

to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103; and the Maryland Department of the Environment, 2500 Broening Highway, Baltimore, Maryland 21224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maria A. Pino, (215) 814-2181, at the EPA Region III address above, or by e-mail at pino.maria@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the Direct Final action of the same title, pertaining to Maryland's major VOC source RACT and minor VOC source requirements, located in the Rules and Regulations Section of this **Federal Register**.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: August 12, 1998.

W. Michael McCabe,

Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[CA 20-7-0084b; FRL-6138-9]

Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, Bay Area 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) which concern the control of particulate matter (PM) emissions from open burning and visible emissions within the Bay Area Air Quality Management District.

The intended effect of proposing approval of these rules is to regulate emissions of PM in accordance with the requirements 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 as a noncontroversial revision amendment and anticipates no 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 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 rule. Any parties interested in commenting on this rule should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by October 5, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments 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 revisions and EPA's evaluation report of each rule are available for public inspection at EPA's Region 9 office during normal business hours. Copies of the submitted rule revisions are also available for inspection at the following locations:

Bay Area Air Quality Management District, 939 Ellis Street, San Francisco, CA 94109

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Irwin, (Rulemaking [AIR-4], Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901, Telephone: (415) 744-1903).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document concerns Bay Area Air Quality Management District Regulation 5, Open Burning, and Regulation 6, Visible Emissions, submitted to EPA on March 10, 1998 and May 13, 1991, respectively, by the California Air Resources Board. For further information, please see the information provided in the Direct Final action that is located in the Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: July 23, 1998.

Clyde Morris,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[MARAD 98-4395]

46 CFR Part 249

RIN No. 2133-AB 36

Approval of Underwriters for Marine Hull Insurance

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) is soliciting comments from interested persons concerning the need to amend the existing regulations governing the placement of marine hull insurance on subsidized and Title XI program vessels. The existing regulations were promulgated in 1988 and provided, among other things, the criteria and procedures for certain foreign underwriters to participate in the writing of hull insurance on MARAD program vessels.

DATES: Comments are requested by October 5, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Signed written comments should refer to the docket number that appears at the top of this document and must be submitted to the Docket Clerk, U.S. DOT Dockets, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. All comments received will be available for examination at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t. Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays. An electronic version of this document is available on the World Wide Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Edmond J. Fitzgerald, Director, Office of Subsidy and Insurance, Maritime Administration, Washington DC 20590. Telephone 202/366-2400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 1988 explanation of the final rulemaking (53 FR 23119) provided in part that:

Members of the Institute of London Underwriters (ILU) would remain eligible subject to prescribed trust fund and limitation on risk requirements. On the basis of a comment by one American carrier, the final rule specifically reserves MARAD's right to review this eligibility at any time.

It has come to MARAD's attention that the ILU and another London based insurance organization, the London International Insurance and Reinsurance Market Association (LIRMA) have voted to merge their two organizations in the near future. The new organization will be called the International Underwriters Association (IUA) of London. MARAD's