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#### 40 CFR Parts 52 and 81

[NM-23-1-7101b, FRL-5612-9]

#### Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans (SIP); Prevention of Significant Deterioration; Louisiana and New Mexico

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA proposes to approve revisions to the Louisiana and New Mexico SIPs addressing Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permitting regulations. The purpose of these revisions is to replace the total suspended particulate PSD increments with increments for PM-10 (particulate matter 10 micrometers or less in diameter). In the final rules section of this Federal Register, EPA is approving the States' SIP revisions as 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 this proposed rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this 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 If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn, and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposed rule must be postmarked by November 14, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be mailed to Jole C. Luehrs, Chief, Air Permits Section (6PD-R), EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733. Copies of the State's petition and other information relevant to this action are available for inspection during normal hours at the following locations: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Air Permits Section (6PD-R), 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733. Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

New Mexico Environment Department, Air Monitoring and Control Strategy Bureau, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Room So. 2100, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87503.

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Air Quality, 7290 Bluebonnet Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70810.

Anyone wishing to review this petition at the Region 6 EPA office should contact the person below to schedule an appointment 24 hours in advance.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Samuel R. Mitz, Air Permits Section (6PD-R), EPA Region 6, telephone (214) 665-8370.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** See the information provided in the Direct Final rule which is located in the Rules Section of this Federal Register.

#### List of Subjects

##### 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Incorporation by reference, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Volatile organic compounds.

##### 40 CFR Part 81

Air pollution control, National parks, Wilderness areas.

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

Dated: August 27, 1996.

Jerry Clifford,

*Acting Regional Administrator (6RA-D).*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Ch. I

[MM Docket No. 96-197; FCC 96-381]

#### Waiver of the Newspaper/Broadcast Cross-Ownership Restriction

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of inquiry.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission seeks comment on the adoption of a new policy under which it will consider requests for waiver of the newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership restriction with respect to proposed newspaper/radio combinations. The intended effect is to provide more clarity and certainty to Commission policy with respect to such combinations.

**DATES:** Comments are due by December 9, 1996, and reply comments are due by January 8, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roger Holberg, Mass Media Bureau, Policy and Rules Division (202) 418-2134.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Inquiry in MM Docket No. 96-197, FCC 96-381, adopted May 9, 1996, and released May 20, 1996. The complete text of this NOI is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., and also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, (202) 857-3800, 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037.

#### Synopsis of Notice of Inquiry

1. *Introduction.* In 1975, the Commission adopted its rule (47 CFR 73.3555(d)) prohibiting the common ownership of commercial broadcast stations and newspapers in the same community.<sup>1</sup> Although divestiture of existing local newspaper/broadcast combinations was not required except in "egregious" cases, the Commission did intend the rule to prevent the creation of new combinations, including those created by the sale of a "grandfathered" newspaper-broadcast combination to the same party.<sup>2</sup>

2. Like all of our multiple ownership rules, the newspaper/broadcast cross-ownership rule rests on the twin goals of promoting diversity of viewpoint and economic competition.<sup>3</sup> Of these two goals, the Commission made it clear when adopting the rule that fostering diverse viewpoints from antagonistic sources is at the heart of its licensing responsibility. It determined that, as a general rule, granting a broadcast license to an entity in the same community as that in which the entity also publishes a newspaper would harm local diversity.<sup>4</sup> The Commission nonetheless noted its expectation that there could be meritorious waiver requests.<sup>5</sup> Accordingly, it set forth the

<sup>1</sup> Multiple Ownership of Standard, FM, and Television Broadcast Stations, Second Report and Order, 40 FR 6449, 50 FCC 2d 1046 (1975) ("Second Report and Order"), recon., 40 FR 24729, 53 FCC 2d 589 (1975) ("Recon. Order"), aff'd sub nom. *Federal Communications Commission v. National Citizens Committee for Broadcasting*, 436 U.S. 775 (1978). The provisions of 47 CFR 73.3555 do not apply to noncommercial educational FM and TV stations. See 47 CFR 73.3555(f).

<sup>2</sup> Second Report and Order, supra at 1076.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* at 1074.

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 1075.

<sup>5</sup> Although the waiver standards were discussed in the *Second Report and Order*, supra, in