

(2) *Enhanced Communications.* Each vessel engaged in towing a tank barge must communicate by radio on marine band or Very High Frequency (VHF) channel 13 or 16, and issue security calls on marine band or VHF channel 13 or 16, upon approach to the following places:

(i) Execution Rock Light (USCG Light List No. [LLNR] 21440).

(ii) Race Rock Light (LLNR 19815).

(iii) Cable & Anchor Reef Buoy (LLNR 21330).

(iv) Stratford Shoal Middle Ground Light (LLNR 21260).

(v) Old Field Point Light (LLNR 21275).

(vi) Approaching Stratford Point from the south (NOAA Chart 12370).

(vii) Faulkner Island Light (LLNR 21170).

(viii) TE Buoy (LLNR 21160).

(ix) CF Buoy (LL 21140).

(x) PI Buoy (LLNR 21080) and Valiant Rock Buoy (LLNR 19825).

(xi) Approach to Point Judith in vicinity of Block Island ferry route.

(xii) Buzzards Bay Entrance Light (LLNR 630).

(xiii) Buzzards Bay Midchannel Lighted Buoy (LLNR 16055).

(xiv) Cleveland East Ledge Light (LLNR 16085).

(xv) Hog Island buoys 1 (LLNR 16130) and 2 (LLNR 16135).

(xvi) Approach to the Bourne Bridge.

(xvii) Approach to the Sagamore Bridge.

(xviii) Approach to the eastern entrance of Cape Code Canal.

(3) *Voyage Planning.* (i) The owner or operator of a towing vessel employed to tow a tank barge shall prepare a written voyage plan for each tank barge transit. The master of the towing vessel shall ensure the proper use of each voyage plan.

(ii) Except as provided in paragraph (d)(3)(iii) of this section, each voyage plan must contain:

(A) A description of the type, volume, and grade of cargo.

(B) Applicable information from nautical charts and publications, including Coast Pilot, Coast Guard Light List, and Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, for the destination(s).

(C) Current and forecasted weather, including visibility, wind, and sea state for the destination(s).

(D) Data on tides and tidal currents for the destination(s).

(E) Forward and after drafts of the tank barge, and under-keel vertical clearances for all port(s) and berthing area(s).

(F) Pre-departure checklists.

(G) Calculated speed and estimated time of arrival at proposed waypoints.

(H) Communication contacts at Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) (if applicable), bridges, and facilities, and port-specific requirements for VHF radio.

(I) The master's standing orders detailing closest points of approach, special conditions, and critical maneuvers.

(iii) Each owner or operator of a tank barge on an intra-port transit of not more than four hours may prepare a voyage plan that contains:

(A) The information described in paragraphs (d)(3)(ii) (C), (D), and (E) of this section.

(B) The channels of VHF radio to monitor.

(C) Other considerations such as availability of pilot, assist tug, berth, and line-handlers, depth of berth at mean low water, danger areas, and security calls.

(4) *Navigation Restriction Areas.*

Unless authorized by the cognizant COTP, no tank barge may operate in—

(i) The waters of Cape Cod Bay south of latitude 42° 5' North and east of longitude 70° 25' West; or

(ii) The waters of Fishers Island Sound east of longitude 72° 2' West, and west of longitude 71° 55' West.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[MN52-01-7277b; MN53-01-7278b; FRL-6162-3]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Minnesota

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: In this document, the EPA is proposing to approve revisions to Minnesota's State Implementation Plan (SIP) for sulfur dioxide (SO₂) in Air Quality Control Region (AQCR) 131. This revision amends two State Administrative Orders for two Northern States Power facilities: Inver Hills and Riverside.

In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, the USEPA is approving the State's request as a direct final rule without prior proposal because USEPA views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale

for approving the State's request is set forth in the direct final rule. The direct final rule will become effective without further notice unless the Agency receives relevant adverse written comment on this proposed rule within 30 days of today's publication. Should the Agency receive such comment, it will publish a document informing the public that the direct final rule will not take effect and such public comment received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. If no adverse comments are received, the direct final rule will take effect on the date stated in that document and no further activity will be taken on this proposed rule. USEPA does not plan to institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 12, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Carlton T. Nash, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following address: United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, Air and Radiation Division, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. (Please telephone Victoria Hayden at (312) 886-4023 before visiting the Region 5 Office.)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Victoria Hayden, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, Telephone Number (312) 886-4023.

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

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Reporting and recordkeeping.

Dated: September 3, 1998.

Gail Ginsberg,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region V.

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