

their discretionary regulatory actions. In particular, the Act addresses actions that may result in the expenditure by a State, local, or tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector of \$100,000,000 or more in any one year. Though this proposed rule would not result in such an expenditure, we do discuss the effects of this rule elsewhere in this preamble.

### Taking of Private Property

This proposed rule will not effect a taking of private property or otherwise have taking implications under Executive Order 12630, Governmental Actions and Interference with Constitutionally Protected Property Rights.

### Civil Justice Reform

This proposed rule meets applicable standards in sections 3(a) and 3(b)(2) of Executive Order 12988, Civil Justice Reform, to minimize litigation, eliminate ambiguity, and reduce burden.

### Protection of Children

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks. This proposed rule is not an economically significant rule and does not create an environmental risk to health or risk to safety that may disproportionately affect children.

### Indian Tribal Governments

This proposed rule does not have tribal implications under Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments, because it would 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. We invite your comments on how this proposed rule might impact tribal governments, even if that impact may not constitute a "tribal implication" under the Order.

### Energy Effects

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Executive Order 13211, Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use. We have determined that it is not a "significant energy action" under that order because it is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866 and is not likely to have a significant adverse effect on the supply, distribution, or use of

energy. The Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has not designated it as a significant energy action. Therefore, it does not require a Statement of Energy Effects under Executive Order 13211.

### Environment

We have analyzed this proposed rule under Commandant Instruction M16475.1D, which guides the Coast Guard in complying with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have concluded that there are no factors in this case that would limit the use of categorical exclusion under section 2.B.2 of the Instruction. Therefore, this proposed rule is categorically excluded, under figure 2–1, paragraph (34)(g), of the instruction, from further environmental documentation because this rule is not expected to result in any significant environmental impact as described in NEPA. A final "Environmental Analysis Check List" and a final "Categorical Exclusion Determination" are available where indicated under **ADDRESSES**. Comments on this section will be considered before we make the final decision on whether the rule should be categorically excluded from further environmental review.

### List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 165

Harbors, Marine safety, Navigation (water), Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Security measures, Waterways.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR part 165 as follows:

### PART 165—REGULATED NAVIGATION AREAS AND LIMITED ACCESS AREAS

1. The authority citation for part 165 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 33 U.S.C. 1231; 50 U.S.C. 191; 33 CFR 1.05–1(g), 6.04–1, 6.04–6, and 160.5; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.

2. Add § 165.824 to read as follows:

#### § 165.824 Security Zone; Chevron Pascagoula Refinery, Pascagoula, MS.

(a) *Location.* The following area is a security zone: all waters of Bayou Casotte east of a line drawn from position 30°19'09" N, 88°30'63" W to position 30°20'42" N 88°30'51" W at the Chevron Pascagoula Refinery. These coordinates are based upon [NAD 83].

(b) *Regulations:* (1) Entry into or remaining in this zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Coast Guard Captain of the Port Mobile or a designated representative.

(2) Persons desiring to transit the area of the security zone may contact the Captain of the Port Mobile at telephone number (251) 441–5121 or on VHF channel 16 to seek permission to transit the area. If permission is granted, all persons and vessels must comply with the instructions of the Captain of the Port Mobile or a designated representative.

(c) *Authority.* In addition to 33 U.S.C. 1231, the authority for this section includes 33 U.S.C. 1226.

Dated: June 19, 2003.

**Gary T. Croot,**

*Commander, Coast Guard, Acting, Captain of the Port Mobile.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[CA 242–0375; FRL–7522–3]

### Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Imperial County Air Pollution Control District

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is proposing a limited approval and limited disapproval of a revision to the Imperial County Air Pollution Control District (ICAPCD) portion of the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). This revision concerns volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from storage tanks used to store reactive organic compound (ROC) liquids. We are proposing action on a local rule that regulates this emission source under the Clean Air Act as amended in 1990 (CAA or the Act). We are taking comments on this proposal and plan to follow with a final action.

**DATES:** Any comments must arrive by August 6, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail or e-mail comments to Andy Steckel, Rulemaking Office Chief (AIR–4), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105; [steckel.andrew@epa.gov](mailto:steckel.andrew@epa.gov).

You can inspect copies of the submitted SIP revision and EPA's technical support document (TSD) at our Region IX office during normal business hours. You may also see copies of the submitted SIP revision at the following locations:

Environmental Protection Agency, Air Docket (6102), Ariel Rios Building,

1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.,  
Washington, DC 20460.

California Air Resources Board,  
Stationary Source Division, Rule  
Evaluation Section, 1001 "I" Street,  
Sacramento, CA 95814.

