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Interested persons should note that additional information regarding the workshop will be posted on FDA's web site "www.cfsan.fda.gov", as it becomes available. Accordingly, such persons are encouraged to visit that web site on a regular basis until the workshop convenes.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the **Federal Register** of July 8, 1998 (63 FR 37030), FDA published a final regulation that required a warning statement on fruit and vegetable juice products that have not been processed to prevent, reduce, or eliminate pathogenic microorganisms that may be present in such juices. The regulation provides that the warning statement requirement does not apply to a juice that has been processed in a manner that will result in, at a minimum, a reduction in the pertinent microorganism of at least a 5-log magnitude (i.e., 100,000 fold). In the preamble to the proposed rule (63 FR 20486, April 24, 1998), FDA recognized that pasteurization is a process that can produce the 5-log reduction. The agency also noted that manufacturers may be able to use other technologies and practices, individually or in combination, to achieve the 5-log reduction, provided that the manufacturer's process is validated to achieve the 5-log reduction in the target microorganism.

In the preamble to the final regulation, FDA indicated it would be willing to meet with manufacturers or groups of manufacturers to discuss and evaluate their proposed processes. FDA also stated that in order to help processors meet the pathogen reduction standard, the agency would make available, in accordance with part 20 (21 CFR part 20) of its regulations, information received by the agency regarding processes that have been validated to achieve a 5-log reduction.

The July 15 and 16, 1999, workshop will include a discussion of the control measures, that FDA is aware of, that can be used for apple cider production and of the methods for measuring and validating the effectiveness of measures in reducing pathogens. At the beginning of the workshop, a proceedings document will be provided to registered participants.

FDA believes that this workshop will also provide an opportunity for industry

representatives and other members of the public to discuss information regarding control measures that are believed to achieve the 5-log reduction. Participants are requested to bring to the workshop at least 50 copies of any written or published materials they wish to distribute. Agency experts will be available to answer technical food safety questions.

A video recording of the proceedings will be prepared; copies of the video may be requested in writing from the Freedom of Information Office (HFI-35), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, rm. 12A-16, Rockville, MD 20857, approximately 15-working days after the meeting. The video recording of the meeting, submitted comments, and materials for distribution will be available for public examination at the Dockets Management Branch (address above) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: June 21, 1999.

**Margaret M. Dotzel,**

*Acting Associate Commissioner for Policy Coordination.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[CA 207-155; FRL 6366-3]

#### Partial Withdrawal of Direct Final Rule for Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, South Coast Air Quality Management District

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

**ACTION:** Partial withdrawal of direct final rule.

**SUMMARY:** Due to an adverse comment, EPA is withdrawing the addition of a paragraph that was included as part of a direct final rule for the approval of revisions to the California State Implementation Plan. EPA published the direct final rule on May 4, 1999 (64 FR 23774), approving revisions of rules from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). As stated in that **Federal Register** document, if adverse or critical comments were received by June 3, 1999, the rule would be withdrawn and it would not take effect. EPA subsequently received one adverse comment on one provision of that direct final rule and is withdrawing that provision. EPA will address the

comment received in a subsequent final action in the near future. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action.

**DATES:** The addition of 40 CFR 52.220(c)(254)(i)(D)(2) is withdrawn as of June 25, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Andrew Steckel, Rulemaking Office (AIR-4), Air Division, U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, Telephone: (415) 744-1185.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** See the information provided in the direct final rule located in the final rules section of the May 4, 1999 **Federal Register**, and in the proposed rule published in the May 4, 1999 (64 FR 23813) **Federal Register**. EPA received an adverse comment only on the addition of § 52.220(c)(254)(i)(D)(2), and we are withdrawing only that provision of the direct final rule. The other actions in the May 4, 1999 **Federal Register** are not affected.

### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Hydrocarbons, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Volatile organic compounds.

Dated: June 19, 1999.

**David P. Howekamp,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.*

Accordingly, the addition of § 52.220(c)(254)(i)(D)(2) is withdrawn as of June 25, 1999.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 69

[FRL-6367-1]

#### State of Alaska Petition for Exemption From Diesel Fuel Sulfur Requirements

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** In this action, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is granting areas of Alaska served by the Federal Aid Highway System a temporary exemption from EPA's sulfur and dye requirements for highway diesel fuel until January 1, 2004. EPA is not making a final decision at this time