

and process monitoring, which can be used directly for compliance certifications and enforcement.

DATES: Comments on this proposed action must be received by May 9, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Carlton T. Nash, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brad Beeson at (312) 353-4779.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, see the Direct Final notice which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**. Copies of the request and the EPA's analysis are available for inspection at the following address: (Please telephone Brad Beeson at (312) 353-4779 before visiting the Region 5 office.) EPA, Region 5, Air and Radiation Division, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590.

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

Dated: February 7, 1997.

Michelle D. Jordan,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[UT-001-0001b; FRL-5802-1]

Clean Air Act Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plan Revision for Utah; Visibility Protection

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve a revision to Utah's State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Visibility Protection, as submitted by the Governor with a letter dated July 25, 1996. The revision was adopted by the State in 1993 to address comments received from the 1992 Utah Legislature's Administrative Rules Review Committee regarding the need to remove a visibility policy statement from a regulation format (since it is not a rule). The State responded by deleting the policy statement from the Utah Air Conservation Regulations and adding the text into the Visibility Protection SIP. This submittal was a necessary "housekeeping" step to bring the federally approved SIP up-to-date with administrative revisions that took place at the State in 1993.

In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is acting on the State's SIP revisions as a 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 EPA's actions 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 and the direct final rule will become effective. 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. 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 in writing by May 9, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to Richard R. Long, Director, Air Program, EPA Region VIII at the address listed below. Copies of the State's submittal and documents relevant to this proposed rule are available for inspection during normal business hours at the following locations: Air Program, Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, 999 18th Street, suite 500, Denver, Colorado 80202-2405; and Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, 150 North 1950 West, P.O. Box 144820, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4820.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Platt, 8P2-A, Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, (303) 312-6449.

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

Dated: March 14, 1997.

Max H. Dodson,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[FRL-5800-9]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Reasonably Available Control Technology for Nitrogen Oxides for the State of New Hampshire

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of New Hampshire. This revision establishes and requires Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) at stationary sources of nitrogen oxides (NOx). In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP revision as a 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 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 this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this proposal. Any parties interested in commenting on this proposal should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 9, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Susan Studlien, Deputy Director, Office of Ecosystem Protection (mail code CAA), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, JFK Federal Bldg., Boston, MA 02203. Copies of the State submittal and EPA's technical support document are available for public inspection during normal business hours, by appointment, at the Office of Ecosystem Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, 11th floor, Boston, MA and, the Air Resources Division, Department of Environmental Services, 64 North Main Street, Caller Box 2033, Concord, NH 03302-2033.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven A. Rapp, Environmental Engineer, Air Quality Planning Unit (CAQ), U.S. EPA, Region 1, JFK Federal

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, see the direct final rule which is located in the Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

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

Dated: March 8, 1997.

John P. DeVillars,

Regional Administrator, Region I.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

43 CFR Part 3190

[WO-300-07-1310-00]

RIN 1004-AD09

Delegation of Authority, Cooperative Agreements and Contracts for Oil and Gas Inspections; Cooperative Agreements

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to streamline and amend its cooperative agreement regulations. The purpose of this amendment is to implement section 8(a) of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act that eliminates State cooperative agreements on Federal lands and to implement a policy change for funding of cooperative inspection agreements. In response to the overall effort to reform regulations and convert them to a more user friendly and understandable format, this rule is written in plain English.

DATES: *Comments:* Any comments must be received by BLM at the address below on or before May 9, 1997. Comments received after the above date will not necessarily be considered in the decision making process on the proposed rule.

ADDRESSES: *Comments:* If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by any one of several methods. You may mail comments to Director (630), Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401 LS, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20240. You may also comment via the Internet to WOCComment@wo.blm.gov. Please submit comments as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Please also

include "attn: 1004-AD09" and your name and return address in your Internet message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact us directly at (202) 452-5030. Finally, you may hand-deliver comments to BLM at 1620 L Street, NW, Room 401, Washington, D.C. Comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at this address during regular business hours (7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays. Individual respondents may request that their name and/or home address be kept confidential and state the reasons that one believes that his or her interest in privacy outweighs the public interest in disclosure. BLM will evaluate each request for confidentiality on a case-by-case basis. If you wish to withhold your name or street address, except for the city or town, from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. Anonymous comments will not be considered. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ian Senio, 202-452-5049 or Sue Stephens, (505) 438-7553.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Public Comment Procedures
- II. Background
- III. Discussion of Proposed Rule
- IV. Procedural Matters

I. Public Comment Procedures

Written Comments

Your written comments on the proposed rule should—

- (a) Be specific;
- (b) Be confined to issues pertinent to the proposed rule;
- (c) Explain the reason for any recommended change; and
- (d) Where possible, reference the specific section or paragraph of the proposal which you are addressing.

BLM may not necessarily consider or include in the Administrative Record for the final rule comments which BLM receives after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

II. Background

In 1987 and 1991, BLM promulgated regulations, found at 43 CFR 3190 (52

FR 27182) and 3192 (56 FR 2998), respectively, implementing Section 202 of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982, (30 U.S.C. 1732) (FOGRMA). Section 202 of FOGRMA provides for cooperative agreements with States and Tribes to share oil or gas royalty management information, and to carry out inspection, auditing, investigation or enforcement activities on Federal and Indian oil and gas leases. The Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-185), which amended FOGRMA, eliminated cooperative agreements on Federal lands.

BLM has cooperative agreements with several tribes for oil and gas inspection and enforcement activities on Tribal lands. These agreements are funded at 50 percent of allowable costs. The Minerals Management Service (MMS) also entered into cooperative agreements with several tribes for royalty accounting activities. Initially these MMS agreements were funded at 50 percent, but in 1991, MMS increased its funding for cooperative agreements to 100 percent.

This rule would amend Part 3190 by removing references to cooperative agreements for States on Federal lands and by increasing funding for cooperative agreements with Indian tribes to up to 100 percent. This would eliminate discrepancies in funding these types of agreements between bureaus within the Department of the Interior.

III. Discussion of Proposed Rule

This rulemaking amends 43 CFR Subpart 3190 as follows: First, this rule would amend 43 CFR 3190.2-2(b) to increase funding for cooperative agreements with Indian tribes to up to 100 percent. This would eliminate discrepancies in funding these types of agreements between agencies within the Department of the Interior.

Second, this rule would amend the regulations to implement Section 8(a) of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-185), which made Section 202 of FOGRMA (30 U.S.C. 1732), no longer applicable to Federal lands. The effect of section 8(a) is to eliminate cooperative agreements with States to conduct oil and gas inspections on Federal lands. The proposed regulations would implement this requirement by deleting from existing regulations references to cooperative agreements on Federal lands. States may still enter into a cooperative agreement on Tribal lands with the permission of the Tribe or affected allottee.

Third, on March 4, 1995, President Clinton issued a memorandum to all