ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Texas; Revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) Addressing Visible Emissions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Withdrawal of direct final rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA published without prior proposal a Federal Register (FR) action approving a revision to the Texas SIP addressing visible emissions. The EPA’s direct final approval was published on April 3, 1995 (60 FR 16806).

The EPA subsequently received adverse comments on the action. Accordingly, the EPA is withdrawing its direct final approval. All public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This withdrawal will be effective on June 2, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the addresses listed below. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment at least twenty-four hours before the visiting day.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Air Programs Branch (6T-A), 1445 Ross Avenue, suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark Sather, Planning Section (6T-AP), 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, telephone (214) 665-7258.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Carbon monoxide, Incorporation by reference, Lead, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur dioxide, Volatile organic compounds.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Therefore, the final rule appearing at 60 FR 16806, April 3, 1995, which was to become effective June 2, 1995, is withdrawn.


A. Stanley Meiburg,
Acting Regional Administrator.

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40 CFR Part 63

National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Halogenated Solvent Cleaning; Correction

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Corrections to final regulation.

SUMMARY: This action corrects errors and clarifies regulatory text in the final rule published on December 2, 1994 at 59 FR 61801.

EFFECTIVE DATE: These corrections become effective June 5, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Almodôvar, Coatings and Consumer Products Group, Emission Standards Division (MD-13), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, telephone number (919) 541-0283.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 2, 1994 (59 FR 61801), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated in the Federal Register national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants for halogenated solvent cleaning. These standards were promulgated as subpart T in 40 CFR part 63. This document contains corrections to editorial and cross-referencing errors in the final standards. In addition, there are corrections to clarify the applicability of the final rule, and to clarify several definitions.

Paragraph (a) of § 63.460 is revised to reflect the intent of the final rule by clarifying that wipe cleaning activities, such as cleaning using a rag containing halogenated solvent or a spray cleaner containing halogenated solvent are not covered under the scope of this regulation.

Paragraph (d) of § 63.460 and the definition of an existing source under § 63.461 are being revised to clarify that any machine, the construction or reconstruction of which was commenced on or before November 29, 1993, that did not meet the definition of a solvent cleaning machine on December 2, 1994, because it did not, on that date, use halogenated hazardous air pollutant solvent liquid or vapor covered under this subpart to remove soils, becomes an existing source when it commences to use such liquid or vapor. The Agency intended machines that use halogenated hazardous air pollutants solvent liquid or vapor covered under this subpart to be subject to the regulation regardless of when they commenced such use. This correction clarifies an oversight in the drafting of the final rule. In addition, an existing solvent cleaning machine moved within a contiguous facility or to another facility under the same ownership continues to be regulated as an existing machine.

The definition of a batch cleaning machine under § 63.461 is being revised to clarify that cross-rod degreasers are considered batch cleaning machines. A definition of a cross-rod solvent cleaning machine is being added to the final rule.

The definition of a solvent cleaning machine under § 63.461 is being revised to clarify that small buckets, pails, and beakers with capacities of 7.6 liters (2 gallons) or less are not considered solvent cleaning machines for the purpose of this subpart. The Agency did not intend to regulate these small pieces of equipment not specifically designed to carry out cleaning or drying operations using one of the covered halogenated solvents. The size limit is included to ensure that larger vessels not specifically designed to carry out cleaning or drying operations remain subject to this subpart.

Paragraph (e)(2)(i) of § 63.463 is being revised to correct the proper units of measurement for the chilled air blanket temperature that the freeboard refrigeration device shall at least maintain. The chilled air blanket temperature shall be measured in °F, instead of °F or °C.

Paragraph (a)(4) of § 63.468 is being revised to correct an editorial error in order to clarify the intent of the provisions.

Paragraph (j) of § 63.468 is being revised to correct language on the part 70 permitting requirements for area source batch vapor and in-line solvent cleaning machines to clarify the intent of the provisions.

The headings for appendix B and appendix C are being revised for editorial errors in order to clarify the intent of the provisions.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 63

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Hazardous
substances, Halogenated solvent cleaning machines, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.


Mary D. Nichols,
Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation.

For reasons set out in the preamble, title 40, chapter I, part 63, subpart T of the Code of Federal Regulations is corrected as follows:

PART 63—[CORRECTED]

1. On page 61805, in the third column, 4 lines from the bottom, § 63.460(a) is corrected to add the following: “Wipe cleaning activities, such as using a rag containing halogenated solvent or a spray cleaner containing halogenated solvent are not covered under the provisions of this subpart.”

