

period from three to five years in the Visibility rules.

In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the Oregon SIP submittals as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal amendment 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If the EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before December 3, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to, Steven K. Body, (OAQ-107), Office of Air Quality, at the EPA Regional Office listed below.

Copies of air quality data and other relevant information supporting this action are available for inspection during normal business hours at the following location: EPA, Office of Air Quality (OAQ-107), 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven K. Body, EPA, Office of Air Quality (OAQ-107), Seattle, Washington, (206) 553-0782.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, see the Direct Final rule which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 23, 2001.

Ronald A. Kreizenbeck,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 10.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[DC 050-2027b; FRL-7094-8]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Nitrogen Oxides Budget Trading Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP)

revision submitted by the District of Columbia for the purpose of establishing a nitrogen oxides (NO_x) allowance trading program for large electric generating and industrial units, beginning in 2003. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the District'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. Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, EPA may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by December 3, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed to David L. Arnold, Chief, Air Quality Planning and Information Services 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 District of Columbia Department of Public Health, Air Quality Division, 51 N Street, NE., Washington, DC 20002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cristina Fernandez, (215) 814-2178, at the EPA Region III address above, or by e-mail at fernandez.cristina@epa.gov. Please note any comments on this rule must be submitted, in writing, as provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 21, 2001, the Government of the District of Columbia, Department of Health submitted a revision to its SIP to address the requirements of the NO_x SIP Call Phase I. The revision consists of the adoption of Chapter 10—Nitrogen Oxides Budget Trading Program. 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: October 24, 2001.

Donald S. Welsh,

Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 70

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Clean Air Act Full Approval of Operating Permit Program; Allegheny County; PA

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve a partial operating permit program for Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. This program will allow the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD), located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to issue federally enforceable operating permits to all major stationary sources and certain other affected minor sources in its jurisdiction. The ACHD's operating permits program was submitted to EPA by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on behalf of Allegheny County. By this same rulemaking, EPA is also withdrawing its previously published notice of proposed rulemaking dated December 6, 1999. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is fully approving the partial operating permit program for Allegheny County, Pennsylvania 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. The 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 December 3, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments are to be mailed to Makeba Morris, Chief, Permits and Technical Assessment Branch, Mailcode 3AP11, 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 Allegheny County Health Department Bureau of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, 301 39th Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Miller, Permits and Technical Assessment Branch at (215) 814-2068 or by e-mail at miller.linda@epa.gov. Please note that comments on this proposed rule must be submitted, in writing, as indicated in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

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: October 17, 2001.

James W. Newsom,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 82

[FRL-7096-8]

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Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Allocation of Essential Use Allowances for Calendar Year 2002; and Extension of the De Minimis Exemption for Essential Laboratory and Analytical Uses through Calendar Year 2005

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: With this action, EPA is proposing to allocate essential-use allowances for import and production of class I stratospheric ozone depleting substances (ODSs) for calendar year 2002. Essential use allowances permit a person to obtain controlled ODSs as an exemption to the January 1, 1996 regulatory phase-out of production and

import of these chemicals. EPA allocates essential-use allowances for exempted production or import of a specific quantity of class I ODS solely for the designated essential purpose. Today, EPA is proposing to allocate essential-use allowances for production and import of ODSs for use in medical devices and the Space Shuttle and Titan Rockets, and to extend the general exemption for laboratory and analytical applications through the year 2005 as consistent with the Montreal Protocol. EPA is also proposing regulatory changes to ensure consistency with Decisions XI/15 and XII/2 of the Montreal Protocol. Decision XI/15 states that use of class I ODS for the testing of "oil and grease," and "total petroleum hydrocarbons" in water; testing of tar in road-paving materials; and forensic finger printing are not considered essential under the exemption for laboratory and analytical uses beginning January 1, 2002. Decision XII/2 states that any CFC MDIs approved after December 31, 2000, are not essential unless the product meets the criteria in paragraph 1(a) of Decision IV/25. Decision XII/2 also authorizes Parties to the Montreal Protocol to allow transfers of CFCs produced with essential-use allowances among MDI companies. Finally, EPA is proposing to add a prohibition to the regulations at 82.4 that would clarify that using virgin class I ODS produced under the authority of essential-use allowances or the exemption for laboratory and analytical uses for non-essential purposes is a violation of the CAA.

DATES: Written comments on this proposed rule must be received on or before December 3, 2001, unless a public hearing is requested. Comments must then be received on or before 30 days following the public hearing. Any party requesting a public hearing must notify the Stratospheric Ozone Protection Hotline listed below by 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on November 13, 2001. If a hearing is held, EPA will publish a document in the **Federal Register** announcing the hearing information. Inquiries regarding a public hearing should be directed to the Stratospheric Ozone Protection Hotline at 1-800-269-1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this rulemaking should be submitted in duplicate to: Erin Birgfeld, Essential Use Program Manager, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (6205J), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. If you plan to send comments using courier services or overnight express, please address comments to 501 3rd Street NW.,

Washington DC 20001. Comments will be filed in EPA Air docket number A-93-39. Comments that contain confidential business information should be submitted in two versions, one clearly marked "Public", to be filed in the public docket, and the other clearly marked "Confidential" to be reviewed by authorized government personnel only. If the comments are not marked, EPA will assume they are public and contain no confidential information.

Materials relevant to this rulemaking are contained in Docket No. A-93-39. The Docket is located in Waterside Mall Room M-1500, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460. The materials may be inspected from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. EPA may charge a reasonable fee for copying docket materials.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Stratospheric Ozone Protection Hotline at 1-800-296-1996 or Erin Birgfeld, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Global Programs Division, Office of Atmospheric Programs, 6205J, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, DC 20460, 202-564-9079.

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