

SUMMARY: EPA is extending the comment period and commitment letter time frame for a notice published on October 31, 1996 (61 FR 56183). In the October 31, 1996 notice, EPA proposed a conditional approval of an enhanced motor vehicle I/M program submitted by the state of Maryland. On November 25, 1996, EPA received requests for an extension of the public comment period and commitment letter time frame by 30 days until January 2, 1997, as Maryland is in active negotiations regarding issues involving the transfer of its I/M contract. Based on these requests, EPA is extending the comment period and commitment letter time frame from December 2, 1996 until January 2, 1997.

DATES: Comments on and the commitment letter for the October 31, 1996 proposed conditional approval of the Maryland I/M program must be received in writing on or before January 2, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to David L. Arnold, Chief, Ozone/CO & Mobile Sources Section, Mailcode 3AT21, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 841 Chestnut Building, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey M. Boylan, (215) 566-2094, at the EPA Region III office or via e-mail at boylan.jeffrey@epamail.epa.gov.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Hydrocarbons, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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W. Michael McCabe,

Regional Administrator, Region III.

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Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plan for South Coast Air Quality Management District

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve revisions to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (District) Rules 212, 1301, 1302, 1303, 1304, 1306, 1309, 1309.1, 1310, and 1313 for the purpose of meeting requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990 (CAA or

Act) with regard to new source review (NSR) in areas that have not attained the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS).

This proposed approval action will incorporate these rules into the federally approved State Implementation Plan (SIP) for California. The rules were submitted by the State to satisfy certain Federal requirements for an approvable NSR SIP. In the Final Rules Section of this Federal Register, the EPA is approving the state's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal in part because the District has provided public workshops in the development of the submitted rules, and provided the opportunity for public comment prior to adoption of the submitted rules. At that time, no significant comments were received by the District. The Agency therefore views this as a non-controversial amendment and anticipates no adverse comments. If no adverse comments are received in response to this proposed rulemaking, no further activity is contemplated in relation to these rules. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rulemaking will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rulemaking based on these proposed rules. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on these proposed rules must be received in writing by January 3, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to: Matt Haber, New Source Section (A-5-1), Air and Toxics Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

Copies of the rules and EPA's evaluation report of each rule are available for public inspection at EPA's Region 9 office during normal business hours at the following address: New Source Section (A-5-1), Air and Toxics Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901. Copies of the submitted rules are also available for inspection at the following locations:

California Air Resources Board,
Stationary Source Division, Rule
Evaluation Section, 2020 "L" Street,
Sacramento, CA 95814.

South Coast Air Quality Management
District, 21865 E. Copley Drive,
Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4182.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerardo C. Rios, (A-5-1), Air and Toxics Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901, Telephone: (415) 744-1259.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document concerns South Coast Air Quality Management District Regulation XIII, New Source Review, and Rule 212, Standards for Approving Permits, submitted to EPA on August 28, 1996 by the California Air Resources Board. For further information, please see the information provided in the Direct Final action which is located in the Rules Section of this Federal Register.

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

Dated: October 29, 1996.

John Wise,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Nebraska

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to correct a previous action published on November 6, 1991, that designated portions of Omaha, Nebraska, as nonattainment for the lead National Ambient Air Quality Standard (see 56 FR 56694). Specifically, this action corrects a mistake made in designating the southern boundary of that nonattainment area. This correction has no practical effect on the sources which are subject to the nonattainment provisions of the original designation.

In the final rules section of the Federal Register, the EPA is approving the correction as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision 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 the 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 document. Any parties