Imperial County Air Pollution Control  
District, 150 South 9th Street, El  
Centro, CA 92243.

A copy of the rule may also be  
available via the Internet at [http://  
www.arb.ca.gov/drdb/drdbltx.htm](http://www.arb.ca.gov/drdb/drdbltx.htm).  
Please be advised that this is not an EPA  
website and may not contain the same

version of the rule that was submitted  
to EPA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Al  
Petersen, U.S. Environmental Protection  
Agency, Region IX, (415) 947-4118.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**  
Throughout this document, "we," "us"  
and "our" refer to EPA.

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**I. The State's Submittal**

*A. What Rule Did the State Submit?*

Table 1 lists the rule addressed by this  
proposal with the date that it was  
amended by the local air agency and  
submitted by the California Air  
Resources Board (CARB).

TABLE 1.—SUBMITTED RULE

Local agency	Rule No.	Rule title	Revised	Submitted
ICAPCD .....	414	Storage of Reactive Organic Compound Liquids .....	09/14/99 .....	05/26/00

On October 6, 2000, this rule  
submittal was found to meet the  
completeness criteria in 40 CFR part 51  
appendix V, which must be met before  
formal EPA review.

*B. Are There Other Versions of This  
Rule?*

We approved a version of Rules 413  
and 414 into the SIP on January 27,  
1981 (46 FR 8472).

*C. What Is the Purpose of the Submitted  
Rule Revisions?*

- The existing rule is rewritten for  
clarity.
- The scope of the rule is broadened  
to cover the storage of all reactive  
organic liquids, except gasoline, in a  
greater number of storage tanks.
- Added is an exemption for gasoline  
storage tanks because they are covered  
under ICAPCD Rule 415, Transfer and  
Storage of Gasoline. See 67 FR 65873  
(October 29, 2002).
- Added is a limited exemption from  
requirements for vapor loss control  
devices for an emergency standby tank  
when the tank is drained or if the  
operator has obtained a variance for a  
breakdown of the primary tank.
- Added is a limited exemption from  
requirements for vapor loss control  
devices or closure devices for out-of-  
service or empty storage tanks  
undergoing cleaning, stock change, tank  
and roof repair, or removal of  
contaminated stock.
- Added is a 72-hour exemption from  
requirements for vapor loss control  
devices or closure devices for in-service  
tanks undergoing preventive  
maintenance, including, but not limited  
to primary seal inspection, removal or  
installation of a secondary seal, repairs  
of regulators, fittings, deck components,

hatches, valves, roofs, flame arrestors, or  
compressors.

- Upgraded are requirements for gaps,  
seals, and roof covers based on federal  
standards of performance for volatile  
organic liquid storage and standards of  
performance for bulk gasoline terminals.
- Added is a table to specify  
appropriate vapor pressure and  
temperature for stored liquids.
- Added are recordkeeping  
requirements and test methods.
- Added is a compliance schedule for  
tanks requiring modification to meet the  
rule requirements. The TSD has more  
information about these rules.

**II. EPA's Evaluation and Action**

*A. How Is EPA Evaluating the Rule?*

Generally, SIP rules must be  
enforceable (see section 110(a) of the  
Act), must require Reasonably Available  
Control Technology (RACT) for major  
sources in nonattainment areas (see  
section 182(a)(2)(A)), and must not relax  
existing requirements (see sections  
110(l) and 193). The ICAPCD regulates  
a transitional ozone nonattainment area  
subject to subpart 1 of part D, title I  
requirements. See 40 CFR part 81 and  
the discussion in the Background  
section of the TSD. We must require  
Rule 414 to correct relaxation and  
enforcement-related deficiencies, but  
the rule is not required to fulfill RACT.

Guidance and policy documents that  
we used to define specific enforceability  
and RACT requirements include the  
following:

- Portions of the proposed post-1987  
ozone and carbon monoxide policy that  
concern RACT, 52 FR 45044 (November  
24, 1987).

- *Issues Relating to VOC Regulation  
Cutpoints, Deficiencies, and Deviations*,  
EPA (May 25, 1988) (the Bluebook).
- *Guidance Document for Correcting  
Common VOC & Other Rule  
Deficiencies*, EPA Region 9 (August 21,  
2001) (the Little Bluebook).
- *Control of Volatile Organic  
Emissions from Petroleum Liquid  
Storage in External Floating Roof Tanks*,  
EPA-450/2-78-047.
- *Control of Volatile Organic  
Emissions from Petroleum Liquid  
Storage in Fixed Roof Tanks*, EPA-450/  
2-77-036.
- *State Implementation Plans: Policy  
Regarding Excess Emissions During  
Malfunctions, Startup and Shutdown*,  
EPA Office of Air and Radiation and  
EPA Office of Enforcement and  
Compliance Assurance (September 20,  
1999).

