

shall report the data and recommendations to the joint committee on government and finance on or before January 1, 2001, and annually thereafter or as otherwise requested.

Section 22-3A-11 provides that the office of explosives and blasting is continued until July 1, 2002.

III. Public Comment Procedures

We are seeking comments, in accordance with the provisions of 30 CFR 732.17(h), on the proposed amendment submitted by the State of West Virginia by letter dated March 25, 1999. Your comments should address whether the proposed amendment satisfies the applicable program approval criteria of 30 CFR 732.15. If the amendment is deemed adequate, it will become part of the West Virginia program.

Written Comments

Your written comments should be specific, pertain only to the issues proposed in this notice and include explanations in support of your recommendations. Comments received after the time indicated under **DATES** or at locations other than the OSM Charleston Field Office will not necessarily be considered in the final rulemaking or included in the Administrative Record.

Public Hearing

If you wish to comment at the public hearing, you should contact the person listed above at **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** by close of business on May 5, 1999. If no one requests an opportunity to comment at a public hearing, the hearing will not be held.

If you file a written statement at the same time that you request a hearing, the statement will greatly assist the person who will make a transcript of the hearing.

The public hearing will continue on the specified date until all persons scheduled to comment have been heard. Persons in the audience who have not been scheduled to comment, and who wish to do so, will be heard following those scheduled. The hearing will end after all persons scheduled to comment and persons present in the audience who wish to comment have been heard.

Public Meeting

If only one person requests an opportunity to comment at a hearing, a public meeting, rather than a public hearing, may be held. Persons wishing to meet with us to discuss the proposed amendments, may request a meeting at the Charleston Field Office by contacting the person listed above at

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT. All such meetings will be open to the public and, if possible, notices of meetings will be posted in advance at the locations listed above at **ADDRESSES**. A written summary of each public meeting will be made part of the Administrative Record.

If you are disabled and have need for a special accommodation to attend a public hearing, please contact the person listed above at **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

IV. Procedural Determinations

Executive Order 12866

This rule is exempted from review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Executive Order 12866 (Regulatory Planning and Review).

Executive Order 12988

The Department of the Interior has conducted the reviews required by section 3 of Executive Order 12988 (Civil Justice Reform) and has determined that, to the extent allowed by law, this rule meets the applicable standards of subsections (a) and (b) of that section. However, these standards are not applicable to the actual language of State regulatory programs and program amendments since each such program is drafted and promulgated by a specific State, not by OSM. Under sections 503 and 505 of SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1253 and 1255) and 30 CFR 730.11, 732.15, and 732.17(h)(10), decisions on proposed State regulatory programs and program amendments submitted by the States must be based solely on a determination of whether the submittal is consistent with SMCRA and its implementing Federal regulations and whether the other requirements of 30 CFR Parts 730, 731, and 732 have been met.

National Environmental Policy Act

No environmental impact statement is required for this rule since section 702(d) of SMCRA (30 U.S.C. 1292(d)) provides that agency decisions on proposed State regulatory program provisions do not constitute major Federal actions within the meaning of section 102(2)(C) of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C)).

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not contain information collection requirements that require approval by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3507 *et seq.*).

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Department of the Interior has determined that this rule will not have

a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). The State submittal which is the subject of this rule is based upon corresponding Federal regulations for which an economic analysis was prepared and certification made that such regulations would not have a significant economic effect upon a substantial number of small entities. Accordingly, this rule will ensure that existing requirements previously promulgated by OSM will be implemented by the State. In making the determination as to whether this rule would have a significant economic impact, the Department relied upon the data and assumptions for the corresponding Federal regulations.

Unfunded Mandates

This rule will not impose a cost of \$100 million or more in any given year on any governmental entity or the private sector.

List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 948

Intergovernmental relations, Surface mining, Underground mining.

Dated: April 13, 1999.

H. Vann Weaver,

Acting Regional Director, Appalachian Regional Coordinating Center.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[CA 164-0112b; FRL-6324-9]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision; Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD), Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD), and the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD) as Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve revisions to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP) which concern the control of oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) emissions from rules from Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD), Mojave Desert Air Quality Management

District (MDAQMD), and the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD) as revisions to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). SMAQMD's Rule 414 controls emissions of oxides of nitrogen from natural gas-fired water heaters; MDAQMD's Rule 1157 controls emissions from boilers and process heaters; and VCAPCD's Rule 74.16 controls emissions of oxides of nitrogen from oilfield drilling operations.

The intended effect of proposing approval of these rules is to regulate NO_x emissions in accordance with the requirements 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 submittal as direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this 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, 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 proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received by May 20, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Andrew Steckel, Rulemaking Office, AIR-4, Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

Copies of the rules and EPA's evaluation reports of the rules are available for public inspection at EPA's Region 9 office during normal business hours. Copies of the submitted rules revisions are also available for inspection at the following locations:

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

Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District (SMAQMD), 8475 Jackson Rd., Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95826-3904.

Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District, 21865 E. Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4182.

Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD), 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, CA 93009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ed Addison, Rulemaking Office, AIR-4, Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901, Telephone: (415) 744-1160.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document concerns SMAQMD's Rule 414, Natural Gas-fired Water Heaters; MDAQMD's Rule 1157, Boilers and Process Heaters; and VCAPCD's Rule 74.16, Oilfield Drilling Operations. The California Air Resources Board submitted SMAQMD's Rule 414 to EPA for incorporation into its SIP on March 10, 1998. MDAQMD's Rule 1157 was submitted on August 1, 1997 and VCAPCD's Rule 74.16 on April 5, 1991.

For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action that is located in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Authority: 2 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: April 1, 1999.

Felicia Marcus,

Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[TN-204-1-9913b; FRL-6326-8]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee: Approval of Revisions to the Memphis Ozone Maintenance Plan

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions to the Memphis and Shelby County Health Department (MSCHD) ozone (O₃) maintenance plan submitted by the State of Tennessee, through the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), on September 18, 1997, with supplemental information submitted on June 30, 1998. The MSCHD revised their O₃ maintenance plan by adding new tables which correct errors made in the original base year inventory and maintenance plan. These corrections impact the transportation conformity budget for the greater Memphis Metropolitan Statistical Area. In the Final rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the Tennessee 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 adverse comments are received in response to this action, 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 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: Written comments must be received on or before May 20, 1999.

ADDRESSES: You should address comments on this action to Steven M. Scofield at the EPA, Region 4 Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Copies of documents related to this action are available for the public to review during normal business hours at the locations below. If you would like to review these documents, please make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the visiting day. Reference file TN 204-1-9913a. The Region 4 office may have additional documents not available at the other locations.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Steven M. Scofield, 404/562-9034

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Air Pollution Control, 9th Floor L & C Annex, 401 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1531. 615/532-0554

Memphis and Shelby County Health Department, 814 Jefferson Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee 38105. 901/576-7600

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven M. Scofield at 404/562-9034.

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

Dated: March 25, 1999.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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