

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Parts 52 and 81**

[CT008-7210b; A-1-FRL-6224-9]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans and Designations of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Connecticut; Enhanced Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program; Approval of Maintenance Plan, Carbon Monoxide Redesignation Plan and Emissions Inventory for the Connecticut Portion of the New York-N. New Jersey-Long Island Area

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing conditional approval of a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Connecticut. This revision establishes and requires implementation of a motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving with conditions the State's SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives relevant adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

The EPA is also reproposing the redesignation request and maintenance plan for the Connecticut portion of the New York-N. New Jersey-Long Island Area carbon monoxide nonattainment area to attainment for carbon monoxide (CO) that was originally proposed for approval on November 2, 1998 (62 FR 58637) in the **Federal Register**. Based on public comments received on the original proposal and direct final rulemaking, EPA is removing the amendments published on that date in

a separate document in this **Federal Register**.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before April 9, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Susan Studlien, Deputy Director, Office of Ecosystem Protection (mail code CAA), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress St., Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02114-2023. Copies of the State submittal and EPA's technical support document are available for public inspection during normal business hours, by appointment at the Office of Ecosystem Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, 11th floor, Boston, MA and (the Bureau of Air Management, Department of Environmental Protection, State Office Building, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-1630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Hagerty, (617) 918-1049 or Jeff Butensky, (617) 918-1665.

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

Dated: January 15, 1999.

John P. DeVillars,

Regional Administrator, Region I.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 52**

[CT-17-1-6536b; A-1-FRL-6225-3]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; VOC RACT Catch-up

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Connecticut. This action approves a revision to the Connecticut State Implementation Plan (SIP). The revision consists of approving revisions to subsections 22a-174-20(s), 22a-174-20(v), and 22a-174-20(ee) of Connecticut's regulations, which define reasonably available control technology (RACT) for certain types of sources of

volatile organic compounds (VOCs), as meeting the requirements of the CAA.

This action also involves the conditional approval of a new section 22a-174-32 which defines RACT for certain types of sources of VOCs. In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, 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 the 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. 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. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this proposal. Any parties interested in commenting on this proposal should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before April 9, 1999.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven A. Rapp, at (617) 918-1048 or at Rapp.Steve@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV.

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

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

Dated: January 15, 1999.

John P. DeVillars,

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