*B. Does the Rule Meet the Evaluation  
Criteria?*

This rule improves the SIP by  
broadening the scope of the rule to  
cover a greater number of ROC liquids  
(except gasoline, which is cover by SIP-  
approved ICAPCD Rule 415) in a greater  
number of storage tanks by lowering the  
applicability thresholds for vapor  
pressure and tank capacity. This rule  
also improves the SIP by adding testing  
methods and reporting and  
recordkeeping requirements. Rule  
provisions which do not meet the  
evaluation criteria are summarized  
below and discussed further in the TSD.

*C. What Are the Rule Deficiencies?*

These provisions conflict with section  
110 and part D of the Act and prevent  
full approval of the SIP revision:

- 414.A.3.b: This paragraph refers to  
a variance for a breakdown of a primary

tank. Variances are not allowed under section 110(i) of the CAA unless they are submitted as individual SIP revisions by a State and then approved by EPA.

- 414.A.3.b: The limited exemption to the provisions of subsections B.2 and B.3 for emergency standby tanks when they are drained was apparently intended instead to reference subsections B.2 and B.4, which require vapor loss control devices. The limited exemption represents a relaxation relative to existing SIP ICAPCD Rule 414, which had no such exemption, and may be inconsistent with sections 110(l) and 193 of the CAA. ICAPCD must demonstrate that the exemption complies with sections 110(l) and 193 of the CAA. To demonstrate compliance with sections 110(l) and 193, EPA recommends that ICAPCD review and revise this subsection of ICAPCD Rule 414 to be consistent with the principles set forth in EPA's excess emissions policy. This policy represents EPA's interpretation of how SIP rules can account for malfunction, start-up and shutdown conditions while continuing to provide for attainment or maintenance of the NAAQS in accordance with the relevant provisions under the CAA that govern SIP revisions (sections 110(l) and 193) as well as the relevant provisions that govern general SIP enforceability (sections 110(a)(2)(A) and 302(k)). EPA would approve a SIP revision that complies with the excess emissions policy, but EPA may also approve a revision that follows a different approach to addressing malfunction, start-up and shutdown conditions so long as ICAPCD can demonstrate that its preferred approach does not interfere with attainment or maintenance of the NAAQS, reasonable further progress, or any other applicable requirement of the CAA.

- 414.A.3.c: The limited exemption to the provisions of sections C, D, E, and F for out-of-service or empty storage tanks while they are undergoing cleaning, stock change, or tank or roof repairs, represents a relaxation relative to existing SIP ICAPCD Rule 414, which had no such exemption, and may be inconsistent with sections 110(l) and 193 of the CAA. To demonstrate compliance with sections 110(l) and 193, EPA recommends that ICAPCD review and revise this subsection of ICAPCD Rule 414 to be consistent with the principles set forth in EPA's excess emissions policy. This policy represents EPA's interpretation of how SIP rules can account for malfunction, start-up and shutdown conditions while continuing to provide for attainment or maintenance of the NAAQS in

accordance with the relevant provisions under the CAA that govern SIP revisions (sections 110(l) and 193) as well as the relevant provisions that govern general SIP enforceability (sections 110(a)(2)(A) and 302(k)). EPA would approve a SIP revision that complies with the excess emissions policy, but EPA may also approve a revision that follows a different approach to addressing malfunction, start-up and shutdown conditions so long as ICAPCD can demonstrate that its preferred approach does not interfere with attainment or maintenance of the NAAQS, reasonable further progress, or any other applicable requirement of the CAA.

- 414.A.3.d.7: This subparagraph allows the Director discretion to extend the time of non-applicability of sections C, D, E, and F in a preventive maintenance beyond a 72-hour limit. Such discretion is inconsistent with the SIP-revision process described in section 110(a) of the CAA and the enforceability requirements of section (a)(2)(A).

- 414.J: The issue date of the ASTM methods cited in this section should preferably be updated. For example, D-287-82 could be D-287-92; D-323-82 could be D-323-94; D-2879-86 could be D-2879-96; and D-4057-88 could be D-4057-95.

- 414.J.1.c.6 and 414.J.1.c.7: The sampling methods in these paragraphs relate to the determination of vapor pressure where the API gravity of the oil is <20 degrees API gravity. However, the introductory paragraph J.1.c applies to >20 degrees API gravity. A new introductory paragraph is needed for <20 degrees API gravity. Furthermore, experience at the SBCAPCD has shown that these sampling methods do not work well in practice for <20 degrees API gravity, due to excessive viscosity of the sample. SBCAPCD recommends the HOST method, *Test Method for Vapor Pressure of Reactive Organic Compounds in Heavy Crude Oil Using Gas Chromatography*, for <20 degrees API gravity. See SBCAPCD Rule 326.K.1.b.

