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Jack W. McGraw,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region VIII.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[CA 238-0256b; FRL-6895-8]

Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Santa Barbara and Ventura County Air Pollution Control Districts

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve revisions to the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (SBCAPCD) and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD) portion of the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). These revisions concern Oxides of Nitrogen (NO_x) emissions from Natural-Gas Fired Fan-Type Central Furnaces and Residential Water Heaters, Large Water Heaters and Small Boilers. 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).

DATES: Any comments on this proposal must arrive by January 19, 2001.

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:

California Air Resources Board,
Stationary Source Division, Rule
Evaluation Section, 2020 "L" Street,
Sacramento, CA 95812.

Santa Barbara County, Air Pollution
Control District, 26 Castilian Drive,
Suite B-23, Goleta, CA 93117

Ventura County APCD, 669 County
Square Dr., 2nd Fl., Ventura, CA
93003-5417

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ed Addison, Rulemaking Office (AIR-4), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, (415) 744-1160.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This proposal addresses the following local

rules: SBCAPCD 352 and VCAPCD 74.11.1. In the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**, we are approving these local rules 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: October 10, 2000.

Laura Yoshii,

Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 70

[FRL-6918-9]

State Operating Permit Programs; Revision to Interim Approval Requirements

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This action would amend EPA's regulations governing the interim approval of State and local operating permits programs. Currently, the regulations allow the Agency to extend expiration dates of interim approvals beyond 2 years from the date the interim approval is originally granted. This action removes that provision.

DATES: Submit comments on or before January 19, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted (in duplicate, if possible) to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), Attention Docket Number A-93-50, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460. The EPA requests that a separate copy also be sent to the contact person listed below.

Supporting material used in developing the proposal and final regulatory revisions is contained in Docket Number A-93-50. This docket is available for public inspection and copying between 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the

address listed above, or by calling (202) 260-7548. The Docket is located at the above address in Room M-1500, Waterside Mall (ground floor). A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Roger Powell, Mail Drop 12, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711 (telephone 919-541-5331, e-mail: powell.roger@epa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

If an operating permits program administered by a State or local permitting authority under title V of the Clean Air Act (Act) does not fully meet, but does "substantially [meet]," the requirements of part 70, EPA may grant that program "interim approval." (See § 70.4(d)(1).) Permits issued under an interim approval are fully effective and expire at the end of their fixed term, unless renewed under a part 70 program. (See § 70.4(d)(2).) To obtain full approval, a permitting authority must submit to EPA program revisions correcting all deficiencies that caused the operating permits program to receive interim instead of full approval. Such submittal must be made no later than 6 months prior to the expiration of the interim approval. (See § 70.4(f)(2).) Originally 99 State and local permitting programs were granted interim approval. For 14 of the original interim approved programs, permitting authorities have corrected the deficiencies identified in their interim approvals, and we have granted all of these programs full approval. (See part 70, Appendix A.)

On August 29, 1994 (59 FR 44460), and August 31, 1995 (60 FR 45530), we proposed revisions to our part 70 operating permits program regulations. Primarily, the proposals addressed changes to the system for revising permits, but a number of other proposed changes were also included. The preamble to the August 31, 1995, proposal noted the concern of many permitting authorities over having to revise their operating permits programs twice; once to correct interim approval deficiencies, and again to address the revisions to part 70. In the August 1995 preamble, we proposed that States with interim approval " * * * should be allowed to delay the submittal of any program revisions to address program deficiencies previously listed in their notice of interim approval until the deadline to submit other changes required by the proposed revisions to part 70" (60 FR 45552).