

36 CFR Part 242 and 50 CFR Part 100, Subparts A, B, and C (57 FR 22940–22964). The Regional Councils advise the Federal Government on all matters related to the subsistence taking of fish and wildlife on public lands in Alaska and operate in accordance with provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

The identified Regional Council meetings will be open to the public. You are invited to attend these meetings, observe the proceedings, and provide comments to the Regional Councils.

Dated: January 20, 1999.

Ken Thompson,

Acting Regional Forester, USDA–Forest Service.

Dated: January 19, 1999.

Thomas H. Boyd,

Acting Chair, Federal Subsistence Board.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[GA–34–9902b; FRL–6227–6]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans Georgia: Approval of Revisions to the Georgia State Implementation Plan; Vehicle Inspection/Maintenance Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve the enhanced Inspection/Maintenance (I/M) program for the State of Georgia. The program had initially been given conditional interim approval under the terms of section 110 of the Clean Air Act (CAA) and section 348 of the National Highway Systems Designation Act (NHSDA), as noted in EPA's final conditional interim rule action in the August 11, 1997, **Federal Register**. Due to delays in implementing Phase 2 of the program, the Georgia enhanced I/M program had been disapproved on March 11, 1998, which triggered an eighteen month clock prior to the imposition of sanctions. This proposed approval action also would serve to stop the sanctions clock.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before March 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Scott Martin at the EPA Regional Office listed below. Copies of the documents relevant to this proposed rule are available for public inspection

during normal business hours at the following locations. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the day of the visit.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303–3104.

Air Protection Branch, Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Georgia Department of Natural Resources, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia 30354.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Martin at (404) 562–9036.

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

Dated: January 13, 1999.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 271

[FRL–6225–9]

Nevada: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to grant final authorization to the hazardous waste program revisions submitted by Nevada Department of Environmental Protection. In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is authorizing the State's program revisions as an immediate final rule without prior proposal because EPA views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the authorization is set forth in the immediate final rule. If no adverse written comments are received on this action, the immediate final rule will become effective and no further activity will occur in relation to this proposal. If EPA receives adverse written comments, EPA will withdraw the immediate final rule before its effective date by publishing a notice of withdrawal in the **Federal Register**. EPA will then respond to public comments in a later final rule based on this proposal. EPA may not provide further

opportunity for comment. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before March 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Mail written comments to Lisa McClain-Vanderpool, 75 Hawthorne St. (WST–3), San Francisco, CA 94105. You can examine copies of the materials submitted by Nevada during normal business hours at the following locations: U.S. EPA Region IX Library-Information Center, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, 415/744–1510; or Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Protection, 333 W. Nye Lane, Carson City, NV 89710, Phone: 702/687–5872.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa McClain-Vanderpool at the address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the immediate final rule published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: January 15, 1999.

Felicia Marcus,

Regional Administrator, Region 9.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 721

[OPPTS–50563A; FRL–6050–7]

RIN 2070–AB27

Diphenyl-2,4,6-Trimethylbenzoyl Phosphine Oxide; Withdrawal of Proposed Significant New Use Rule

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Withdrawal of proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is withdrawing a proposed significant new use rule (SNUR) for diphenyl-2,4,6-trimethylbenzoyl phosphine oxide based on receipt of new data. Based on the new data the Agency no longer finds that activities not described in the Premanufacture Notice (PMN) for this substance may result in significant changes in human or environmental exposure.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E–531, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, telephone: (202)

554-1404, TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability: Electronic copies of this document are available from the EPA Home Page at the **Federal Register-Environmental Documents** entry for this document under "Laws and Regulations" (<http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>).

In the **Federal Register** of February 2, 1988 (53 FR 2857), EPA proposed a SNUR to be codified at 40 CFR 721.855 establishing significant new uses for diphenyl-2,4,6-trimethylbenzoyl phosphine oxide. Because of additional data EPA has received for this substance, EPA is withdrawing this proposed rule.

