

Ambient Air Quality Surveillance. For such purposes, the method must be used in strict accordance with the operation or instruction manual associated with the method or the procedures and specifications provided in the method description and subject to any limitations (e.g., operating temperature range) specified in the applicable designation (see identification of the methods above). Vendor modifications of a designated method used for purposes of part 58 are permitted only with prior approval of the EPA, as provided in part 53. Provisions concerning modification of such methods by users are specified under Section 2.8 of Appendix C to 40 CFR part 58 (Modifications of Methods by Users).

In general, an automated method designation applies to any analyzer which is identical to the analyzer described in the designation. In some cases, similar analyzers manufactured prior to the designation may be upgraded (e.g., by minor modification or by substitution of a new operation or instruction manual) so as to be identical to the designated method and thus achieve designated status at a modest cost. The manufacturer should be consulted to determine the feasibility of such upgrading. States or other agencies wishing to use a method similar to the new lead equivalent method that employs procedures and specifications significantly different from those in EQL-0196-113 must seek specific approval for their particular method under the provisions of Section 2.8 of Appendix C to 40 CFR part 58 (Modification of Methods by Users), or agencies may seek designation of such a method as an equivalent method under the provisions of 40 CFR part 53.

Part 53 requires that sellers of designated method analyzers comply with certain conditions. These conditions are given in 40 CFR 53.9 and are summarized below:

(1) A copy of the approved operation or instruction manual must accompany the analyzer when it is delivered to the ultimate purchaser.

(2) The analyzer must not generate any unreasonable hazard to operators or to the environment.

(3) The analyzer must function within the limits of the performance specifications given in Table B-1 of part 53 for at least one year after delivery when maintained and operated in accordance with the operation manual.

(4) Any analyzer offered for sale as a reference or equivalent method must bear a label or sticker indicating that it has been designated as a reference or

equivalent method in accordance with part 53.

(5) If such an analyzer has two or more selectable ranges, the label or sticker must be placed in close proximity to the range selector and indicate which range or ranges have been included in the reference or equivalent method designation.

(6) An applicant who offers analyzers for sale as reference or equivalent methods is required to maintain a list of ultimate purchasers of such analyzers and to notify them within 30 days if a reference or equivalent method designation applicable to the analyzer has been canceled or if adjustment of the analyzer is necessary under 40 CFR part 53.11(b) to avoid a cancellation.

(7) An applicant who modifies an analyzer previously designated as a reference or equivalent method is not permitted to sell the analyzer (as modified) as a reference or equivalent method (although he may choose to sell it without such representation), nor to attach a label or sticker to the analyzer (as modified) under the provisions described above, until he has received notice under 40 CFR part 53.14(c) that the original designation or a new designation applies to the method as modified, or until he has applied for and received notice under 40 CFR 53.8(b) of a new reference or equivalent method determination for the analyzer as modified.

Aside from occasional breakdown or malfunctions, consistent or repeated noncompliance with any of these conditions should be reported to: Director, National Exposure Research Laboratory, Air Measurements Research Division (MD-78A), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711.

Designation of these reference and equivalent methods is intended to assist the States in establishing and operating their air quality surveillance systems under part 58. Technical questions concerning any of the methods should be directed to the appropriate applicant. Additional information concerning this action may be obtained from Frank F. McElroy, Air Measurements Research Division (MD-77), National Exposure Research Laboratory, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, (919) 541-2622.

Joseph K. Alexander,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Research and Development.

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Ambient Air Monitoring Reference and Equivalent Methods; Receipt of Application for Reference Method Determination

Notice is hereby given that the Environmental Protection Agency has received an application to determine if a new nitrogen dioxide monitoring method should be designated by the Administrator of the EPA as a reference method under 40 CFR part 53. The application was received on September 27, 1995 from Columbia Scientific Industries, P.O. Box 203190, Austin, Texas 78720, for their Model 5600 Oxides for Nitrogen Analyzer. If, after appropriate technical study, the Administrator determines that this method should be so designated, a notice thereof will be given in a subsequent issue of the Federal Register. For additional information regarding receipt of this application, contact Frank F. McElroy (MD-77), National Exposure Research Laboratory, U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, NC, 27711 (919-541-2622).

Joseph K. Alexander,

Deputy Assistant Administrator For Research and Development.

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Nebraska Plan for Certification of Pesticide Applicators

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of intent to approve Nebraska Certification Plan.