2. On page 61806, first column, starting on line 18 from the top, § 63.460(d) is corrected by adding the following sentence to the end of the paragraph “Except that, any machine that commences construction or reconstruction on or before November 29, 1993, that does not use halogenated hazardous air pollutant (HAP) solvent on December 2, 1994 shall, if the machine begins use of halogenated HAP solvent after December 2, 1994, achieve compliance with the provisions of this subpart no later than December 2, 1997 or 60 days after commencing use of halogenated HAP solvent covered under this subpart whichever is later.”

3. On page 61806, first column, starting 7 lines from the bottom, the definition of “batch cleaning machine” under § 63.461 is corrected by revising the last sentence to read as follows: “A solvent cleaning machine, such as a ferris wheel or a cross-rod degreaser, that clean multiple batch loads simultaneously and are manually loaded are batch cleaning machines.”

4. On page 61806, second column, starting on the last line of the column, the definition of “existing” in § 63.461 is corrected to add the following sentence to the end of the definition: “A machine, the construction or reconstruction of which was commenced on or before November 29, 1993, but that did not meet the definition of a solvent cleaning machine on December 2, 1994 because it did not use halogenated HAP solvent liquid or vapor covered under this subpart to remove soils, becomes an existing source when it commences to use such liquid or vapor. A solvent cleaning machine moved within a contiguous facility to another facility under the same ownership, constitutes an existing machine.”

5. On page 61806, second column, immediately following the definition of “cover” in § 63.461, the following definition of “cross-rod solvent cleaning machine” is added: “Cross-rod solvent cleaning machine means a batch solvent cleaning machine in which parts baskets are suspended from ‘cross-rod’ as they are moved through the machine. In a cross-rod cleaning machine, parts are loaded semi-continuously, and enter and exit the machine from a single portal.”

6. On page 61807, second column, starting on line 40 from the top, the definition of “solvent cleaning machine” under § 63.461 is corrected to add the following sentence to the end of the definition: “Buckets, pails, and beakers with capacities of 7.6 liters (2 gallons) or less are not considered solvent cleaning machines.”

7. On page 61808, in the first column, starting on line 26 from the top, § 63.462(d) is corrected to read as follows: “Each owner or operator of a batch cold cleaning machine shall submit an initial notification report as described in § 63.468(a) and (b) and a compliance report as described in § 63.468(c).”

8. On page 61810, first column, starting on the last two lines, § 63.463(e)(2)(i) is corrected to read as follows: “If a freeboard refrigeration device is used to comply with these standards, the owner or operator shall ensure that the chilled air blanket temperature (in °F), measured at the center of the air blanket, is no greater than 40 percent of the solvent’s boiling point.”

9. On page 61814, third column, starting on line 24 from the top, § 63.468(a)(4) is corrected to read as follows: “The date of installation for each solvent cleaning machine or a letter certifying that the solvent cleaning machine was installed prior to, or after, November 29, 1993."

10. On page 61816, second column, starting on line 3 from the top § 63.468(j) is corrected to read as follows: “The Administrator has determined, pursuant to the criteria under section 502(a) of the Act, that an owner or operator of any batch cold solvent cleaning machine that is not itself a major source and that is not located at a major source, as defined under 40 CFR 70.2, is exempt from part 70 permitting requirements for that source.

An owner or operator of any other solvent cleaning machine subject to the provisions of this subpart is subject to part 70 permitting requirements, such sources, if not major or located at major sources, may be deferred by the State from part 70 permitting requirements for 5 years after the EPA first approves a part 70 program (i.e., until December 9, 1999). All sources receiving deferrals shall submit permit applications within 12 months of such date (by December 9, 2000)."

11. On page 61818, in the first column, on the first line, amendment “4.” is corrected to read as follows: “4. Appendix A to Subpart T is added to read as follows:” Also, on the next line, the words “Appendix B” are corrected to read “Appendix A to Subpart T.”

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 43

[CC Docket No. 92–296; FCC 95–181]

Simplification of the Depreciation Process

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission is adopting ranges for the underlying factors that are used to compute depreciation rates for the local exchange carriers (LECs) regulated under the price cap incentive regulatory plan. Under new procedures, LECs may make streamlined filings for changes in depreciation rates, if their underlying depreciation factors fall within the prescribed ranges. The Commission implemented the streamlined procedures in two phases. The Second Report and Order (released June 28, 1994) adopted underlying factor ranges for 22 of the 34 depreciation rate categories. This Third Report and Order adopts ranges and alternate simplified procedures for the remaining 12 accounts and completes the implementation process. The rule change will lessen the depreciation prescription burden on price caps LECs in light of regulatory and market changes without sacrificing protection for consumers.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 5, 1995.