

(3) Are removed from service for any other reason.

(c) *Recognizing other quality assurance programs.* The MMS will consider approving other quality assurance programs covering the manufacture of SPPE. If you want MMS to evaluate other quality assurance programs, submit relevant information about the program and reasons for MMS approval to the Deputy Associate Director for Operations and Safety Management; Minerals Management Service; Mail Stop 4600; 381 Elden Street; Herndon, Virginia 20170-4817.

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Clean Air Act Promulgation of Reclassification of PM-10 Nonattainment Areas in Idaho

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This action identifies those nonattainment areas in the State of Idaho which have failed to attain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of less than or equal to ten micrometers (PM-10) by the applicable attainment date of December 31, 1995. This action also proposes to grant a second one-year extension to the attainment date for the Power-Bannock Counties PM-10 nonattainment in Idaho. In the Final Rules Section of this Federal Register, the EPA is granting this extension as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for granting the extension 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 If the EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action.

DATES: Comments on this proposal must be received in writing by January 17, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to Montel

Livingston, SIP Manager, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air Quality, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle Washington, 98101. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven K. Body, Office of Air Quality, Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington, 98101, 206/553-0782.

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

Dated: December 5, 1996.

Chuck Clarke,
Regional Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

46 CFR Parts 10 and 15

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Licensing and Manning for Officers of Towing Vessels

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard intends to modify the proposed rule on Licensing and Manning for Officers of Towing Vessels and to publish a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPRM) before issuing a final rule. The SNPRM will include a new comment period and it may announce additional public meetings.

ADDRESSES: The Executive Secretary maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments previously received have become part of this docket and are available for inspection or copying at room 3406, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593, between 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LCDR Don Darcy, Project Manager, Operating and Environmental Standards Division (G-MSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593, telephone (202) 267-0221.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Purpose

On June 19, 1996, the Coast Guard published in the Federal Register a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) that proposed changes to the licensing and manning requirements for officers of towing vessels in order to provide a safer towing industry (61 FR 31332). The NPRM proposed changes including, but not limited to, the following: A graduated series of master and mate (pilot) licenses (allowing holders of current licenses to be grandfathered); an additional license level for new entries—apprentice mate (steersman); route endorsements for particular geographical areas; a limited and unlimited licensing structure based on a 3000-horsepower breakpoint; a practical demonstration of skills; a check-ride with a designated examiner, or completion of a refresher course for renewals and upgrades of licenses; and a clarification that the master of the vessel is responsible for the overall safety of the vessel, but not for another individual's misconduct or incompetence.

The comment period under the NPRM closed on October 17, 1996. Because of the very active public response to the NPRM, through a public meeting, speaking engagements, and numerous written comments, the Coast Guard intends to modify the proposed rule. The Coast Guard will develop a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking (SNPRM) to help it re-evaluate the proposed rule and the cost-benefit analysis, and to incorporate certain recommendations. Public comments are being reviewed and may be instrumental in the development of the new proposal. The SNPRM will include a comment period, similar to the NPRM, allowing mariners and companies within the industry to express their views on the new changes.

Issuing an SNPRM, before an interim rule or final rule, will also create the potential for further public meetings. Notice will be given in the SNPRM, and otherwise in the Federal Register, regarding dates and times of any further public meetings for this rulemaking.

Requests for Comments

With publication of the SNPRM, the Coast Guard will encourage interested persons to participate in this rulemaking by submitting written data, views, or arguments on the new proposals. There is no need or occasion to refile comments already submitted.