

one(s) and then clicking the "open existing document" button.

Third, the account holder can create a new document by clicking on the "create new document" button. The account holder will be prompted to identify the filing party(ies) and enter the title of document. An area for comments will be provided.

Fourth, because each filing must have a PDF file, the work area provides the account holder with a process to convert documents to PDF using the PRC's server. Clicking on the "convert files to PDF" button begins the conversion. This process is addressed in detail in section II D, below.

Illustratively, the screen of an account holder with the OCA may look something like this:

Documents Submitted Today

Party(ies) Title

OCA Answer of the OCA to  
interrogatories of UPS, witness:  
Callow (UPS/OCA-T1-1-15)

OCA Answer of the OCA to  
interrogatories of UPS, witness:  
Thompson (UPS/OCA-T2-7-11)

Documents in progress

OCA Answer of the OCA to  
interrogatories of USPS, witness:  
Callow (UPS/OCA-T1-1-8)

OCA Answer of the OCA to  
interrogatories of UPS, witness:  
Thompson (UPS/OCA-T2-1-11)

[button for] Open existing document  
[button for] Create new document  
[button for] Convert files to PDF

#### D. Converting to PDF

Two PDF options will be available; the first is available at no charge through the PRC's website; alternatively, participants may purchase the appropriate software to create their own PDF files.

##### 1. On PRC Server

The conversion screen will display the account holder's uploaded files, as well as buttons for uploading, converting, and reviewing documents.

[button for] Upload files

Upon Clicking the button to upload, the Account Holder will be prompted to select the documents to be converted from the account holder's local system. The documents will be copied to the work area on the PRC's server.

On the convert page, the account holder will be prompted to select the document(s) to be converted, and then to click the "convert files now" button.

[button for] Convert files now

After conversion, the account holder may review the PDF(s) produced. A list

will be displayed allowing the account holder to download and review each PDF prior to filing.

[button for] Review PDFs

##### 2. On Account Holder's System

Adobe Acrobat Reader© is the free software that allows one to view PDF files. Adobe Acrobat© is the most common software program used to produce PDF files. Those not converting to PDF on the PRC's server may purchase Adobe Acrobat© to produce PDF files on their own system. The Commission's web site will contain a link to the appropriate site where such software may be purchased. To reiterate, account holders are not required to purchase anything to participate in filing online.

Once the PDF is ready, it may be filed.

#### E. Filing

The date and time of filing are established by the PRC's server. The individual responsible for the filing is determined by the account used. That individual will be required to identify on whose behalf the filing is being made and enter the document title as it appears on the document. An optional field for comments will be available.

Once the preliminary information is entered, the PDF and any other electronic files should be attached to the filing. The PDF of the document is required.

The account holder should confirm that the information entered is correct and that the appropriate files are attached and then click the "submit" button.

[button for] Submit

After clicking the "submit" button, the account holder will be prompted that the filing will become official and that the account holder may not access it further upon clicking the "ok" button. Alternatively, the account holder may cancel the transaction by clicking the "cancel" button.

[button for] OK

[button for] Cancel

Following submission of a filing, a receipt page will appear that the account holder may print for his or her records.

#### F. Processing

Once the filing is submitted, i.e., the "ok" button is clicked, an RTF file will be produced. The RTF is a formatted text file generated from the PDF submitted, i.e., only the text visible in the PDF is included and it is free of excess hard returns. Participants may

open this file in their word processors and utilize it as they deem appropriate, e.g., cut and paste from it or modify it to create another pleading.

Finally, upon receipt of a filing, Commission personnel in dockets will check the document information and attached files. Assuming these checks reveal no problem, the filing will be made available on the Commission's web site. If there is a problem, the account holder will be contacted.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[Docket No. AK-24-1712b; FRL-6993-8]

### Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans: Alaska

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Alaska for the purpose of revising the visible emission limit for coal burning boilers, during startup; shutdown; soot-blowing; grate cleaning; or other routine maintenance activities, that began operation before August 17, 1971, and submitted the required demonstration. Additionally, we are proposing to approve a revision to the definitions section that will add definitions of grate cleaning and soot-blowing. The SIP revision was submitted by the State to satisfy certain Federal Clean Air Act requirements under Section 110. In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal amendment 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 the 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 on this action should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before July 20, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to: Roylene A. Cunningham, EPA Region 10, Office of Air Quality (OAQ-107), 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101. Copies of the State submittal and other information supporting this action are available at the following addresses for inspection during normal business hours. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the visiting day: EPA Region 10, Office of Air Quality (OAQ-107), 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101; and Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, 410 Willoughby Avenue, Suite 105, Juneau, Alaska 99801-1795.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roylene A. Cunningham, EPA Region 10, Office of Air Quality (OAQ-107), 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101, (206) 553-0513.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information, see the Direct Final rule which is located in the Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: May 30, 2001.

