

(%) Reasonable Further Progress control measures for Volatile Organic Compound emission, and the State's requirement to develop post-1990 Control Techniques Guidelines (CTG) Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) rules for the 4 counties. These regulations require wood furniture coating facilities which have the potential to emit at least 25 tons of VOC per year to use coatings which meet a certain VOC content limit or add on controls that are capable of achieving an equivalent reduction. In the final rules section of this Federal Register, the EPA is approving this action as a direct final rule without prior proposal because EPA views this as a noncontroversial action 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 If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on the proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received on or before November 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Copies of the State submittal and EPA's analysis of it are available for inspection at: Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Francisco Acevedo, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-6061.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the direct final rule published in the rules section of this Federal Register.

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William E. Munro,
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40 CFR PART 52

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Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Plans, Texas and Louisiana; Revision to the Texas and Louisiana State Implementation Plans Regarding Negative Declarations for Source Categories Subject to Reasonably Available Control Technology

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Section 172(c)(1) of the Clean Air Act (the Act) requires nonattainment areas to reduce emissions from existing sources by adopting, at a minimum, reasonably available control technology (RACT). The EPA has established 13 such source categories for which RACT must be implemented and issued associated Control Technique Guidelines (CTGs) or Alternate Control Techniques (ACTs). If no major sources of volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions for a source category in a nonattainment area exist, a State may submit a negative declaration for that category. Louisiana has submitted negative declarations for certain source categories in the Baton Rouge ozone nonattainment area. Texas has submitted negative declarations for certain source categories in the Beaumont/Port Arthur, Dallas/Fort Worth, El Paso, and Houston/Galveston ozone nonattainment areas. Their declarations include the following CTG source categories: offset lithography, plastic parts-business machines, plastic parts-others, wood furniture, aerospace coatings, autobody refinishing, shipbuilding and repair, industrial wastewater, and clean up solvents. The EPA proposes to approve these negative declarations for Louisiana and Texas.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be postmarked by November 29, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to Thomas H. Diggs, Chief, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733. Copies of the State's submittal and other information relevant to this action are available for inspection during normal hours at the following locations:

Environmental Protection Agency,
Region 6, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 700,
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Air Quality, 7290 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70810
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC), Office of Air Quality, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Austin, TX 78753.

Anyone wishing to review this submittal at the EPA office is asked to contact the person below to schedule an appointment 24 hours in advance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lt. Mick Cote, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, telephone (214) 665-7219.

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 in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Hydrocarbons, Intergovernmental regulations, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping, and Volatile organic compounds.

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

Dated: September 30, 1996.

Jerry Clifford,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Limited Approval and Limited Disapproval of Implementation Plans; Rhode Island

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing action on State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the State of Rhode Island. The EPA is proposing approval of Rhode Island's 1990 base year ozone emission inventory, two control measures contained within the Rhode Island contingency plan, and establishment of a Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Stations (PAMS) network, as revisions to the Rhode Island SIP for ozone because these submittals meet the EPA's approval criteria that are relevant for these programs. The EPA proposes a