

- Address Cost/Benefit Provision of the RSFA.

Long Term Focus

- BLM/OMM Approval of Unit/Communitization Agreements Within 120 Days.
- Monitor Adjustments Beyond the "6-year Adjustment Period" or Closed Audit Periods for Production After 09/01/96.
- Assess for Chronic Erroneous Reporting.
- Resolve and Bill, if Appropriate, Existing Takes/Entitlement Issues as of RSFA (08/13/96) Within 2 Years.
- Allow for Prepayments of Future Revenue Streams.
- Implement 7 Year Statute of Limitations for MMS' Processes.
- Process All Appeals Within 33 months.

We believe that contacts with both State government agencies and the oil and gas industry are critical to gaining information, views, ideas and approaches that will facilitate MMS moving forward with implementation plans.

Also, we believe that such contacts are important for keeping our affected constituencies informed on the status of implementation efforts.

We believe our implementation strategy should be flexible and provide for a range of outreach approaches. For example, topics such as how to best establish the identity of designees and operating rights owners may be appropriate for Customer Feedback Sessions to obtain customer input during the evaluation of possible implementation alternatives. Other topics such as how to implement the provisions for marginal properties as well as the implementation of FOGRMA Section 205 amendments (state delegations) are likely candidates for a workshop approach to facilitate extensive and ongoing dialog. Development of the major implementing regulations required by RSFA will also require extensive outreach with State government agencies and industry using this strategy.

MMS has invited representatives from State and industry organizations to participate in the more structured discussion. Organizational representatives and the MMS contact are listed in the **FURTHER INFORMATION** section. Please direct your questions and comments to the representatives.

In complying with the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, we are also soliciting comments from small entities as to the impact revised reporting requirements and regulations resulting from RSFA will

have on their operations. In preparing rules required by RSFA, we will also work to comply with new requirements of other recently passed laws and Executive Orders affecting regulatory development.

Customer Feedback Sessions

MMS met with a working group of representatives from State government agencies and industry organizations in an initial outreach planning meeting in October 1996.

The next phase of our outreach strategy centers around a series of feedback sessions designed to present and discuss specific actions taken and planned to implement one or more of the previously listed key RSFA issues.

We feel that we can best work with our stakeholders on an issue-by-issue basis to implement the requirements of RSFA. At these sessions MMS would describe work to date including any decisions reached which should, because of the timing, be communicated to stakeholders.

As we schedule issue-specific meetings, we will notify members of the working group that met in October. Each member of the working group will then make sure those stakeholders whom they represent are appropriately represented at the scheduled meetings. The objectives and expected benefits of these meetings include a forum to gain an understanding of the various positions of the stakeholders regarding the issues presented. Periodically, we will meet with the entire working group to discuss overall progress in implementing all issues related to RSFA.

Workshop Strategy

The workshop strategy is intended to focus on selected aspects of RSFA where MMS believes that State government agencies and industry positions should be fully developed and evaluated before MMS selects its implementation approach.

This approach will rely primarily on workshops to be held in Denver, Colorado. Other locations such as Houston may be appropriate for selected workshops. The topics will be developed in consultation with industry trade groups and State government agencies. MMS will determine the final list of topics and the agenda for each workshop.

Payor and Operator Training Sessions

These sessions which take place several times a year provide opportunities for exchange of information and ideas on new initiatives currently underway. Industry

representatives at these sessions can attend with the expectation of some level of discussion on the RSFA issues. Questions can be raised and discussed.

Day to Day Contacts

Within three of RMP's divisions, employees and contractor personnel have day to day contacts with industry representatives. Questions can be asked daily by many payors and operators reporting to RMP.

Other Sessions

Many other sessions that involve industry and State government agencies will take place over the next few months which are not specifically organized to deal with RSFA or its implementation, but which will nevertheless require a level of understanding of RSFA for attendees. Sessions for discussing electronic reporting will take place and our representative can be asked to discuss the implications of RSFA as it relate to electronic reporting. Clearly, industry will require as much lead time as RMP to properly prepare for future changes to reporting requirements.

In order to accomplish a broad based fact finding on how the requirements of RSFA affect our customers and stakeholders, comments from the public are encouraged on any issue related to implementing RSFA. In addition to attendance at the previously described sessions and workshops comments can be made in writing and be sent directly to MMS using instructions in the ADDRESSES part of this notice.

Date: October 22, 1996.

James W. Shaw,

Associate Director for Royalty Management.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[IN65-1-7288b; FRL-5613-5]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Indiana

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve a revision to the Indiana State Implementation Plan (SIP) submitted on November 21, 1995, and February 14, 1996, establishing regulations for wood furniture coating operations in Clark, Floyd, Lake, and Porter Counties, as part of Clark and Floyd Counties' 15 percent

(%) 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.

Dated: September 5, 1996.
William E. Muno,
Acting Regional Administrator.
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40 CFR PART 52

[LA-37-1-7320b, TX-75-1-7319b; FRL-5629-8]

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.

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Dated: September 30, 1996.

Jerry Clifford,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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40 CFR Part 52

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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