

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****40 CFR Part 62**

[RI-1047a; FRL-7458-5]

**Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Rhode Island; Negative Declaration****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Direct final rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is approving the sections 111(d) negative declaration submitted by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) on May 27, 1998. This negative declaration adequately certifies that there are no existing municipal solid waste (MSW) landfills located in the state of Rhode Island that have accepted waste since November 8, 1987 and that must install collection and control systems according to EPA's emissions guidelines for existing MSW landfills. EPA publishes regulations under sections 111(d) and 129 of the Clean Air Act requiring states to submit control plans to EPA. These state control plans show how states intend to control the emissions of designated pollutants from designated facilities (e.g., landfills). The state of Rhode Island submitted this negative declaration in lieu of a state control plan.

**DATES:** This direct final rule is effective on May 5, 2003, without further notice unless EPA receives significant adverse comment by April 7, 2003. If EPA receives adverse comment, we will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule in the **Federal Register** and inform the public that the rule will not take effect.

**ADDRESSES:** You should address your written comments to: Mr. Steven Rapp, Chief, Air Permits, Toxics & Indoor Programs Unit, Office of Ecosystem Protection, U.S. EPA, One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (CAP), Boston, MA 02114-2023.

Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours, by appointment at the Office of Ecosystem Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, 11th floor, Boston, MA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John J. Courcier, (617) 918-1659.

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**I. What Action Is EPA Taking Today?**

EPA is approving the negative declaration submitted by the state of Rhode Island on May 27, 1998.

EPA is publishing this negative declaration without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial amendment and anticipates no adverse comments. However, in the proposed rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is publishing a separate document that will serve as the proposal to approve this negative declaration should relevant adverse comments be filed. If EPA receives no significant adverse comment by April 7, 2003, this action will be effective May 5, 2003.

If EPA receives significant adverse comments by the above date, we will withdraw this action before the effective date by publishing a subsequent document in the **Federal Register**. EPA will address all public comments received in a subsequent final rule based on the parallel proposed rule published in today's **Federal Register**. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time. If EPA receives no comments, this action will be effective May 5, 2003.

**II. What Is the Origin of the Requirements?**

Under section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act, EPA published regulations at 40 CFR part 60, subpart B which require states to submit plans to control emissions of designated pollutants from designated facilities. In the event that a state does not have a particular designated facility located within its boundaries, EPA requires that a negative declaration be submitted in lieu of a control plan.

**III. When Did the Requirements First Become Known?**

On May 30, 1991 (56 FR 24468), EPA proposed emission guidelines for existing MSW landfills. This action enabled EPA to list existing MSW landfills as designated facilities. EPA specified non-methane organic compounds (NMOC) as a designated pollutant by proposing the emission guidelines for existing MSW landfills. These guidelines were published in final form on March 12, 1996 (61 FR 9905).

**IV. When Did Rhode Island Submit Its Negative Declaration?**

On May 27, 1998, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) submitted a letter certifying that there are no existing MSW landfills subject to 40 CFR part 60, subpart B. Section 111(d) and 40 CFR 62.06 provide that when no such designated facilities exist within a state's boundaries, the affected state may submit a letter of "negative declaration" instead of a control plan. EPA is publishing this negative declaration at 40 CFR 62.7405.

**V. Regulatory Assessment Requirements**

Under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993), this 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 action merely approves state law as meeting Federal requirements and imposes no additional requirements beyond those imposed by state law. Accordingly, the Administrator certifies that this 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 approves 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 (Public Law 104-4).

This 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), 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 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 sections 111(d)/129 State Plans, 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 state plan for failure to use VCS. It would thus be inconsistent with applicable law for EPA, when it reviews a state plan, to use VCS in place of a 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 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.*)

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EPA will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the **Federal Register**. A major rule cannot take effect until 60 days after it is published in the **Federal Register**. This action is not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

Under section 307(b)(1) of the Clean Air Act, petitions for judicial review of this action must be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit by May 5, 2003. Interested parties should comment in response to the proposed rule rather than petition for judicial review, unless the objection arises after the comment period allowed for in the proposal. Filing a petition for reconsideration by the Administrator of this final rule does not affect the finality of this rule for the purposes of judicial review nor does it extend the time within which a petition

for judicial review may be filed, and shall not postpone the effectiveness of such rule or action. This action may not be challenged later in proceedings to enforce its requirements. (*See* section 307(b)(2).)

#### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 62

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Air pollution control, Intergovernmental relations, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Waste treatment and disposal.

Dated: February 20, 2003.

**Robert W. Varney,**

*Regional Administrator, EPA New England.*

40 CFR part 62 is amended as follows:

#### PART 62—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 62 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q

#### Subpart OO—Rhode Island

2. Subpart OO is amended by adding a new § 62.9985 and a new undesignated center heading to read as follows:

#### Emissions From Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills

##### § 62.9985 Identification of Plan-negative declaration.

On May 27, 1998, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management submitted a letter certifying that there are no existing municipal solid waste landfills in the state subject to the emission guidelines under part 60, subpart B of this chapter.

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#### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

#### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA 03-491, MB Docket No. 02-81, RM-10422]

#### Digital Television Broadcast Service; Bethlehem, PA

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission, at the request of Sonshine Family Television, Inc., substitutes DTV channel 9 for DTV channel 59 at Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. *See* 67 FR 20940, April 29, 2002. DTV

channel 9 can be allotted to Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, in compliance with the principle community coverage requirements of section 73.625(a) at reference coordinates 40-33-52 N. and 75-26-24 W. with a power of 3.2, HAAT of 284 meters and with a DTV service population of 2634 thousand. Since the community of Bethlehem is located within 400 kilometers of the U.S.-Canadian border, concurrence from the Canadian was obtained for this allotment. With this action, this proceeding is terminated.

**DATES:** Effective April 14, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Pam Blumenthal, Media Bureau, (202) 418-1600.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission's report and order, MB Docket No. 02-81, adopted February 21, 2003, and released February 27, 2003. The full text of this document is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC. This document may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., CY-B402, Washington, DC, 20554, telephone 202-863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail [qualexint@aol.com](mailto:qualexint@aol.com).

#### List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Digital television broadcasting, Television.

Part 73 of title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

#### PART 73—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 73 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 47 U.S.C. 154, 303, 334 and 336.

##### § 73.622 [Amended]

2. Section 73.622(b), the Table of Digital Television Allotments under Pennsylvania, is amended by removing DTV channel 59 and adding DTV channel 9 at Bethlehem.

Federal Communications Commission.

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