

Dated: June 8, 2000.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[MD 080-3037; FRL-6716-9]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Withdrawal of Proposed Rule

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Withdrawal of notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: On January 26, 1999 (64 FR 3906), EPA proposed to approve the State of Maryland's regulations for Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x) Budget Program (commonly referred to as the NO_x Budget Rule) as a revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP). Prior to our taking any final rulemaking, Maryland informed us that it was revising the rule. On November 18, 1999, Maryland submitted a new SIP revision request to EPA which consists of the revised version of its NO_x Budget Rule. Because the State of Maryland has now submitted the revised version of its NO_x Budget Rule as a SIP revision, we are withdrawing our January 26, 1999 proposed rule on the old version. EPA will initiate a new and separate rulemaking on the Maryland's November 18, 1999 SIP revision submittal.

DATES: This proposed rule is withdrawn as of June 16, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cristina Fernandez (215) 814-2178, or by e-mail at fernandez.cristina@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: June 2, 2000.

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Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 261

[FRL-6716-4]

Project XL Site-Specific Rulemaking for the IBM Semiconductor Manufacturing Facility in Essex Junction, VT

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is today proposing this rule to implement a pilot project under the Project XL program that would provide site-specific regulatory flexibility under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), as amended, for the International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) semiconductor manufacturing facility in Essex Junction, Vermont. The principal objective of this IBM Vermont XL project is to determine whether the wastewater treatment sludge resulting from an innovative copper metallization process (i.e., an electroplating operation) should be designated a RCRA hazardous waste (F006), and thus be subject to RCRA regulatory controls. If, as a result of this XL project, the Agency determines that the wastewater treatment sludge (which does not otherwise exhibit a hazardous characteristic) need not be subject to RCRA hazardous waste regulations to be protective of human health and the environment and removes such sludges from the hazardous waste program, this would not only enhance the cost-effectiveness of the innovative process by removing the costs of such regulatory controls, but could also encourage the development and installation of this innovative process (or similar ones) by other semiconductor manufacturers. To achieve this, today's proposed rule, when finalized, will provide an exemption of the copper metallization process from the narrative listing description of electroplating operations that result in an F006 wastewater treatment sludge.

DATES: *Public Comments:* Comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before July 17, 2000. All comments should be submitted in writing to the address listed below.

Public Hearing: Commenters may request a public hearing by June 30, 2000 during the public comment period. Commenters requesting a public hearing should specify the basis for their request. If EPA determines that there is

sufficient reason to hold a public hearing, it will do so by July 7, 2000, during the last week of the public comment period. Requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the address below.

ADDRESSES: *Comments:* Written comments should be mailed to the RCRA Information Center Docket Clerk (5305W), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20460. Please send an original and two copies of all comments, and refer to Docket Number F-2000-IBMP-FFFFF.

Request to Speak at Hearing: Requests for a hearing should be mailed to the RCRA Information Center Docket Clerk (5305G), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, D.C. 20460. Please send an original and two copies of all comments, and refer to Docket Number F-2000-IBMP-FFFFF. A copy should also be sent to Mr. John Moskal at the U.S. EPA New England office. Mr. John Moskal may be contacted at the following address: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, New England (SPP), One Congress St., Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02114, (617) 918-1826.

Viewing Project Materials: A docket containing the proposed rule, draft Final Project Agreement, supporting materials, and public comments is available for public inspection and copying at the RCRA Information Center (RIC), located at Crystal Gateway, 1235 Jefferson Davis Highway, First Floor, Arlington, Virginia. The RIC is open from 9 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays. The public is encouraged to phone in advance to review docket materials. Appointments can be scheduled by phoning the Docket Office at (703) 603-9230. Refer to RCRA docket number F-2000-IBMP-FFFFF. The public may copy a maximum of 100 pages from any regulatory docket at no charge. Additional copies cost 15 cents per page. Project materials are also available for review for today's action on the world wide web at <http://www.epa.gov/projectxl/>.

A duplicate copy of the docket is available for inspection and copying at U.S. EPA New England, One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (LIB), Boston MA 02114-2023 during normal business hours. Persons wishing to view the duplicate docket at the Boston location are encouraged to contact Mr. John Moskal or Mr. George Frantz in advance, by telephoning (617) 918-1826 or (617) 918-1883, respectively.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John Moskal or Mr. George Frantz, U.S.