

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing approval of a site-specific revision to the Texas State Implementation Plan for Bell Helicopter Textron, Incorporated of Fort Worth. This revision was submitted by the Governor on April 18, 1996, to establish an alternate reasonably available control technology demonstration to control volatile organic compounds for the surface coating processes at the Bell Plant 1 facility. Please see the direct final notice of this action located elsewhere in today's **Federal Register** for a detailed discussion of this rulemaking.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be postmarked by June 30, 1997. If no adverse comments are received, then the direct final rule is effective on July 29, 1997.

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 petition 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.

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Office of Air Quality,
12124 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas
78753.

Anyone wishing to review this petition at the Region 6 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), EPA Region 6, telephone (214) 665-7219.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the direct final notice 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, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental regulations, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping, and Volatile organic compounds.

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

Dated: February 12, 1997.

Jerry Clifford,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[TN-160-9624b; FRL-5831-6]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans, Tennessee; Approval of Revisions To Permit Requirements, Definitions, Exemptions, and Internal Combustion Engines Regulations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to approve the revisions to the Nashville/Davidson County portion of the Tennessee State Implementation Plan (SIP) submitted by the State of Tennessee for the purpose of revising the current regulations for the permit requirements for major sources of air pollution, including revisions to the general definitions, permit requirements, and the exemptions. Also included was a revision to the regulations for internal combustion engines. 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 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 this proposed 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. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

DATES: To be considered, comments must be received by June 30, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to Karen Borel, at the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, GA, 30303. Copies of the documents relative to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the visiting day. Reference file TN-160-01-9624. The Region 4 office may have additional

documents not available at the other locations.

Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (Air Docket 6102), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. [Contact Karen Borel, 404/562-9029].

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Air Pollution Control, 9th Floor L & C Annex, 401 Church Street, Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1531.

Bureau of Environmental Health Services, Metropolitan Health Department, Nashville-Davidson County, 311-23rd Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37203.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen C. Borel at (404) 562-9029.

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

Dated: April 22 1997.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 799

[OPPTS-42187H; FRL-5722-1]

RIN 2070-AC76

Proposed Test Rule for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Extension of Comment Period on Proposed Rule

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Extension of comment period on proposed test rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is extending the public comment period from June 30, 1997, to August 15, 1997, on the proposed rule to require the testing of 21 hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) for certain health effects. This proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** on June 26, 1996 (61 FR 33178)(FRL-4869-1). On March 28, 1997, EPA extended the public comment period from March 30, 1997, to June 30, 1997 (62 FR 14850)(FRL-5598-4).

DATES: Written comments on the proposed rule must be received by EPA on or before August 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit three copies of written comments on the proposed HAPs test rule, identified by document control number (OPPTS-42187A; FRL-4869-1) to: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Document Control Office (7407), Rm. G-099, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under Unit II. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Rm. ET-543B, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone 202-554-1404; TDD: 202-554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

For technical information contact: Richard W. Leukroth, Jr., Project Manager, Chemical Control Division (7405), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: 202-260-0321; fax: 202-260-8850; e-mail: leukroth.rich@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On June 26, 1996 (61 FR 33178), EPA proposed health effects testing, under section 4(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), of the following hazardous air pollutants (HAPs): 1,1'-biphenyl, carbonyl sulfide, chlorine, chlorobenzene, chloroprene, cresols [3 isomers], diethanolamine, ethylbenzene, ethylene dichloride, ethylene glycol, hydrochloric acid, hydrogen fluoride, maleic anhydride, methyl isobutyl ketone, methyl methacrylate, naphthalene, phenol, phthalic anhydride, 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene, 1,1,2-trichloroethane, and vinylidene chloride. EPA would use the data generated under the rule to implement several provisions of section 112 of the Clean Air Act and to meet other EPA data needs and those of other Federal agencies. In the HAPs proposal, EPA invited the submission of proposals for pharmacokinetics (PK) studies for the HAPs chemicals, which could provide the basis for negotiation of enforceable consent agreements (ECAs). These PK studies would be used to conduct route-to-route extrapolation of toxicity data from routes other than inhalation to predict the effects of inhalation

exposure, as an alternative to testing proposed under the HAPs rule.

On October 18, 1996, EPA extended the public comment period on the proposed rule from December 23, 1996, to January 31, 1997 (61 FR 54383) (FRL-5571-3). This extension was for the purpose of allowing more time for the submission of PK proposals and adequate time for comments on the proposed rule to be submitted after the Agency had responded to the proposals. EPA received several PK proposals. Due to the complexity of the issues raised by these proposals, EPA successively extended the public comment period (61 FR 67516, December 23, 1996 (FRL-5580-6); 62 FR 9142, February 28, 1997 (FRL-5592-1); 62 FR 14850, March 28, 1997 (FRL-5598-4)) to allow the Agency more time to respond to the PK proposals and to finalize the test guidelines to be referenced in the proposed HAPs test rule.

The HAPs proposed rule published on June 26, 1996 (61 FR 33178) provides that testing would be conducted using the harmonized guidelines developed by the Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances (OPPTS) that were proposed on June 20, 1996 (61 FR 31522) (FRL-5367-7). The process of developing these guidelines is proceeding at the same time as the development of the HAPs test rule. For the purposes of the proposed HAPs test rule and testing under TSCA section 4(a), the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) intends to promulgate final TSCA test guidelines. The Agency will solicit public comment on the applicability of the test guidelines to the HAPs rule and will follow this practice with respect to all future TSCA section 4(a) test rules. These guidelines will be published in the **Federal Register** as soon as possible but in any event no later than July 15, 1997.

EPA analysis of the PK proposals continue. The Agency intends to provide comments to all submitters of PK proposals as soon as possible but, at any event prior to the close of the comment period. EPA also recognizes that submitters may need to revise their proposals based on EPA comments. In addition, the Agency believes that the public should have adequate opportunity to comment on the development of ECAs based on the PK proposals. If the Agency finds the original or revised PK proposals acceptable, EPA will therefore announce, in the **Federal Register**, one or more public meetings to discuss the proposals and to negotiate ECAs based on the proposals. In that notice, the Agency will solicit persons interested in

participating in or monitoring negotiations for the development of ECAs based on the revised PK testing proposals. The procedures for ECA negotiations are described at 40 CFR 790.22(b).

The Agency emphasizes that the submission of proposals to develop ECAs to conduct alternative testing using PK is no guarantee that EPA and the submitters will, in fact, conclude such agreements. Therefore, EPA urges all submitters of PK proposals to comment on the HAPs proposed rule as an activity separate from the PK proposal/ECA process.

II. Public Record

The official record for this rulemaking, as well as the public version, has been established for this rulemaking under document control number [OPPTS-42187A; FRL-4869-1] (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official rulemaking record is located at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the document control number [OPPTS-42187A; FRL-4869-1]. Electronic comments on this proposed rule may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 799

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Hazardous substances, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: May 27, 1997.

Charles M. Auer,

Director, Chemical Control Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

Accordingly, EPA is extending the comment period on the proposed rule to August 15, 1997.

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