SUMMARY: On July 20, 1994, EPA approved, on a contingency basis, the Nebraska Certification Plan for Restricted Use Pesticide Applicators. Final approval of the Nebraska Certification Plan was contingent upon Nebraska revising its Plan in various areas. EPA has received the revised Nebraska Plan and based on a review of this revised plan, intends to give final approval. Notice is hereby given of the intention of the Regional Administrator, EPA Region 7, to grant final approval of the revised Nebraska Certification Plan.

DATES: Written comments should be submitted on or before April 19, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments, identified by docket control number "OPP-42076" to Richard O. Jacobson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Lincoln Field Office, 100 Centennial Mall North, Rm. 289, Lincoln, NE 68508.

The comments received pursuant to this notice will be available at the aforementioned location from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: jacobson.jake@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number "OPP-42076." No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments on this document may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found under the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION unit of this document.

Information submitted as a comment concerning this document may be claimed confidential by marking any part or all of that information as CBI. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. A copy of the comment that does not contain CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public record. Information not marked confidential may be disclosed publicly by EPA without prior notice.

Copies of the Nebraska plan are available for viewing at the following locations during normal business hours:

1. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Lincoln Field Office, 100 Centennial Mall North, Rm. 289, Lincoln, NE 68508. Contact: Richard O. Jacobson, (402) 437-5080, e-mail: jacobson.jake@epamail.epa.gov.

2. Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Plant Industry, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE 68509. Contact: Geir Friisoe (402) 471-2394.

3. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pesticide Programs (7506C), Crystal Mall #2, 1921 Jefferson Davis Highway, Rm. 1121, Arlington, VA 22202. Contact: John MacDonald, (703) 305-7370.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard O. Jacobson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7, Lincoln Field Office, 100 Centennial Mall North, Rm. 289, Lincoln, NE 68508, Telephone: (402) 437-5080, e-mail: jacobson.jake@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the provisions of section 4(a)(2) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), as amended, and 40 CFR part 171, the Governor of the State of Nebraska, E. Benjamin Nelson, has submitted a revised plan for Certification of Pesticide Applicators to EPA for approval.

In the Federal Register of April 21, 1994 (59 FR 19010), notice was published of the intent of the Regional Administrator, EPA Region 7 to approve, on a contingency basis, the State of Nebraska Plan for Certification of Pesticide Applicators. After an appropriate comment period, a notice of approval on a contingency basis, was published in the Federal Register of July 20, 1994 (59 FR 37038). The Federal Register notice of July 20, 1994, also addressed comments which had been submitted.

The July 20, 1994 Notice of Contingency Approval stated that final approval of the Nebraska Certification Plan would be granted upon development of appropriate regulations, completion of cooperative agreements with other State agencies and revision of competency standards for one commercial applicator category. These conditions have been met. Appropriate regulations are contained in Title 25 Nebraska Administrative Code Chapter 2 incorporated in the revised Nebraska Certification Plan. The cooperative agreements between the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, responsible for administration of the program, the University of Nebraska, and the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics assure the coordination and cooperation of the various State agencies. These cooperative agreements are contained in the revised Nebraska Certification Plan. The revised Nebraska competency standards for Nebraska category 8, Structural/Health Related Pest Control, meet the requirements contained in the corresponding EPA standards at 40 CFR 171.4(c)(7).

Interested persons are invited to submit comments on the proposal to grant final approval to the revised Nebraska Certification Plan. A record has been established for this action under docket number "OPP-42076" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The public record is located in U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency, Region 7, Lincoln Field Office, 100 Centennial Mall North, Rm. 289, Lincoln, NE.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

jacobson.jake@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

List of Subjects

Environmental protection.

Dated: March 6, 1996.

Dennis Grams,

Regional Administrator, Region 7.

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Reregistration Eligibility Decision Documents; Completion of Comment Period for Certain Chemicals

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice, pursuant to section 4(g)(2) of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA), concludes the comment period for the reregistration eligibility decision documents (REDs) for many chemical cases.

ADDRESSES: Copies of these REDs are available from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161, ATTN: Order Desk; telephone no. (703) 487-4650. To obtain copies you must provide the publication number that has been assigned to the RED listed in the table below. Electronic copies of the REDs and RED Fact Sheets can be downloaded from the Pesticide Special review and Reregistration Information System at (703) 308-7224, and also can be reached on the internet via fedworld.gov and EPA's gopher server, gopher.epa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Technical questions on the RED