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3. Brief for the Petitioners, *Carolyn Aspegren and David Matusow vs. Carol Browner, Administrator, and U.S. EPA* (No. 98-70824), October 13, 1998.

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6. 57 FR 13498 (April 16, 1992). *State Implementation Plans; General Preamble for the Implementation of Title I of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990*. General Preamble for future proposed rulemakings.

7. Letter, David S. Baron, Assistant Director, ACLPI, to Frances Wicher, EPA Region 9, February 24, 1998.

8. *Guidance for Growth Factors, Projections, and Control Strategies for the 15 Percent Rate of Progress Plans*, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. EPA. EPA-452/R-93-002, March 1993.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[UT10-1-6700b; UT-001-0014b; UT-001-0015b; FRL-6314-9]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Utah; Forward and Definitions, Revision to Definition for Sole Source of Heat and Emissions Standards, Nonsubstantive Changes; General Requirements, Open Burning; and Forward and Definitions, Addition of Definition for PM<sub>10</sub> Nonattainment Area

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is taking direct final action to approve State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the Governor of the State of Utah on July 11, 1994, for the purpose of establishing a modification to the definition for "Sole Source of Heat" in UACR R307-1-1, as well as to make a nonsubstantive change to UACR R307-1-4, Emissions Standards. On February 6, 1996, a SIP revision to UACR R307-1-2 was submitted by the Governor of Utah which contains changes to Utah's open burning requirements to require that the

local county fire marshal has to establish 30-day open burning windows in order for open burning to occur.

Other minor changes are made in this revision to UACR R307-1-2.4, "General Burning" and R307-1-2.5,

"Confidentiality of Information." In addition, on July 9, 1998, SIP revisions were submitted that would add a definition for "PM<sub>10</sub> Nonattainment Area" to UACR R307-1-1. In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP revisions as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views these as a noncontroversial SIP revisions and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the preamble to the direct final rule. If EPA receives no adverse comments, EPA will not take further action on this proposed 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. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing on or before April 26, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments may be mailed to Richard R. Long, Director, Air and Radiation Program, Mailcode 8P-AR, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado, 80202. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air and Radiation Program, Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado, 80202. Copies of the State documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection at the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, 150 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84114-4820.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cindy Rosenberg, EPA, Region VIII, (303) 312-6436.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** See the information provided in the Direct Final action of the same title which is located in the Rules and Regulations Section of this **Federal Register**.

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

Dated: March 11, 1999.

**William P. Yellowtail,**  
*Regional Administrator, Region VIII.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[CA-207-0074b; FRL-6306-9]

#### Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District and South Coast Air Quality Management District

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is proposing to approve revisions to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). This action is an administrative change which revises various definitions in Santa Barbara Air Pollution Control District (SBCAPCD) Rule 102, Definitions and South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Rule 102, Definition of Terms.

The intended effect of proposing approval of this action is to incorporate changes to the definitions for clarity and consistency with revised federal and state definitions. EPA is proposing approval of this revision to be incorporated into the California SIP for the attainment of the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for ozone under title I of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990 (CAA or the Act). 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 administrative change as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for this approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this rule. 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 action should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing by April 26, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on this action should be addressed to: Andrew Steckel, Rulemaking Office [AIR-4], Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

Copies of the rules are available for public inspection at EPA's Region 9

office during normal business hours. Copies of the submitted rule revisions are also available for inspection at the following locations:

Environmental Protection Agency, Air Docket (6102), 401 "M" Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460

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 B-23, Goleta, California 93117

South Coast Air Quality Management District, 21865 E. Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cynthia G. Allen, Rulemaking Office [AIR-4], Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901, Telephone: (415) 744-1189

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document concerns Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District Rule 102, Definitions, and South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 102, Definition of Terms. These rules were submitted to EPA on March 10, 1998 by the California Air Resources Board. For further information, please see the information provided in the Direct Final action which is located in the Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*  
Date Signed: February 23, 1999.

**Felicia Marcus,**

*Regional Administrator, Region IX.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Health Care Financing Administration

#### 42 CFR Part 405

[HCFA-1002-N]

#### Medicare Program; Meetings of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on Ambulance Fee Schedule

**AGENCY:** Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, this notice announces the dates and location for the second meeting and the dates for the third and fourth meetings of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on the Ambulance Fee Schedule. These meetings are open to the public.

The purpose of this committee is to develop a proposed rule that establishes a fee schedule for the payment of ambulance services under the Medicare program through negotiated rulemaking, as mandated by section 4531(b) of the Balanced Budget Act (BBA) of 1997.

**DATES:** The second meeting is scheduled for April 12 and 13, 1999 from 9:00 a.m. until 5 p.m. and April 14, 1999 from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. E.S.T.

Two further meetings are scheduled for May 24 and 25, 1999 and June 28 and 29, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The 3-day April meeting will be held at Doyle's Hotel, 1500 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036; (202) 483-6000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Inquiries regarding these meetings should be addressed to Bob Niemann (410) 786-4569 or Margot Blige (410) 786-4642 for general issues related to ambulance services or to Lynn Sylvester (202) 606-9140 or Elayne Tempel (207) 780-3408, facilitators.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 4531(b)(2) of the Balanced Budget Act (BBA), Public Law 105-33, added a new section 1834(l) to the Social Security Act (the Act). Section 1834(l) of the Act mandates implementation, by January 1, 2000, of a national fee schedule for payment of ambulance services furnished under Medicare Part B. The fee schedule is to be established through negotiated rulemaking. Section 4531(b)(2) also provides that in establishing such fee schedule, the Secretary will—

- Establish mechanisms to control increases in expenditures for ambulance services under Part B of the program;
- Establish definitions for ambulance services that link payments to the type of services furnished;
- Consider appropriate regional and operational differences;
- Consider adjustments to payment rates to account for inflation and other relevant factors; and
- Phase in the fee schedule in an efficient and fair manner.

The Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on the Ambulance Fee Schedule has been established to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary with respect to the text and content of a proposed rule that establishes a fee schedule for the payment of ambulance services under Part B of the Medicare program.

The Committee held its first meeting on February 22, 23, and 24, 1999. At this meeting, the Committee discussed in detail how the negotiations will proceed, the schedule for subsequent

meetings, and how the Committee will function. The Committee agreed to ground rules for Committee operations, determined how best to address the principal issues, and began to address those issues.

During the April meeting the committee will finalize descriptions of the issues to be negotiated, committee members will present a description of their interests, and a representative from HCFA's Actuarial and Health Cost Analysis Group will describe the methodology for determining the amount that would have been paid for ambulance services had the fee schedule not been implemented.

The announced future meetings are open to the public without advanced registration. Interested parties can file statements with the committee. Location of future meetings will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

Public attendance at the meetings may be limited to space available. A summary of all proceedings will be available for public inspection in room 443-G of the Department's offices at 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, D.C. on Monday through Friday of each week from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Phone: (202) 690-7890), or can be accessed through the HCFA Internet site at <http://www.hcfa.gov/medicare/ambmain.htm>. Additional information related to the Committee will also be available on the web site.

**Authority:** Section 1834(l)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395m).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: March 19, 1999.

**Nancy-Ann Min DeParle,**

*Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

#### 43 CFR Parts 3100, 3110, 3120, 3130, 3140, 3150, 3160, 3170, and 3180

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#### Onshore Oil and Gas Leasing and Operations

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; notice of extension of public comment period and notice of public hearings.

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