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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[NH-9-1-5823b; A-1-FRL-5969-5]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Hampshire; Revised Regulations and Source-Specific Reasonably Available Control Technology Plans Controlling Volatile Organic Compound Emissions and Emission Statement Requirements

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is proposing to approve State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the State of New Hampshire. These revisions consist of the State's volatile organic compound (VOC) regulations in Chapter Env-A 1204 (except 1204.06), certain testing and monitoring requirements in Chapter Env-A 800, and recordkeeping and reporting requirements in Chapter Env-A 900, all of which require the implementation of reasonably available control technology (RACT) for certain sources of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), as required by the Clean Air Act. These revisions also consist of source specific VOC RACT determinations for L.W. Packard and Company, Textile Tapes Corporation, and Kalwall Corporation. In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP revisions as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views these amendments 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 that direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives relevant adverse comments, the direct final rule will not take effect 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 April 9, 1998.

**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 Air Resources Division, Department of Environmental Services, 64 North Main Street, Caller Box 2033, Concord, NH 03302-2033.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeanne Cosgrove, (617) 565-9451.

**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 *et seq.*

Dated: February 9, 1998.

**John P. DeVillars,**

*Regional Administrator, Region I.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 62

[AR-2-2-5972b; FRL-5954-3]

#### Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants Arkansas; Revisions of Regulations

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action proposes to approve a recodification and revisions of the regulations for the Arkansas Plan for Designated Facilities and Pollutants (111(d) Plan) under section 111(d) of the Federal Clean Air Act. In the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving this revision to the Arkansas 111(d) Plan as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no adverse comments. The 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

EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn, and all public comments received during the 30-day comment period set forth below will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposed rule must be received in writing by April 9, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on this action should be addressed to Mr. Thomas H. Diggs, Chief, Planning Section, at the EPA Region 6 office listed below. Copies of documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. Anyone wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least two working days in advance.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

Arkansas Department of Pollution Control and Ecology, Division of Air Pollution Control, 8001 National Drive, P.O. Box 8913, Little Rock, Arkansas 72219-8913.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Deese of the Air Planning Section (6PD-L) at (214) 665-7253 of the EPA Region 6 Office and at the address above.

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

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

Dated: January 15, 1998.

**Lynda F. Carroll,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 721

[OPPTS-50630; FRL-5765-6]

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#### Sinorhizobium Meliloti Strain RMBPC-2; Proposed Significant New Use Rule

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is proposing a significant new use rule (SNUR) under section 5(a)(2) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for the microorganism