- 414.Table 1: There is an error in the maximum temperature for toluene, since the maximum temperature should be higher for 1.5 psia than for 0.5 psia.

#### D. Proposed Action and Public Comment

As authorized in sections 110(k)(3) and 301(a) of the CAA, EPA is proposing a limited approval of the submitted rule to improve the SIP. If finalized, this action would incorporate the submitted rule into the SIP, including those provisions identified as deficient, and hereby supercedes the

related existing SIP Rules ICAPCD 413 and 414. This approval is limited because EPA is simultaneously proposing a limited disapproval of the rule under section 110(k)(3). If this disapproval is finalized, sanctions will be imposed under section 179 of the CAA unless EPA approves subsequent SIP revisions that correct the rule deficiencies within 18 months. These sanctions would be imposed according to 40 CFR 52.31. A final disapproval would also trigger the federal implementation plan (FIP) requirement under section 110(c). Note that the submitted rule has been adopted by the ICAPCD, and EPA's final limited disapproval would not prevent the local agency from enforcing it.

We will accept comments from the public on the proposed limited approval and limited disapproval for the next 30 days.

### III. Background Information

#### Why Was This Rule Submitted?

VOCs help produce ground-level ozone and smog, which harm human health and the environment. Section 110(a) of the CAA requires states to submit regulations that control VOC emissions. Table 2 lists some of the national milestones leading to the submittal of this local agency rule.

TABLE 2.—OZONE NONATTAINMENT MILESTONES

Date	Event
March 3, 1978 ....	EPA promulgated a list of ozone nonattainment areas under the Clean Air Act as amended in 1977. 43 FR 8964; 40 CFR 81.305.
May 26, 1988 .....	EPA notified Governors that parts of their SIPs were inadequate to attain and maintain the ozone standard and requested that they correct the deficiencies (EPA's SIP-Call). See section 110(a)(2)(H) of the pre-amended Act.
November 15, 1990.	Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 were enacted. Pub. L. 101-549, 104 Stat. 2399, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

### IV. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

#### A. Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has exempted this regulatory

action from Executive Order 12866, entitled "Regulatory Planning and Review."

#### *B. Paperwork Reduction Act*

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.*)

#### *C. Regulatory Flexibility Act*

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) generally requires an agency to conduct a regulatory flexibility analysis of any rule subject to notice and comment rulemaking requirements unless the agency certifies that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Small entities include small businesses, small not-for-profit enterprises, and small governmental jurisdictions.

This rule will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities because SIP approvals under section 110 and subchapter I, part D of the Clean Air Act do not create any new requirements but simply approve requirements that the State is already imposing. Therefore, because the Federal SIP approval does not create any new requirements, I certify that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Moreover, due to the nature of the Federal-State relationship under the Clean Air Act, preparation of flexibility analysis would constitute Federal inquiry into the economic reasonableness of state action. The Clean Air Act forbids EPA to base its actions concerning SIPs on such grounds. *Union Electric Co. v. U.S. EPA*, 427 U.S. 246, 255–66 (1976); 42 U.S.C. 7410(a)(2).

#### *D. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act*

Under sections 202 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 ("Unfunded Mandates Act"), signed into law on March 22, 1995, EPA must prepare a budgetary impact statement to accompany any proposed or final rule that includes a Federal mandate that may result in estimated costs to State, local, or tribal governments in the aggregate; or to the private sector, of \$100 million or more. Under section 205, EPA must select the most cost-effective and least burdensome alternative that achieves the objectives of the rule and is consistent with statutory requirements. Section 203 requires EPA to establish a plan for informing and advising any small governments that may be significantly or uniquely impacted by the rule.

EPA has determined that the approval action proposed does not include a Federal mandate that may result in estimated costs of \$100 million or more to either State, local, or tribal governments in the aggregate, or to the private sector. This Federal action proposes to approve pre-existing requirements under State or local law, and imposes no new requirements. Accordingly, no additional costs to State, local, or tribal governments, or to the private sector, result from this action.

