

income” for purposes of this paragraph. To avoid a hardship to a veteran, VA may use the projected income for the current year of the veteran, spouse, and dependent children if the projected income is below the “low income” income limit referenced above. This category is further prioritized into the following subcategories:

(i) Noncompensable zero percent service-connected veterans; and

(ii) All other priority category 7 veterans.

(8) Veterans not included in priority category 4 or 7, who are eligible for care only if they agree to pay to the United States the applicable copayment determined under 38 U.S.C. 1710(f) and 1710(g). This category is further prioritized into the following subcategories:

(i) Noncompensable zero percent service-connected veterans; and

(ii) All other priority category 8 veterans.

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(d) *Enrollment and disenrollment process*—(1) *Application for enrollment.* A veteran may apply to be enrolled in the VA healthcare system at any time. A veteran who wishes to be enrolled must apply by submitting a VA Form 10–10EZ to a VA medical facility. Veterans applying based on inclusion in priority categories 1, 2, 3, 6, and 8 do not need to complete section II, but must complete the rest of the form. Veterans applying based on inclusion in priority category 4 because of their need for regular aid and attendance or by being permanently housebound need not complete section II, but must complete the rest of the form. Veterans applying based on inclusion in priority category 4 because they are catastrophically disabled need not complete section II, but must complete the rest of the form, if: They agree to pay to the United States the applicable copayment determined under 38 U.S.C. 1710(f) and 1710(g); they are a veteran of the Mexican border period or of World War I or a veteran with a 0 percent service-connected disability who is nevertheless compensated; their catastrophic disability is a disorder associated with exposure to a toxic substance or radiation, or with service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Gulf War as provided in 38 U.S.C. 1710(e); or their catastrophic disability is an illness associated with service in combat in a war after the Gulf War or during a period of hostility after November 11, 1998, as provided in 38 U.S.C. 1710(e). All other veterans applying based on inclusion in priority category 4 because

they are catastrophically disabled must complete the entire form. Veterans applying based on inclusion in priority category 5 must complete the entire form. Veterans applying based on inclusion in priority category 7 must complete the entire form except for section IIE. VA form 10–10EZ is set forth in paragraph (f) of this section and is available from VA medical facilities.

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(3) *Placement in enrollment categories.* (i) Veterans will be placed in priority categories whether or not veterans in that category are eligible to be enrolled.

(ii) A veteran will be placed in the highest priority category or categories for which the veteran qualifies.

(iii) A veteran may be placed in only one priority category, except that a veteran placed in priority category 6 based on a specified disorder or illness will also be placed in priority category 7 or priority category 8, as applicable, if the veteran has previously agreed to pay the applicable copayment, for all matters not covered by priority category 6.

(iv) A veteran who had been enrolled based on inclusion in priority category 5 and became no longer eligible for inclusion in priority category 5 due to failure to submit to VA a current VA Form 10–10EZ will be changed automatically to enrollment based on inclusion in priority category 6 or 8 (or more than one of these categories if the previous principle applies), as applicable, and be considered continuously enrolled. To meet the criteria for priority category 5, a veteran must be eligible for priority category 5 based on the information submitted to VA in a current VA Form 10–10EZ. To be current, after VA has sent a form 10–10EZ to the veteran at the veteran’s last known address, the veteran must return the completed form (including signature) to the address on the return envelope within 60 days from the date VA sent the form to the veteran.

(v) Veterans will be disenrolled, and reenrolled, in the order of the priority categories listed with veterans in priority category 1 being the last to be disenrolled and the first to be reenrolled. Similarly, within priority categories 7 and 8, veterans will be disenrolled, and reenrolled, in the order of the priority subcategories listed with veterans in subcategory (i) being the last to be disenrolled and first to be reenrolled.

