

reason, this proposed rule also does not significantly or uniquely affect the communities of tribal governments, as specified by Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000). This proposed rule will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government, as specified in Executive Order 13132 (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999), because it merely approves a state rule implementing a federal standard, and does not alter the relationship or the distribution of power and responsibilities established in the Clean Air Act. This proposed rule also is not subject to Executive Order 13045 (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997), because it is not economically significant.

In reviewing SIP submissions, EPA's role is to approve state choices, provided that they meet the criteria of the Clean Air Act. In this context, in the absence of a prior existing requirement for the State to use voluntary consensus standards (VCS), EPA has no authority to disapprove a SIP submission for failure to use VCS. It would thus be inconsistent with applicable law for EPA, when it reviews a SIP submission, to use VCS in place of a SIP submission that otherwise satisfies the provisions of the Clean Air Act. Thus, the requirements of section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 note) do not apply. The proposed rule does not involve special consideration of environmental justice related issues as required by Executive Order 12898 (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994). As required by section 3 of Executive Order 12988 (61 FR 4729, February 7, 1996), in issuing this proposed rule, EPA has taken the necessary steps to eliminate drafting errors and ambiguity, minimize potential litigation, and provide a clear legal standard for affected conduct. EPA has complied with Executive Order 12630 (53 FR 8859, March 15, 1988) by examining the takings implications of the rule in accordance with the "Attorney General's Supplemental Guidelines for the Evaluation of Risk and Avoidance of Unanticipated Takings" issued under the executive order. This rule does not impose an information collection burden under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

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List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Hydrocarbons, Intergovernmental relations, Motor vehicle pollution, Nitrogen oxides, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping.

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

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Gerald Fontenot,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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40 CFR Part 63

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Project XL Site-Specific Rulemaking for Georgia-Pacific Corporation's Facility in Big Island, Virginia

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Under the Project XL program, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is supporting a project for the Georgia-Pacific Corporation facility located in Big Island, Virginia. The terms of the project are defined in the "Georgia-Pacific Corporation Big Island, Virginia Project XL Final Project Agreement." To help implement this project, EPA is proposing amendments to Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants From Chemical Recovery Combustion Sources at Kraft, Soda, Sulfite, and Stand-Alone Semichemical Pulp Mills, (promulgated in the **Federal Register** on January 12, 2001 (66 FR 3179). The amendments are applicable only to the Georgia-Pacific Big Island facility.

Because we do not anticipate receiving adverse comments on this rulemaking, the proposed amendments also are being issued as a direct final rule in the "Final Rules" section of today's **Federal Register**. If no significant and timely comments are received, no further action will be taken with respect to this proposal and the direct final rule will become final on the date provided in that action.

DATES: Written comments must be received by April 25, 2001. Anyone requesting a public hearing must contact the EPA no later than April 5, 2001. If a hearing is held, it will be on April 23,

2001, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Requests to present oral testimony must be made by April 16, 2001. Persons interested in requesting a hearing, attending a hearing, or presenting oral testimony at a hearing should call Mr. David Beck at (919) 541-5421.

ADDRESSES: By U.S. Postal Service, send comments (in duplicate, if possible) to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), Attention Docket Number A-2000-42, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. In person or by courier, deliver comments (in duplicate, if possible) to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), Attention Docket Number A-2000-42, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW., Washington DC 20460. The EPA requests that a separate copy of each public comment be sent to the contact person listed below.

Comments also may be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: *a-and-r-docket@epa.gov*. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments also will be accepted on diskette in WordPerfect or ASCII file format. All comments in electronic form must be identified by the docket number (No. A-2000-42). No confidential business information should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comments may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

If a public hearing is held, it will take place at the EPA Office of Administration Auditorium, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Beck, Office of Environmental Policy Innovation, (MD-10), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone number (919) 541-5427.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information on the amendments and supplementary information related to the amendments, see the direct final rule published in the "Final Rules" section of today's **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 20, 2001.

Christine Todd Whitman,
Administrator.

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