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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: October 16, 1995.

John P. DeVillars,

Regional Administrator, EPA New England.

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Clean Air Act Interim Approval of Operating Permits Program; Delegation of Section 112 Standards; State of Massachusetts

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes interim approval of the Operating Permit Program submitted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Massachusetts' Operating Permit Program was submitted for the purpose of complying with Federal requirements which mandate that states develop, and submit to EPA, programs for issuing operating permits for all major stationary sources and to certain other sources. EPA is also approving the Commonwealth's authority to implement hazardous air pollutant requirements. In the Final Rules Section of this Federal Register, EPA is promulgating interim approval of the Massachusetts Operating Permit Program as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this submittal as noncontroversial 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 If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be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 March 4, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Ida E. Gagnon, Air Permits, APO, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203-2211. Copies of the State's submittal and other supporting information relevant to this action are available for inspection during normal business hours at the following location: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1, One Congress Street, 10th floor, Boston, MA 02203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ida E. Gagnon, Air Permits, APO, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1, JFK Federal Building, Boston, MA 02203-2211, (617) 565-3500.

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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John P. DeVillars,

Regional Administrator, Region I.

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Acid Rain Program; Nitrogen Oxides Emissions Reduction Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of addition of documents to docket and of extension of comment period on proposed rule.

SUMMARY: On January 19, 1996 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated a proposed rule implementing the second phase of the Nitrogen Oxides Reduction Provisions in Title IV of the Clean Air Act (referred to as "the January 19, 1996 proposed rule"). The proposed rule established nitrogen oxides (NO_x) emission limitations for certain coal-fired utility units and revised NO_x emission limitations for others as specified in section 407(b)(2) of the Clean Air Act. The emission limitations will reduce the serious adverse effects of NO_x emissions on human health, visibility, ecosystems, and materials.

EPA recently determined that certain materials related to interagency review

of the January 19, 1996 proposed rule were erroneously excluded from the rulemaking docket. EPA has added those materials to the docket. Further, EPA is extending the comment period so that comments on the proposed rule are due on March 19, 1996.

DATES: Comments. Comments on the January 19, 1996 proposed rule (which implements the second phase of the Nitrogen Oxides Reduction Provisions of Title IV) must be received on or before March 19, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted (in duplicate, if possible) to Air Docket Section (A-131), Attention, Docket No. A-95-28, U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

Docket. Docket No. A-95-28, containing supporting information used in developing the proposed rule (including the added materials relating to interagency review), is available for public inspection and copying between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at EPA's Air Docket Section, Waterside Mall, Room 1500, 1st Floor, 401 M Street, SW, Washington DC 20460. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Tsigotis, at (202) 233-9133, Source Assessment Branch, Acid Rain Division (6204J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, Washington, DC 20460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 23, 1996, the Utility Air Regulatory Group (UARG) requested that the period (which had been set at 45 days) for submission of comments on the January 19, 1996 proposed rule be extended for 30 more days, until April 3, 1996. In addition, UARG stated that certain materials that related to interagency review of the proposed rule and that were required to be docketed under section 307(d)(4)(B)(ii) of the Clean Air Act had not been included in the docket.

In response, EPA has reviewed the docket and, on January 26, 1996, added to the docket the interagency materials that were erroneously excluded. UARG was notified at that time about the addition of the materials. Further, EPA has considered the extension request as well as the importance of completing this rulemaking (including interagency review of the final rule) and issuing a final rule by the statutory deadline, under section 407(b)(2) of the Act, of January 1, 1997. In light of these considerations, EPA is extending the comment period to March 19, 1996. This extension will provide commenters a total of 60 days from the promulgation