and providing the summaries to the members of NBSAC before the scheduled meeting on April 27, 1998. Because of reported delays in publication of that Notice in several recreational boating periodicals and the number of comments received just before and just after the close of the comment period, the Coast Guard is reopening the comment period to provide additional time for submission of public comment. All comments submitted in response to the original Notice are already in the docket. The Coast Guard will summarize all comments it receives during the comment period in response to this Notice and the original one, place a copy of the summary in the public docket, and provide copies to the members of NBSAC for them to consider at their meeting in October, 1998. (The Coast Guard will publish details of the exact time and place of the meeting in the Federal Register at a later date. The meeting will be open to the public.) It will itself consider all relevant comments in the formulation of any regulatory or nonregulatory measures that may follow from this notice.

Request for Comments

The Coast Guard encourages you to submit comments about the need for, and alternatives to, Federal requirements or incentives for boaters to wear lifejackets (personal flotation devices, or PFDs). In particular, it encourages you to answer the specific questions about these requirements or incentives for wearing lifejackets, which it developed in consultation with members of NBSAC at the meeting in April 1997. It also solicits comments from all segments of the boating community, State boating safety authorities, NBSAC, the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA), and other interested people, groups, and businesses on the economic and other impacts of Federal requirements or incentives for wearing PFDs.

Please include your name and address, identify this rulemaking [CGD 97–059] and the specific question or area of concern to which each comment applies, and give the reason(s) for each comment. Please submit two copies of all comments and attachments in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, to help us with copying and electronic filing. If you want us to acknowledge receipt of your comments, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.


James D. Hull,
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Acting Assistant Commandant for Operations.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[CA–169–0065; FRL–5979–6]

Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, South Coast Air Quality Management District

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve revisions to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). This action is an administrative change which revised various definitions in South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Rule 102, Definition of Terms.

The intended effect of proposing approval of this action is to incorporate changes to the definitions for clarity and consistency with revised Federal and state definitions. EPA is proposing approval of this revision to be incorporated into the California SIP for the attainment of the National ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for ozone under title I of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990 (CAA or the Act). 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 administrative change as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for this 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 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 action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received in writing by April 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to: Andrew Steckel, Rulemaking Office (AIR–4), Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105–3901.

Copies of the rule and EPA's evaluation report of the rule is available for public inspection at EPA's Region 9 office during normal business hours. Copies of the submitted rule revision is also available for inspection at the following locations:

Environmental Protection Agency, Air Docket (6102), 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460.

California Air Resources Board, Stationary Source Division, Rule Evaluation Section, 2020 "L" Street, Sacramento, CA 95812.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document concerns South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 102, Definition of Terms. This rule was submitted to EPA on March 26, 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 et seq.


Laura Yoshii,
Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 60

[AD–FRL–5976–4]

National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Petroleum Refineries

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This action proposes to revise monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements and correct equations of the "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Petroleum Refineries", which was issued as a final rule on August 18, 1995. This rule is commonly known as
the Petroleum Refineries NESHAP. Because the revisions reduce the burden of complying with the NESHAP without altering its applicability, stringency, or schedule, the Agency does not anticipate receiving adverse comments. Consequently the revisions are also being issued as a direct final rule in the final rules section of this Federal Register. If no significant adverse comments are timely received, no further action will be taken with respect to this proposal and the direct final rule will become final on the date provided in that action.

DATES: Comments. Comments must be received or postmarked on or before April 20, 1998. Additionally, a hearing will be convened if requests to speak are received by April 6, 1998. If a hearing is held, it will take place on April 13, 1998 beginning at 10:00 a.m. and the record on the hearing will remain open for 30 days after the hearing to provide an opportunity for submission of rebuttal and supplementary information.

ADDRESSES: Comments. Comments should be submitted (in duplicate, if possible) to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), Attention Docket Number A–93–48 (see docket section below), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460. The EPA requests that a separate copy also be sent to the contact person listed below.

Electronic Submittal of Comments

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at: A–and-R–Docket@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 6.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic format must be identified by the docket number A–93–48. Electronic comments on this proposed rule may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Public Hearing. If a public hearing is held, it will be held at the EPA's Office of Administration Auditorium, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina or at an alternate site nearby. Persons interested in attending the hearing or wishing to present oral testimony should notify Ms. JoLynn Collins, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541–5671.

Docket. Docket No. A–93–48, containing the supporting information for the original NESHAP and this action, is available for public inspection and copying between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the EPA's Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (MC–6102), 401 M Street SW, Washington DC 20460, or by calling (202) 260–7548. The docket is located at the above address in Room M–1500, Waterside Mall (ground floor). A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James Durham, Waste and Chemical Processes Group, Emission Standards Division (MD–13), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, telephone number (919) 541–5672.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 18, 1995, the EPA promulgated the "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Petroleum Refineries" (the "Petroleum Refineries NESHAP"). The NEHSAAP regulates hazardous air pollutants (HAP) emitted from new and existing refineries that are major sources of HAP emissions. The regulated category and entities affected by this action include:

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This table is not intended to be exhaustive but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be interested in the revisions to the regulation affected by this action. To determine whether your facility is regulated by this action, you should carefully examine all of the applicability criteria in 40 CFR 63.640. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the appropriate person listed in the preceding FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section.

