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. 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 proposed 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.).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Hydrocarbons, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Volatile organic compounds.
Street, San Francisco, CA 94105–3901.

Copies of the documents relevant to this proposed rule are available for public inspection at EPA’s Region IX office during normal business hours. Copies of the submitted revision to the State Plan are also available for inspection at the following location: California Air Resources Board, Stationary Source Division, Rule Evaluation Section, 1001 “I” Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mae Wang, Air Division (AIR–4), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105–3901, Telephone: (415) 744–1200.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document concerns the approval of a revision submitted by the California Air Resources Board on December 20, 2000, to the State of California’s Section 111(d) Plan for Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills. For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action which is located in the Rules section of this Federal Register.

Jane Diamond,
Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

40 CFR Part 70

**[AZ040–OPP; FRL–7058–7]**

**Clean Air Act Proposed Approval of Operating Permit Programs; Pinal County Air Quality Control District, AZ**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is proposing to approve revisions to the Pinal County Air Quality Control District (Pinal or District) operating permit program. The Pinal operating permit program was submitted in response to the directive in the 1990 Clean Air Act (CAA) Amendments that permitting authorities develop, and submit to EPA, programs for issuing operating permits to all major stationary sources and to certain other sources within the permitting authorities’ jurisdiction. EPA granted interim approval to the Pinal operating permit program on October 30, 1996. See 61 FR 55910. The District consequently revised its program to satisfy the conditions of the interim approval; however, the effective date of the revisions was made contingent upon EPA approving the changes under both 40 CFR part 70 and 40 CFR part 52. On September 5, 2001, the District revised the rules again in order to make the effective date of the rule changes contingent solely upon EPA approval under part 70. EPA is proposing to approve the operating permit program contingent upon Pinal submitting the rules that were adopted on September 5, 2001 as a revision to its part 70 program.

**DATES:** Comments on the program revisions discussed in this proposed action must be received in writing by October 22, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on this action should be addressed to Gerardo Rios, Acting Chief, Permits Office, Air Division (AIR–3), EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California, 94105. You can inspect copies of Pinal’s submittal and other supporting documentation relevant to this action during normal business hours at the Air Division of EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, California, 94105. You may also see copies of the submitted title V program at the following location: Pinal County Air Quality Control District, Building F, 31 North Pinal Street, Florence, Arizona 85232.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ginger Vagenas, EPA Region IX, Permits Office (AIR–3), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, (415) 744–1252 or vagenas.ginger@epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This section provides additional information by addressing the following questions:

What is the operating permit program?

What is EPA’s proposed action?

What are the program changes that EPA is approving?

What is the effect of this proposed action?

I. What Is the Operating Permit Program?

The CAA Amendments of 1990 required all state and local permitting authorities to develop operating permit programs that met certain federal criteria. In implementing the operating permit programs, the permitting authorities require certain sources of air pollution to obtain permits that contain all applicable requirements under the CAA. The focus of the operating permit program is to improve compliance by addressing the following location: California Air Resources Board, Stationary Source Division, Rule Evaluation Section, 1001 “I” Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

EPA is proposing full approval of the operating permits program substantially, but not fully, met the criteria outlined in the implementing regulations codified at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 70. EPA granted interim approval to the program in a rulemaking published on October 30, 1996 (61 FR 55910). The interim approval notice described the conditions that had to be met in order for the Pinal program to receive full approval. This Federal Register notice describes the changes that have been made to the Pinal operating permit program to correct conditions for full approval. EPA is proposing full approval of the operating permits program submitted by Pinal based on the revisions adopted as of September 5, 2001. These revisions satisfactorily address the program deficiencies identified in EPA’s October 30, 1996 rulemaking. See 61 FR 55910. In addition, EPA is proposing to approve, as a title V operating permit program revision, additional changes to the rules. The interim approval issues, Pinal’s corrections, and the additional changes are described in the section entitled “What are the program changes that EPA is approving?”