR concluded on August 28, 2000.

As we proposed in the July 28, 2000 SNPR, the attainment budgets that we