**Michael A. Bussell,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 10.*

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

### **40 CFR Part 271**

**[FRL-7000-2]**

#### **California: Proposed Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** California has applied to EPA for final authorization of certain changes to its hazardous waste program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). EPA has reviewed California's application and made the tentative decision that these changes satisfy all requirements needed to qualify for final authorization, and is proposing to authorize the State's changes.

**DATES:** EPA must receive written comments on California's application for authorization for changes to its hazardous waste management program by July 20, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to Rebecca Smith, WST-3, U.S. EPA

Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901, Phone number (415) 744-2152. You can view and copy California's application at the following addresses: California Environmental Protection Agency, Environmental Services Center, 1001 I Street, First Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, phone number: (916) 322-7394, from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (appointment preferred but not required); and EPA Region 9, Library, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901, phone number: (415) 744-1510, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Copy services are not available in Sacramento, but should be arranged by the viewer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rebecca Smith at the above address and phone number.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **A. Why Are Revisions to State Programs Necessary?**

States which have received final authorization from EPA under RCRA section 3006(b), 42 U.S.C. 6926(b), must maintain a hazardous waste program that is equivalent to, consistent with, and no less stringent than the Federal program. As the Federal program changes, states must change their programs and ask EPA to authorize the changes. Changes to state programs may be necessary when Federal or state statutory or regulatory authority is modified or when certain other changes occur. Most commonly, states must change their programs because of changes to EPA's regulations in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) parts 124, 260 through 266, 268, 270, 273 and 279.

##### **B. What Decisions Have We Made in This Rule?**

EPA has made the tentative determination that California's application to revise its authorized program meets all of the statutory and regulatory requirements established by RCRA. Therefore, we are proposing to grant California final authorization to operate its hazardous waste program with the changes described in the authorization application. California will have responsibility for permitting Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities (TSDFs) within its borders (except in Indian Country) and for carrying out the aspects of the RCRA program described in its revised program application, subject to the limitations of the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 (HSWA). New Federal requirements and prohibitions imposed by Federal regulations that EPA promulgates under

the authority of HSWA take effect in authorized states before such states are authorized for the requirements. Thus, EPA will implement those requirements and prohibitions in California, including issuing permits, until the State is granted authorization to do so.

##### **C. What Will Be the Effect if California Is Authorized for These Changes?**

If California is authorized for these changes, a facility in California subject to RCRA will have to comply with the authorized State requirements in lieu of the corresponding Federal requirements in order to comply with RCRA. Additionally, such persons will have to comply with any applicable Federally-issued requirements, such as, for example, HSWA regulations issued by EPA for which the State has not received authorization, and RCRA requirements that are not supplanted by authorized state-issued requirements. California continues to have enforcement responsibilities under its State law to pursue violations of its hazardous waste management program. EPA continues to have independent authority under RCRA sections 3007, 3008, 3013, and 7003, which include, among others, the authority to:

- Do inspections, and require monitoring, tests, analyses or reports,
- Enforce RCRA requirements (including State-issued statutes and regulations that are authorized by EPA and any applicable Federally-issued statutes and regulations) and suspend or revoke permits, and
- Take enforcement actions regardless of whether the State has taken its own actions.

The action to approve these revisions would not impose additional requirements on the regulated community because the regulations for which California will be authorized are already effective under State law and are not changed by the act of authorization.

EPA cannot delegate the Federal requirements at 40 CFR Part 262, Subparts E and H. Although California has adopted these requirements verbatim from the Federal regulations in Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, sections 66260-66262, EPA will continue to implement those requirements.

##### **D. What Happens If EPA Receives Comments That Oppose This Action?**

If EPA receives comments that oppose this authorization, we will address those comments in a later final rule. You may not have another opportunity to comment. If you want to comment on