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Dated: February 1, 2001.

Greg E. Shapley,

Chief, Bridge Administration, Seventh Coast Guard District.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 31 and 35

[FRL-6943-5]

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Environmental Program Grants for Tribes, Final Rule: Delay of Effective Date

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule; delay of effective date.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the memorandum of January 20, 2001, from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, entitled "Regulatory Review Plan," published in the **Federal Register** on January 24, 2001, this action temporarily delays for 60 days the effective date of the rule entitled Environmental Program Grants for Tribes, published in the **Federal Register** on January 16, 2001, 66 FR 3781. This rule concerns several Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant programs for Indian Tribes and Intertribal Consortia. It creates a new Tribal-specific subpart which contains only the provisions for environmental program grants that apply to Tribes and addresses the Performance Partnership Grant program for Tribes.

DATES: The effective date of the Environmental Program Grants for Tribes regulation amending 40 CFR parts 31 and 35 published in the **Federal Register** on January 16, 2001, at 66 FR 3781, is delayed for 60 days, from February 15, 2001, to a new effective date of April 17, 2001.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The temporary 60-day delay in effective date is necessary to give Agency officials the opportunity for further review and consideration of new regulations, consistent with the Assistant to the President's memorandum of January 20, 2001. This action involves matters relating to grants and under 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2) is thus exempt from the notice and comment requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act.

Dated: January 29, 2001.

David J. O'Connor,

Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Administration and Resources Management.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

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Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Rhode Island; Enhanced Motor Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is approving a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Rhode Island. This revision establishes and requires the implementation of an enhanced motor vehicle inspection and maintenance program. The intended effect of this action is to approve this program. This action is being taken in accordance with the Clean Air Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule will become effective on March 12, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours, by appointment at the Office of Ecosystem Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA-New England, One Congress Street, 11th floor, Boston, MA; Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Room M-1500, 401 M Street, (Mail Code 6102), SW., Washington, DC; and Department of Environmental Management, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Supplementary Information section is organized as follows:

- I. What action is EPA taking today?
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- III. What emission reduction credit may Rhode Island assume in the interim until the EPA has information available to assign appropriate credit?
- IV. EPA Action.
- V. Administrative Requirements.

I. What Action is EPA Taking Today?

In this action we are approving the submittal of an enhanced motor vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) program submitted by Rhode Island as a formal SIP revision on January 19, 2001. We are also approving an interim level of emission reduction credit for Rhode Island to use for planning purposes. This action was proposed on December 18, 2000 in the **Federal Register** (65 FR79040) and no comments were received on the proposal.¹

II. What Deficiencies Were Identified in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and How Did Rhode Island Address Them?

In order to meet certain requirements of EPA's I/M rule, Rhode Island was required to include in its final submittal: (1) a commitment to maintain a 96% compliance rate (or revise the SIP accordingly), (2) the appropriate enforcement oversight provisions for the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), and (3) a demonstration of the performance of its test-and-repair network. The final SIP submittal from Rhode Island address each of these requirements. Section 2 of the SIP narrative entitled "I/M Performance Standard," now includes the appropriate commitment, as required by 40 CFR 51.361—Motorist Compliance Enforcement, to a 96% compliance rate.

¹ EPA proposed this SIP revision using a "parallel process." EPA provided for the public to comment on this SIP revision by making available the rules and materials that Rhode Island was proposing for approval on the state level in parallel with EPA's action. Rhode Island promulgated those rules prior to submitting them to EPA for this approval. One set of rules implementing this I/M program (Rhode Island Motor Vehicle Safety and Emissions Control Regulation No. 1) will not be finally effective until January 31, 2001, because Rhode Island law requires 20 days to elapse after a regulation is filed with the Secretary of State. Therefore, Regulation No. 1 will be effective shortly after signature of this notice, but prior to publication of this action in the **Federal Register** and prior to this action taking effect under the Clean Air Act. EPA is signing this action now because the State has done everything necessary for Regulation No. 1 to take effect on January 31, 2001, and we are simply awaiting passage of the 20 day filing period. See R.I. Gen. Laws section 42-35-4(b).