I. Background

The Agency proposed the SNUR for diphenyl-2,4,6-trimethylbenzoyl phosphine oxide in the **Federal Register** of February 2, 1988 (53 FR 2857). The background and reasons for the SNUR are set forth in the preamble of the proposed rule. After the proposed SNUR, EPA received a 90-day oral subchronic study in rats for the substance. The study resulted in a No Observed Adverse Effect Level (NOAEL) of 100 milligrams/kilograms/day (mg/kg/day). There were effects noted in the liver, blood, and testes at 300 and 1000 mg/kg/day but there was no significant evidence of neurotoxic effects at any dose. EPA had expressed concerns for severe neurotoxicity hazard in the proposed SNUR. Based on this data, EPA no longer finds that activities not described in the PMN may result in significant changes in human exposure and is withdrawing the proposed rule.

II. Rationale for Withdrawal of the Proposed Rule

During review of the PMNs submitted for the chemical substance that is the subject of this withdrawal, EPA concluded that regulation was warranted based on available information that indicated activities not described in the PMN might result in significant changes in human exposure. Based on these findings, a SNUR was proposed.

Based on the submitted test data, EPA no longer finds that activities other than those described in the PMN may result in significant changes in human exposure. Therefore, EPA is withdrawing the proposed SNUR for this chemical substance. When this withdrawal is published in the **Federal Register**, export notification under section 12(b) of TSCA will no longer be required.

III. Public Record

The official record for this proposed rule, as well as the public version, has been established for this proposed rule under docket control number OPPTS-50563A (including comments and data submitted electronically). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC.

IV. Regulatory Assessment Requirements

A. Certain Acts and Executive Orders

This proposed rule does not impose any requirements. As such, this action does not require review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Executive Order 12866, entitled *Regulatory Planning and Review* (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993), the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, or Executive Order 13045, entitled *Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks* (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997). For the same reason, it does not require any action under Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA) (Pub. L. 104-4) or Executive Order 12898, entitled *Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations* (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994). In addition, since this type of action does not require any proposal, no action is needed under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*).

B. Executive Order 12875

Under Executive Order 12875, entitled *Enhancing the Intergovernmental Partnership* (58 FR 58093, October 28, 1993), EPA may not issue a regulation that is not required by statute and that creates a mandate upon a State, local, or tribal government, unless the Federal government provides the funds necessary to pay the direct compliance costs incurred by those governments. If the mandate is unfunded, EPA must provide to OMB a description of the extent of EPA's prior consultation with representatives of affected State, local, and tribal governments, the nature of their concerns, copies of any written communications from the governments, and a statement supporting the need to

issue the regulation. In addition, Executive Order 12875 requires EPA to develop an effective process permitting elected officials and other representatives of State, local, and tribal governments "to provide meaningful and timely input in the development of regulatory proposals containing significant unfunded mandates."

Today's proposed rule does not create an unfunded Federal mandate on State, local, or tribal governments. The proposed rule does not impose any enforceable duties on these entities. Accordingly, the requirements of section 1(a) of Executive Order 12875 do not apply to this proposed rule.

C. Executive Order 13084

Under Executive Order 13084, entitled *Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments* (63 FR 27655, May 19, 1998), EPA may not issue a regulation that is not required by statute, that significantly or uniquely affects the communities of Indian tribal governments, and that imposes substantial direct compliance costs on those communities, unless the Federal government provides the funds necessary to pay the direct compliance costs incurred by the tribal governments. If the mandate is unfunded, EPA must provide to OMB, in a separately identified section of the preamble to the rule, a description of the extent of EPA's prior consultation with representatives of affected tribal governments, a summary of the nature of their concerns, and a statement supporting the need to issue the regulation. In addition, Executive Order 13084 requires EPA to develop an effective process permitting elected officials and other representatives of Indian tribal governments "to provide meaningful and timely input in the development of regulatory policies on matters that significantly or uniquely affect their communities."

