

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****40 CFR Part 52**

[MA-19-01-5892b; A-1-FRL-6421-7]

**Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Massachusetts; Volatile Organic Compound Regulations****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is proposing to approve a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This revision establishes reasonably available control technology (RACT) emission limits for certain industrial categories. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is fully approving the majority of the Commonwealth's SIP revision. With regard to Massachusetts Regulation 310 CMR 7.18(17), however, EPA is granting approval to this regulation only as it is applicable to the Springfield Massachusetts ozone nonattainment area (Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, and Hampshire counties). EPA is approving these regulations as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency 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 the direct final 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 proposal. Any parties interested in commenting on this proposal should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before October 4, 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, Suite 1100, One Congress Street, Boston, MA 02214-2023. 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 at the Division of Air Quality Control, Department of

Environmental Protection, One Winter Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeanne Cosgrove, (617) 918-1669.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information, see the direct final rule which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: June 23, 1999.

**John P. DeVillars,***Regional Administrator, Region I.*

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[IB Docket No. 98-96, DA 99-1653]

**Maritime Radio Accounting Authorities****AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This document extends the time to file comments concerning the Commission's Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking ("Further Notice") adopted on June 21, 1999. Comments on the Further Notice were due on or before August 23, 1999, and Reply Comments were due on or before September 8, 1999. In response to a request for an extension of time, on August 18, 1999, the Commission extended the time to file comments.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 25, 1999; reply comments must be submitted on or before November 29, 1999.**ADDRESSES:** All supplemental comments and supplemental reply comments should be addressed to: Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. All comments and reply comments will be available for public inspection during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center (Room CY-A257) at 445 12th St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Copes, Attorney-Advisor, Multilateral and Development Branch, Telecommunications Division, International Bureau, (202) 418-1478.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

1. On August 16, 1999, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) filed a motion to extend the date for filing comments in the captioned proceeding from August

23, 1999, to October 25, 1999; and to extend the date for filing reply comments from September 8, 1999, to November 29, 1999. NTIA asserts that it needs more time to prepare cost information. The Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking required it to submit.

2. Although we do not routinely grant extensions of time, See 47 CFR 1.46(a), we believe that extending the comment date in this case will serve the public interest by allowing NTIA to prepare its cost information. We believe that an extension to October 25, 1999, will provide sufficient time for NTIA to prepare its comments. Interested parties may view the comments filed in this proceeding from the Commission's Reference Information Center (Room CY-A257) at 445 12th St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. Copies of the comments filed in this proceeding are also available for purchase from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc. ("ITS"), 1231 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

3. Accordingly, *it is ordered*, pursuant to 47 CFR 0.261, that the date for filing comments in this proceeding is extended until October 25, 1999, and that the date for filing reply comments is extended until November 29, 1999.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Roderick Kelvin Porter,***Deputy Chief, International Bureau.*

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**Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Applications for Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs)****AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.**ACTION:** Notification of experimental fishing proposal; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces that the Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator), is considering approval of two EFPs to conduct experimental fishing activities. EFPs would allow vessels to conduct operations otherwise restricted by