

EPA is proposing to take, we find it appropriate that we provide additional time for interested and affected parties to submit comments. All comments received by EPA on or prior to August 31, 2000 will be considered in the development of a final rule.

**DATES:** All comments regarding EPA's notice of proposed rulemaking issued on June 26, 2000 must be received by EPA on or before close of business August 31, 2000 instead of July 26, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be submitted to:

*On paper.* Send paper comments (in duplicate, if possible) to the Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), Attention: Docket No. A-2000-13, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-7548.

*Electronically.* Send electronic comments to EPA at: A-and-R-Docket@epa.gov. Avoid sending confidential business information (CBI). We accept comments as e-mail attachments or on disk. Either way, they must be in WordPerfect version 5.1, 6.1 or Corel 8 file format. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption. You may file your comments on this proposed rule online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Be sure to identify all comments and data by docket number A-2000-13.

*Public inspection.* You may read the proposed rule (including paper copies of comments and data submitted electronically, minus anything claimed as CBI) at the Office of Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center located 3 at 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. They are available for public inspection from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Questions about the proposal should be addressed to Gary Blais, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Air Quality Strategies and Standards Division, Integrated Policy and Strategies Group, MD-15, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-3223 or e-mail to blais.gary@epa.gov. To ask about policy matters specifically regarding Northern Ada County/Boise, call Bonnie Thie, EPA Region 10, Office of Air Quality (OAQ-107), EPA, Seattle, Washington, (206) 553-1189.

Dated: July 19, 2000.

**Henry C. Thomas, Jr.,**  
*Acting Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[TX-125-1-7463b; FRL-6840-2]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Texas; Revisions to Emergency Episode Plan Regulations

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA is proposing to approve revisions to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission emergency episode plan regulations in the Texas State Implementation Plan (SIP). These revisions update statutory citations, update references to the commission, and change various wordings to improve readability.

In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because EPA views this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no adverse comment. The EPA has explained its reasons for this approval in the preamble to the direct final rule. If EPA receives no relevant adverse comment, EPA will not take further action on this proposed rule. If EPA receives relevant adverse comment, EPA will withdraw the direct final rule and it will not take effect. The EPA will address all public comments in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received by August 25, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to Mr. Thomas H. Diggs, Chief, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), at the EPA Region 6 Office listed below. Copies of documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. Anyone wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least two working days in advance.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Air Planning Section (6PD-L),

1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Office of Air Quality, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Deese of the EPA Region 6 Air Planning Section at (214) 665-7253 at the address above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document concerns revisions to the emergency episode plan regulations in the Texas SIP. For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action that is located in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register** publication.

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

Dated: July 14, 2000.

**Julie Jensen,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[PA158-4103b; FRL-6735-8]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; Approval of Revisions to Volatile Organic Compounds Regulations

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The revisions remove the alternate emission reduction limitations for the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company (3M) located in Bristol, Pennsylvania, and make corrections to certain VOC regulations to make them consistent with federal requirements. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the Commonwealth'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 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.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing by August 25, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to David L. Arnold, Chief, Ozone and Mobile Sources Branch, Mailcode 3AP21, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources, Bureau of Air Quality Control, P.O. Box 8468, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mrs. Kelly L. Bunker, (215) 814-2177, at the EPA Region III address above, or by e-mail at [bunker.kelly@epa.gov](mailto:bunker.kelly@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action, with the same title, that is located in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register** publication.

Dated: June 30, 2000.

**Bradley M. Campbell,**

*Regional Administrator, Region III.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 271

[FRL-6840-6]

#### INDIANA: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA proposes to grant final authorization to the hazardous waste program revisions submitted by Indiana. In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is authorizing the State's program revisions as an immediate final rule without prior proposal because EPA views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. The Agency has explained the reasons for this authorization in the preamble to

the immediate final rule. If EPA does not receive adverse written comments, the immediate final rule will become effective and the Agency will not take further action on this proposal. If EPA receives adverse written comments, EPA will withdraw the immediate final rule and it will not take effect. EPA will then address public comments in a later final rule based on this proposal. EPA may not provide further opportunity for comment. Any parties interested in commenting on this action must do so at this time.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before August 25, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail written comments to Gary Westefer, Indiana Regulatory Specialist, United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 5, DM-7J, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, telephone (312) 886-7450. You can examine copies of the materials submitted by Indiana during normal business hours at the following locations: EPA Region 5, contact Gary Westefer at the above address and telephone number; or Lynn West, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, 100 North Senate, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46206, telephone: (317) 232-3593.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Westefer at (312) 886-7450.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information, please see the immediate final rule published in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: June 23, 2000.

**Francis X. Lyons,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 5.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Coast Guard

#### 46 CFR Part 15

[USCG 1999-6097]

#### Federal Pilotage for Foreign-Trade Vessels in Maryland

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of termination.

**SUMMARY:** The Coast Guard undertook this rulemaking to ensure that vessels under way on the navigable waterways within the State of Maryland are navigated by competent, qualified persons, knowledgeable in the local area and accountable to either the State or the Coast Guard. The rulemaking might

have required that vessels engaged in foreign trade be under the direction and control of federally-licensed pilots when not under the direction and control of State-licensed pilots. The passage of Senate Bill (SB) 237 entitled "State Board of Docking Masters" by the General Assembly of Maryland, and the signing into law of the Bill, by the Governor of the State, have rendered a federal rule unnecessary.

**DATES:** On July 26, 2000, the Coast Guard terminates further rulemaking under docket number USCG 1999-6097.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** LT Alan Blume, Project Manager, Waterways Management Division (G-MWP), (202) 267-0550.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under 46 U.S.C. 8503(a), the Secretary of Transportation may require a federally-licensed pilot to be aboard a self-propelled vessel engaged in foreign trade and operating on the navigable waters of the United States when State law does not require a pilot. This requirement terminates under 46 U.S.C. 8503(b) when a State having jurisdiction establishes a superseding requirement for a State pilot and notifies the Secretary (in practice, the Coast Guard) of that fact. According to 46 CFR part 15, federal pilots must be aboard vessels engaged in foreign trade while operating on certain navigable waters within California, Hawaii, Massachusetts, and New York and New Jersey. The Coast Guard had determined that a similar rule was necessary for the waters of Maryland, particularly the Port of Baltimore. On October 21, 1999, it published the NPRM "Federal Pilotage for Foreign-Trade Vessels in Maryland" [64 FR 57620]. It also held a public meeting on March 1, 2000 [65 FR 6350] to gather comments. It purposely delayed action on this NPRM, allowing the State time to consider its own law on the issue of pilotage.

Commercial vessels transit the navigable waters of Maryland carrying various types of freight, oil, and hazardous substances and materials, as well as large quantities of bunkers. The previous law of Maryland [General Statutes of Maryland, § 11-501] required every foreign vessel and every domestic vessel sailing on register to use a State-licensed pilot, except when the vessel was under the control of a docking master while maneuvering during berthing or unberthing or was shifting within a port with tug assistance. The new Maryland law entitled "State Board of Docking Masters", removes the exemption and requires that all movements of foreign vessels and domestic vessels sailing on register