I. What Action Is EPA Taking Today?

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II. Where Can I Find More Information About This Proposal and the Corresponding Direct Final Rule?

For additional information see the direct final rule published in the rules section of this Federal Register.

Dated: June 12, 2000.

David A. Ullrich,
Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve revised opacity limits for three casting complexes at ALCOA Warrick Operations, which were submitted by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) on January 13, 2000 as amendments to its State Implementation Plan (SIP).

ALCOA Warrick Operations is a primary aluminum smelter located in Newburgh, Indiana. The revised limits allow higher opacity emissions during fluxing operations at three casting complexes. This action does not reverse applicable mass emissions limits.

DATES: EPA must receive written comments by August 4, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You should mail written comments to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR–18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

You may inspect copies of the State submittal and EPA’s analysis of it at: Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR–18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Pohlman, Environmental Scientist, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR–18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886–3299.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Throughout this document wherever “we,” “us,” or “our” are used we mean EPA.

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SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve effluent limitations guidelines, pretreatment standards, and new source performance standards for the Centralized Waste Treatment (CWT) Point Source Category to limit effluent discharges to waters of the United States and the introduction of pollutants into publicly owned treatment works. The comment period for the proposal closed on March 15, 1999.

In the CWT proposal, EPA noted plans for a validation study for several pollutants found during EPA’s data gathering, using EPA Methods 625 and 1625. Today, EPA invites comment on the validation data for the pollutants included in the CWT proposal. EPA plans to use these data to support the use of EPA Methods 625 and 1625, as amended, in the upcoming final CWT rule, and to establish performance criteria for the additional analytes. EPA is soliciting comment only on the new information and data being made available today.

Today’s document also provides notice that EPA will clarify the scope of recently-published amendments to EPA Methods 625 and 1625 for the Landfills Point Source Category.

DATES: Submit an original and three copies of your comments on or before August 4, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Please send an original and 3 copies of your comments and enclosures (including references) to “Centralized Waste Treatment—Notice of Data Availability,” W–98–21 Comment Clerk, Water Docket (MC–4101), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Ariel Rios Building, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460. Hand deliveries should be delivered to: EPA’s Water Docket at 401 M St., SW, Room EB–57, Washington, DC.

Commenters who want EPA to acknowledge receipt of their comments should enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. No facsimiles (faxes) will be accepted. Comments may also be submitted electronically to ow-docket@epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII, WP5.1, WP6.1 or WP8 file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Electronic comments must be identified by the docket number [W–98–21]. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WP5.1, WP6.1, WP8 or ASCII file format. Electronic comments on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

The record for this rulemaking has been established under docket number [W–98–21], and includes supporting documentation as well as printed, paper versions of electronic comments. The record is available for inspection from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays, at EPA’s Water Docket, 401 M St., Room EB–57, SW., Washington, DC. For access to docket number, please call 202/260–3027 to schedule an appointment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Maria Gomez-Taylor, Engineering and Analysis Division (MC–4303), USEPA Office of Science and Technology, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, Ariel Rios Building, N.W. Washington, D.C., 20460, or call (202) 260–1639.