

limits (or surrogates for emission limits) for refinery process flaring and SRU maintenance downtime;

(6) Emissions inventory and modeling analysis for the nonattainment areas in Salt Lake and Utah Counties;

(7) New source review, emissions banking, and interpollutant trading (EPA's issues with these programs were explained in a May 10, 2001 letter from Region 8 to UDAQ);

(8) Unavoidable breakdown rules and consistency with the EPA September 20, 1999 policy regarding such breakdowns;

(9) Inclusion of annual growth rates in the SIP or maintenance plans;

(10) Justification for credits and growth rates for wood and coal burning in Utah County;

(11) Backhalf emissions measuring for PM₁₀ emissions limit stack testing;

(12) General language clean up in the PM₁₀ SIP to assure SIP is consistent and reads appropriately;

(13) Diesel I/M revision or program withdrawal;

(14) Emission budgets for PM₁₀ and NO_x in Salt Lake portion of PM₁₀ SIP;

(15) Emission inventory and modeling analysis for automobile emission inspection and maintenance program changes, if any such changes are made in the SIP or maintenance plan.

The above issues aren't addressed in this SIP revision for Utah County and therefore, these issues will continue after our potential final approval of this SIP revision.

IV. Background

On July 18, 1997, we promulgated new NAAQS for PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}. However, on May 18, 1999, the United States Court of Appeals for the *D.C. Circuit in American Trucking Associations, Inc. et al., v. United States Environmental Protection Agency* vacated the 1997 PM₁₀ standard. Because of the Court ruling, we are continuing to implement the pre-existing PM₁₀ standard, and are therefore taking actions on SIP revisions for PM₁₀ nonattainment areas.

The original Utah County and Salt Lake County nonattainment area PM₁₀ SIPs were approved on July 8, 1994 (59 FR 35036).

IV. Administrative Requirements

Under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993), this proposed action is not a "significant regulatory action" and therefore is not subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget. For this reason, this action is also not subject to Executive Order 13211, "Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use" (66 FR 28355, May

22, 2001). This proposed action merely proposes to approve state law as meeting Federal requirements and imposes no additional requirements beyond those imposed by state law. Accordingly, the Administrator certifies that this proposed rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). Because this rule proposes to approve pre-existing requirements under state law and does not impose any additional enforceable duty beyond that required by state law, it does not contain any unfunded mandate or significantly or uniquely affect small governments, as described in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-4).

This proposed rule also does not have tribal implications because it will not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, as specified by Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000). This action also does not have Federalism implications because it does 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). This action merely proposes to approve 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 "Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks" (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. 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, Intergovernmental relations, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: August 27, 2002.

Jack W. McGraw,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region VIII.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 58 and 81

[LA-31-1-7189b; FRL-7374-2]

Modification of the Ozone Monitoring Season; Louisiana; and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Louisiana; Revised Geographical Designation of Certain Air Quality Control Regions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: We, the EPA, are proposing to take direct final action to approve a request from the State of Louisiana to revise the geographical boundaries of the three Air Quality Control Regions (AQCRs) in the State of Louisiana, which are the Southern Louisiana-Southeast Texas AQCR, the Shreveport-Texarkana-Tyler AQCR, and the Monroe-El Dorado AQCR. The EPA is also taking direct final action to shorten the ozone season for the Monroe-El Dorado and Shreveport-Texarkana-Tyler AQCRs, from year-round, to March 1 through October 31.

In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, we are approving the State's request as a direct final rule without prior proposal because we view this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipate no adverse comment. We have explained our reasons for this approval in the preamble to the direct final rule. If we receive no relevant adverse comment, we will not take further action on this proposed rule. If we receive relevant adverse comment, we will withdraw the direct final rule and it will not take effect. We will address all public comments in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. We will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties

interested in commenting must do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received by October 10, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Mr. Thomas H. Diggs, Chief, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), at the EPA Region 6 Office listed below. Copies of documents relevant to this action 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 24 hours in advance.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, H. B. Garlock Building, 7290 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70810.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Kordzi of the EPA Region 6 Air Planning Section, at (214) 665-7186 and at the Region 6 address above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document concerns a modification to

the geographical boundaries of the three AQCRs located in the State of Louisiana, and a revision to the ozone monitoring season for two of these AQCRs. For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action that is located in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register** publication.

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

Dated: August 27, 2002.

Lawrence E. Starfield,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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