#### *E. Executive Order 13132, Federalism*

*Federalism* (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999) revokes and replaces Executive Orders 12612 (*Federalism*) and 12875 (*Enhancing the Intergovernmental Partnership*). Executive Order 13132 requires EPA to develop an accountable process to ensure "meaningful and timely input by State and local officials in the development of regulatory policies that have federalism implications." "Policies that have federalism implications" is defined in the Executive Order to include regulations that 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." Under Executive Order 13132, EPA may not issue a regulation that has federalism implications, that imposes substantial direct compliance costs, and that is not required by statute, unless the Federal government provides the funds necessary to pay the direct compliance costs incurred by State and local governments, or EPA consults with State and local officials early in the process of developing the proposed regulation. EPA also may not issue a regulation that has federalism implications and that preempts State law unless the Agency consults with State and local officials early in the process of developing the proposed regulation.

This rule will 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, 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. Thus, the requirements of section 6 of the Executive Order do not apply to this rule.

#### *F. Executive Order 13175, Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments*

Executive Order 13175, entitled "Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments" (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000), requires EPA to develop an accountable process to ensure "meaningful and timely input by tribal officials in the development of regulatory policies that have tribal implications." This proposed rule does not have tribal implications, as specified in Executive Order 13175. It will not have substantial direct effects on tribal governments, 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. Thus, Executive Order 13175 does not apply to this rule.

#### *G. Executive Order 13045, Protection of Children From Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks*

*Protection of Children From Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks* (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997), applies to any rule that: (1) Is determined to be "economically significant" as defined under Executive Order 12866, and (2) concerns an environmental health or safety risk that EPA has reason to believe may have a disproportionate effect on children. If the regulatory action meets both criteria, the Agency must evaluate the environmental health or safety effects of the planned rule on children, and explain why the planned regulation is preferable to other potentially effective and reasonably feasible alternatives considered by the Agency.

This rule is not subject to Executive Order 13045 because it does not involve decisions intended to mitigate environmental health or safety risks.

#### *H. Executive Order 13211, Actions That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use*

This rule is not subject to Executive Order 13211, "Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use" (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001) because it is not a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866.

#### *I. National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act*

Section 12 of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (NTTAA) of 1995 requires Federal agencies to evaluate existing technical standards when developing a new regulation. To comply with NTTAA, EPA must consider and use "voluntary consensus standards" (VCS) if available

and applicable when developing programs and policies unless doing so would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical.

The EPA believes that VCS are inapplicable to this action. Today's action does not require the public to perform activities conducive to the use of VCS.

#### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Carbon monoxide, Intergovernmental relations, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Volatile organic compound.

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

Dated: June 19, 2003.

**Alexis Strauss,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.*  
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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 73

[DA 03-2034; MB Docket No. 03-140; RM-10697]

#### Radio Broadcasting Services; Avoca, Freeland and Wilkes-Barre, PA

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed by Entercom Wilkes-Barre Scranton, LLC ("Petitioner"), requesting the reallocation of Channel 276A from Freeland, PA to Avoca, PA, and modification of the license for Station WAMT accordingly. The coordinates for Channel 276A at Avoca are 41-18-20

and 75-45-38. Petitioner further requests the reallocation of Channel 253B, Station WKRZ, from Wilkes-Barre, PA to Freeland, PA, as a replacement service for Station WAMT. The coordinates for Channel 253B at Freeland are 41-11-56 and 75-49-06. The proposal complies with the provisions of section 1.420(i) of the Commission's Rules, and therefore, the Commission will not accept competing expressions of interest in the use of Channels 276A at Avoca and 253B at Freeland. Canadian concurrence will be requested for the proposed reallocations.

**DATES:** Comments must be filed on or before August 14, 2003, and reply comments on or before August 29, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW., Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioners' counsel, as follows: Brian M. Madden, John W. Bagwell, Leventhal Senter & Lerman PLLC, 2000 K Street, NW., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20006-1809.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kathleen Scheuerle, Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MB Docket No. 03-140, adopted June 18, 2003, and released June 23, 2003. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during regular business hours in the FCC's Reference Information Center at Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., CY-A257, Washington, DC 20554. This document may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractors, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW., Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20554, telephone 202-

863-2893, facsimile 202-863-2898, or via e-mail [qualexint@aol.com](mailto:qualexint@aol.com).

The provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments. *see* 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contacts.

For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, *see* 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

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

Radio, Radio broadcasting.

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission proposes to amend 47 CFR part 73 as follows:

### PART 73—RADIO BROADCAST SERVICES

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

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

#### § 73.202 [Amended]

2. Section 73.202(b), the Table of FM Allotments under Pennsylvania, is amended by removing Channel 276A and by adding Channel 253B at Freeland, by removing Channel 253B at Wilkes-Barre, and by adding Avoca, Channel 276A.

Federal Communications Commission.

**John A. Karousos,**

*Assistant Chief, Audio Division, Media Bureau.*

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