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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rindy Ramos, Office of Air Quality (OAQ-107), EPA, 1200 6th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101, (206) 553-6510.

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

Dated: July 9, 1998.

**Chuck Clarke,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 10.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Parts 52 and 81

[CA-189-0078(b); FRL-6127-2]

#### Proposed Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans and Redesignation of the South Coast Air Basin in California to Attainment for Nitrogen Dioxide

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is proposing to approve an attainment and maintenance plan and grant a request submitted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to redesignate the South Coast Air Basin (South Coast) from nonattainment to attainment for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for Nitrogen Dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>). Under the Clean Air Act (CAA), designations can be revised if sufficient data are available to warrant such revisions. In this action, EPA is proposing to approve the attainment and maintenance plans as revisions to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP), and EPA is also proposing to grant the State's request to redesignate the South Coast to attainment because the plans and request meet the requirements set forth in the CAA.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received by August 24, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to the EPA contact below.

The rulemaking docket for this notice may be inspected and copied at the following location during normal business hours. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying parts of the docket. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Air Division, Air Planning Office (AIR-2), 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

Copies of the SIP materials are also available for inspection at the addresses listed below:

California Air Resources Board, 2020 L Street, Sacramento, CA 92123-1095  
South Coast Air Quality Management District, 21865 E. Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4182.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dave Jesson, Air Planning Office (AIR-2), Air Division, U.S. EPA, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901. Telephone: (415) 744-1288

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In this action, EPA is proposing to approve the South Coast NO<sub>2</sub> attainment and maintenance plans and grant California's request to redesignate the South Coast to attainment for NO<sub>2</sub>, because the plans and redesignation request meet the requirements set forth in the CAA.

In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP revision and granting the redesignation request as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial amendment and anticipates no relevant adverse comments. A detailed rationale for this approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no relevant adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. However, if EPA receives relevant adverse comments, then EPA will publish a document that withdraws the rule and informs the public that the rule will not take effect. EPA will then address those comments in a final action based upon this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

#### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Nitrogen dioxide, Intergovernmental relations, Oxides of nitrogen, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: July 8, 1998.

**Felicia Marcus,**

*Regional Administrator, Region IX.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Parts 1, 43, and 63

[IB Docket No. 98-118, FCC 98-149]

#### Biennial Review of International Common Carrier Regulations

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** On July 9, 1998, the Federal Communications Commission adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to further streamline the rules governing international common carriers. The Commission proposes to eliminate review of many international applications, reduce the scope of information that must be provided in applications, and clarify its rules so that carriers can more easily understand their obligations. The proposals will benefit U.S. consumers because they will eliminate unnecessary regulatory delay and will facilitate entrance into the international telecommunications market. The Commission believes that the proposed rules will lessen the regulatory burdens on applicants, authorized carriers, and the Commission by allowing carriers to operate more efficiently.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before August 10, 1998; and reply comments are due on or before August 25. Written comments by the public on the proposed information collections are due September 22, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, NW, Room 222, Washington, DC 20554. A copy of any comments on the information collections contained herein should be submitted to Judy Boley, Federal Communications Commission, Room 234, 1919 M Street, NW, Washington, DC 20554, or via the Internet to [jboley@fcc.gov](mailto:jboley@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Douglas Klein, Attorney-Advisor, Policy and Facilities Branch, Telecommunications Division, International Bureau, (202) 418-1470. For additional information concerning the information collections contained in this NPRM contact Judy Boley at 202-418-0214, or via the Internet at [jboley@fcc.gov](mailto:jboley@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, FCC 98-149, adopted on July 9, 1998. The full text of this NPRM is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center