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(5) *Disenrollment.* A veteran enrolled in the VA health care system under

paragraph (d)(2) or (d)(4) of this section will be disenrolled only if:

(i) The veteran submits to a VA medical center or the VA Health Eligibility Center, 1644 Tullie Circle, Atlanta, Georgia 30329, a signed document stating that the veteran no longer wishes to be enrolled; or

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(Authority: 38 U.S.C 101, 501, 1521, 1701, 1705, 1710, 1721, 1722)

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[NH–047–7173b; A–1–FRL–7243–1]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Hampshire; VOC RACT Order and Regulation

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing to approve State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the State of New Hampshire. These revisions establish requirements for sources of volatile organic compounds (VOC). The intended effect of this action is to approve a VOC regulation for the New Hampshire portion of the eastern Massachusetts serious ozone nonattainment area and to approve a VOC order for Anheuser-Busch into the New Hampshire SIP. EPA is taking this action in accordance with the Clean Air Act.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before August 22, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to David Conroy, Unit Manager, Air Quality Planning, Office of Ecosystem Protection (mail code CAQ), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA New England Regional Office, One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02114–2023. Copies of the State submittal and EPA’s technical support document 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 Regional Office, One Congress Street, 11th floor, Boston, MA and Air Resources Division, Department of Environmental Services, 6 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95, Concord, NH 03302–0095.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anne Arnold, (617) 918-1047.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the state'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 EPA receives no relevant adverse comments in response to this rule, we contemplate no further activity. If EPA receives relevant adverse comments, we will withdraw the direct final rule and will address all public comments 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.

For additional information, see the direct final rule which is located in the Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: June 21, 2002.

Ira Leighton,

Acting Regional Administrator, EPA New England.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[FRL-7249-9]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Louisiana; Emission Reduction Credits Banking in Nonattainment Areas

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to approve revisions to the Louisiana State Implementation Plan (SIP). The revisions concern the establishment of a means of enabling stationary sources to identify and preserve or acquire emission reductions for New Source

Review (NSR) offsets. The revisions remove the requirement that emission reduction credits (ERCs) in the bank be set aside as a contingency measure for the attainment demonstration.

The revisions also remove the requirement that NSR netting be conducted with surplus ERCs from the bank. The revisions clarify the requirement that ERCs be surplus to all requirements of the Clean Air Act (the Act) when used. The EPA proposes to approve these revisions to satisfy the provisions of the Act which relate to the permitting of new and modified sources which are located in nonattainment areas. The EPA does not propose to approve the revisions as an Economic Incentive Program (EIP), nor through this rule alone to allow the use of ERCs for inter-precursor trading purposes or for alternate Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) compliance purposes.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 22, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to David Neleigh, Chief, Air Permits Section (6PD-R), 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

Copies of documents relevant to this action, including the Technical Support Document (TSD), 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.

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, 7920 Bluebonnet Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70884.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Merrit Nicewander of EPA Region 6 Air Permits Section at (214) 665-7519 at the address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Throughout this document, wherever "we," "us," or "our" is used, we mean EPA.

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I. Background Information

Why Is This Action Necessary?

The Baton Rouge area consists of the following parishes: East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Ascension, Livingston, and Iberville. The Baton Rouge area (40 CFR 81.319) was classified as a serious ozone nonattainment area.

We received the Louisiana rule that we are considering in this proposed action on December 31, 2001, as a component of the Attainment Plan and Transport Demonstration (hereinafter, the Attainment Plan/Transport SIP) for the Baton Rouge area submitted by the LDEQ. This revision to the Attainment Plan/Transport SIP specifies emission reduction strategies designed to bring the Baton Rouge area into compliance with the ozone NAAQS. One component of the Attainment Plan/Transport SIP is the revised emission reduction credit banking regulation that has been enacted at Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) 33:III Chapter 6. This action is necessary to determine whether that revised rule is an approvable component of the Attainment Plan/Transport SIP.

Does the currently EPA approved SIP contain an emission reduction credit banking regulation?

Yes, we proposed approval (63 FR 44192) on August 18, 1998 of revisions to the Louisiana State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Baton Rouge ozone nonattainment area for revisions to the 1990 base year emission inventory, the Post-1996 Rate-of-Progress (ROP) Plan, its associated 1999 Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets (MVEBs) for the area, Attainment Demonstration, the Contingency Measures Plan, and the State's point source emissions banking regulations. We promulgated final approval (64 FR 35930) of the SIP revisions, including the emission reduction credit (ERC) banking regulation on July 2, 1999. The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) ERC banking regulation is codified as Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) 33:III Chapter 6.

EPA's July 2, 1999 approval of the LDEQ Chapter 6 rule is summarized below:

LDEQ CHAPTER 6.—REGULATIONS ON CONTROL OF EMISSIONS REDUCTION CREDITS BANKING

	Original LDEQ date of action	EPA date of action
Section 601 Background and Purpose	Aug. 1994, LR20:874	[July 2, 1999, 64 FR 35930]