

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph N. Cleary, Paul E. Boymel, or John K. Light, ADEA Division, Office of Legal Counsel, EEOC, 1801 L Street, NW., Washington, DC 20507, (202) 663-4692.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** All Committee meetings, including the meeting of January 23-24, 1996, will be open to the public. Any member of the public may submit written comments for the Committee's consideration, and may be permitted to speak at the meeting if time permits. In addition, all Committee documents and minutes will be available for public inspection in EEOC's Library (6th floor of the EEOC Headquarters).

Persons who need assistance to review the comments will be provided with appropriate aids such as readers or print magnifiers. To schedule an appointment call (202) 663-4630 (voice), (202) 663-4630 (TDD). Copies of this notice are available in the following alternate formats: large print, braille, electronic file on computer disk, and audio tape. Copies may be obtained from the Office of Equal Employment Opportunity by calling (202) 663-4395 (voice), (202) 663-4399 (TDD).

**Purpose of Meeting/Summary of Agenda:** At the second meeting, the Committee will continue to discuss the unsupervised waiver legal issues that will be considered by the Committee in drafting a recommended notice of proposed rulemaking for EEOC approval.

Dated: December 12, 1995.

Gilbert F. Casellas,  
Chairman.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[MA44-1-7167b; A-1-FRL-5314-7]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Massachusetts; Best Available Controls for Consumer and Commercial Products (including Architectural and Industrial Maintenance Coatings)

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is proposing to approve a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This

revision establishes and requires VOC emission standards for architectural and industrial maintenance coatings and 10 categories of consumer products. In the Final Rules Section of this Federal Register, EPA is approving the State's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision 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 that direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed 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 proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this proposal. Any parties interested in commenting on this proposal should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 18, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to Susan Studlien, Acting Director, Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, JFK Federal Bldg., Boston, MA 02203. Copies of the State submittal and EPA's technical support document are available for public inspection during normal business hours, by appointment at the Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, 10th floor, Boston, MA and the Division of Air Quality Control, Department of Environmental Protection, One Winter Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeanne Cosgrove, (617) 565-3246.

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

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Dated: September 21, 1995.

John P. DeVillars,

Regional Administrator, EPA New England.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

#### 49 CFR Part 571

#### Denial of Petition for Rulemaking; Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Denial of petition for rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This document denies a petition from Mr. Philip Sweeney to require audible exterior back-up warning signals on large motor vehicles such as school buses and city maintenance vehicles. After analyzing the petition and data on back-up accidents, NHTSA concludes that mandating audible backup warning signals may not be effective in minimizing collisions with pedestrians, especially young children. The Agency has research underway on other means to reduce such deaths and injuries.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jere Medlin, Office of Crash Avoidance Standards, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Mr. Medlin's telephone number is: (202) 366-5276. His facsimile number is (202) 366-4329.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** At present, none of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards requires that a motor vehicle sound an audible warning signal when the vehicle is driven in reverse or backing up. By letter dated August 7, 1995, Mr. Philip Sweeney of San Diego, California, petitioned the agency to issue a standard to require an audible exterior maintenance vehicles. Mr. Sweeney stated in his petition that drivers of large vehicles have limited rear visibility, that young children can sometimes act impulsively, disregarding safety rules, and that young children have limited ability to anticipate safety risks.

The agency has reviewed the circumstances associated with the petitioner's desired solution. It has found that pedestrian response to exterior audible back-up alarms already on large vehicles has been studied. This study looked at the human factors involved in relation to conventional backing-up audible warning systems. The study, "*The Consideration of Human Factors in the Design of a Backing-up Warning System*" by Duchon, James C. and Laage, Linneas W., U.S. Bureau of Mines, is from the