Today's proposed rule does not significantly or uniquely affect the communities of Indian tribal governments. This proposed rule does not involve or impose any requirements that affect Indian tribes. Accordingly, the requirements of section 3(b) of Executive Order 13084 do not apply to this proposed rule.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 721

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Hazardous substances, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: January 19, 1999.

Charles M. Auer,

Director, Chemical Control Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

48 CFR Part 829

RIN 2900-AJ32

VA Acquisition Regulation: Taxes

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This rule proposes to amend the Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) by deleting procedures and controls prescribed in the VAAR whereby facilities or institutions owned or controlled by State Governments, territories, and the District of Columbia, under supervision of a Federal agency, can obtain tax-free tobacco products for gratuitous distribution to present and former members of the Armed Forces of the United States. These procedures and controls are inconsistent with VA policy against promotion of the use of tobacco products. Accordingly, we propose to delete the provisions concerning tax-free tobacco products. Further, this document proposes to remove provisions stating that contracting officers will submit requests for legal advice, through channels, to the General Counsel. These provisions are internal VA instructions to contracting officers and are not required to be published in the **Federal Register** or the Code of Federal Regulations. In addition, this document proposes to remove provisions stating that the VAAR contains refund procedures for State and local taxes, since the VAAR does not contain such provisions.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Mail or hand-deliver written comments to: Director, Office of Regulations Management (02D), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Room 1154, Washington, DC 20420. Comments should indicate that they are submitted in response to "RIN 2900-AJ32." All written comments will be available for public inspection in the Office of Regulations Management, Room 1158, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Don Kaliher, Acquisition Policy Team (95A), Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20420, telephone number (202) 273-8819.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary hereby certifies that this rule would not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), 5 U.S.C. 601-612. This rule would have a minuscule effect, if any, on small businesses. Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), this rule is exempt from the initial and final regulatory flexibility analysis requirements of sections 603 and 604.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 829

Government procurement, Taxes.

Approved: January 22, 1999.

Togo D. West, Jr.,

Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 48 CFR parts 829 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 829—TAXES

1. The authority citation for part 829 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501 and 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

2. Section 829.000 is revised to read as follows:

829.000 Scope of part.

This part prescribes policies and procedures for exemptions from Federal excise taxes imposed on alcohol products purchased for use in the Department of Veterans Affairs medical care program.

Subpart 829.1—[Removed]

3. Subpart 829.1 consisting of section 829.101 is removed.

829.270 through 829-270-2 [Removed]

4. Sections 829.270 through 829.270-2 are removed.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

50 CFR Part 17

RIN 1018-AF30

Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Extension of Comment Period on Proposed Special Regulations for the Preble's Meadow Jumping Mouse

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) provides notice that the comment period on the Service's proposal to establish special regulations for the conservation of the Preble's meadow jumping mouse (*Zapus hudsonius preblei*) (63 FR 66777, December 3, 1998) is extended through March 5, 1999. The Service notes that revisions of Mouse Protection Areas and Potential Mouse Protection Areas referenced in the December 3, 1998, proposed rule are available for review. **DATES:** The public comment period, which was originally to close on February 1, 1999, is extended for an additional 31 days and now closes on March 5, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and materials should be sent to Colorado Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 25486, Denver Federal Center, Denver, Colorado 80225. Comments and materials received will be available for inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours, at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Colorado Field Office, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 361, Lakewood, Colorado.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: LeRoy W. Carlson, Colorado Field Supervisor, telephone 303/275-2370, facsimile 303/275-2371 (see **ADDRESSES** section).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Preble's meadow jumping mouse, a small rodent in the family Zapodidae, is known to occur only in eastern Colorado and southeastern Wyoming. It lives primarily in heavily vegetated riparian habitats and immediately adjacent upland habitats. Habitat loss and degradation caused by agricultural, residential, commercial, and industrial development have resulted in concern over its continued existence.

On May 13, 1998, the Service published a final rule (63 FR 26517) to