If no significant, adverse comments are timely received, no further action is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule, and the direct final rule in the final rules section of this Federal Register will automatically go into effect on the date specified in that rule. If significant adverse comments are received the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comment received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. Because the Agency will not institute a second comment period on this proposed rule, any parties interested in commenting should do so during this comment period.

For further supplemental information, the detailed rationale, and the rule provisions, see the information provided in the direct final rule in the final rules section of this Federal Register.

Administrative Requirements

A. Executive Order 12866 Review

Under Executive Order 12866 [58 FR 51735, (October 4, 1993)], the Agency must determine whether the regulatory action is "significant" and therefore subject to OMB review and the requirements of the Executive Order. The Order defines a "significant regulatory action" as one that is likely to result in a rule that may:

1. Have an annual effect on the economy of $100 million or more or adversely affect in a material way the economy, a sector of the economy, productivity, competition, jobs, the environment, public health or safety, or State, local or tribal governments or communities;
2. Create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with an action taken or planned by another agency;
3. Materially alter the budgetary impact of entitlements, grants, user fees, or land programs or the rights and obligations of recipients thereof; or
4. Raise novel legal or policy issues arising out of legal mandates, the President's priorities, or the principles set forth in the Executive Order.

Because today's action revises monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements without altering the stringency or schedule of the Petroleum Refineries NESHAP or the ability of regulating authorities to ensure compliance with NESHAP, this rule was classified "non-significant" under Executive Order 12866 and, therefore was not reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget.

B. Paperwork Reduction Act

The information collection requirements in the promulgated Petroleum Refineries NESHAP rule have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq and have been assigned a control number 2060–0340. However, this approval has expired and the information collection request is currently in the reinstatement process. The information collection request has been revised to reflect the revisions to monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting requirements made by today's action. The collection of information has an estimated annual reporting and recordkeeping burden averaging 3,000 hours per respondent. This estimate includes time for reviewing
instructions; developing, acquiring, installing, and utilizing technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information, and disclosing and providing information; adjusting existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; completing and reviewing the collection of information; and transmitting or otherwise disclosing the information.

The burden estimate reflects an annual reduction of 13,200 technical hours, as compared to the estimate at promulgation, resulting from the revisions made by today's action.

C. Regulatory Flexibility

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) generally requires an agency to conduct a regulatory flexibility analysis of any rule subject to notice and comment rulemaking requirements unless the agency certifies that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Small entities include small businesses, small not-for-profit enterprises, and small governmental jurisdictions. This proposed rule would not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities because it decreases monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements and reduces the associated burden for all affected facilities, including small entities. Therefore, I certify that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

D. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA), Pub. L. 104–4, establishes requirements for Federal agencies to assess the effects of their regulatory actions on State, local, and tribal governments and the private sector. Under section 202 of the UMRA, EPA generally must prepare a written statement, including a cost-benefit analysis, for proposed and final rules with "Federal mandates" that may result in expenditures to State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or to the private sector, of $100 million or more in any one year. Before promulgating an EPA rule for which a written statement is needed, section 205 of the UMRA generally requires EPA to identify and consider a reasonable number of regulatory alternatives and adopt the least costly, most cost-effective or least burdensome alternative that achieves the objectives of the rule.

The provisions of section 205 do not apply when they are inconsistent with applicable law. Moreover, section 205 allows EPA to adopt an alternative other than the least costly, most cost-effective, or least burdensome alternative if the Administrator publishes with the final rule an explanation why that alternative was not adopted. Before EPA establishes any regulatory requirements that may significantly or uniquely affect small governments, including tribal governments, it must have developed under section 203 of the UMRA a small government agency plan. The plan must provide for notifying potentially affected small governments, enabling officials of affected small governments to have meaningful and timely input in the development of EPA regulatory proposals with significant Federal intergovernmental mandates, and informing, educating, and advising small governments on compliance with the regulatory requirements.

At the time of promulgation, EPA determined that the petroleum refineries NESHAP does not include a Federal mandate that may result in estimated costs of $100 million or more to either State, local, or tribal governments in the aggregate or to the private sector. This determination is not altered by today's action, the purpose of which is to reduce the burden associated with monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements. Thus, today's rule is not subject to the requirements of sections 202 and 205 of the UMRA.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 63

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Hazardous air pollutants, Petroleum refineries, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Storage vessels.


Carol M. Browner,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
40 CFR Part 62
[KS 044–1044b; FRL–5979–8]

Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants; Kansas; Control of Landfill Gas Emissions From Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to approve the Kansas state 111(d) plan for controlling landfill gas emissions from existing municipal solid waste (MSW) landfills. The plan was submitted to fulfill the requirements of the Clean Air Act. The state plan establishes emission limits for existing MSW landfills, and provides for the implementation and enforcement of those limits.

In the final rules section of the Federal Register, the EPA is approving the state's submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial action and anticipates no relevant adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no relevant adverse comments are received in response to this proposed rule, no further activity is contemplated and the direct final rule will become effective. If the EPA receives relevant 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: Comments on this proposed rule must be received in writing by April 20, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Wayne Kaiser, Environmental Protection Agency, Air Planning and Development Branch, 726 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Kaiser at (913) 551–7603.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the direct final rule which is located in the rules section of the Federal Register.


Diane K. Callier,
Acting Regional Administrator, Region VII.
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