

**§ 501.1 Postage evidencing system/ infrastructure authorization.**

a. Postage evidencing systems produce evidence of prepayment of U.S. postage by any method other than postage stamps or permit imprint. They include but are not limited to postage meters and PC Postage® systems.

b. Due to the potential for adverse impact upon Postal Service revenue, the following activities may not be engaged in by any person or concern without prior, written approval of the Postal Service:

i. Producing or distributing any postage evidencing system that generates U.S. postage.

ii. Repairing, distributing, refurbishing, remanufacturing or destroying any component of a postage evidencing system that accounts for or authorizes the printing of U.S. postage.

iii. Owning or operating an infrastructure that maintains operating data for the production of U.S. postage; maintains data concerning users or use of a postage evidencing systems; or accounts for U.S. postage purchased for distribution through a postage evidencing system.

iv. Owning or operating an infrastructure that maintains operating data or data concerning existing or proposed users of a postage evidencing system that is used to facilitate licensing or registration with the Postal Service of users of a postage evidencing system.

c. Any person or entity seeking authorization to perform any activity described in b must submit a request to the Postal Service in person or in writing.

d. Approval shall be based upon satisfactory evidence of the applicant's integrity and financial responsibility and a determination that disclosure to the applicant of the Postal Service customer, financial, or other data of a commercial nature necessary to perform the function for which approval is sought would be appropriate and consistent with good business practices within the meaning of 39 U.S.C. 410(c)(2).

e. Qualification and approval may be based upon conditions agreed to by the Postal Service and the applicant. The applicant is approved in writing to engage in the function(s) for which authorization was sought and approved.

3. Amend § 501.3 by replacing the title and all text to read as follows:

**§ 501.3 Changes in ownership or control, bankruptcy, or insolvency.**

a. Any person or entity authorized under 501.1 must promptly notify the Postal Service when it has a reasonable expectation that there may be a change

in its ownership or control including changes in the ownership of an affiliate which exercises control over its postage evidencing system operations in the United States. A change of ownership or control within the meaning of this section includes entry into a strategic alliance or other agreement under which a third party may gain access to Postal Service customer or financial data. Any person or entity seeking to acquire ownership or control of a person or entity authorized under 501.1 must provide the Postal Service satisfactory evidence that it satisfies the conditions for approval stated in 501.1. Early notification of a proposed change in ownership or control will facilitate expeditious review of an application to acquire ownership or control under this section.

b. Any person or entity authorized under 501.1 must promptly notify the Postal Service when it has a reasonable expectation that there may be a change in the status of its financial condition either through bankruptcy, insolvency, assignment for the benefit of creditors, or other similar financial action. Any person or entity authorized under 501.1 who experiences a change in the status of its financial condition may, at the discretion of the Postal Service, have its authorization under 501.1 modified or terminated.

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**Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Wisconsin: Kewaunee County Ozone Maintenance Plan Update**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA is proposing to approve a plan prepared by Wisconsin to maintain the one-hour national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for ozone in the Kewaunee County maintenance area through the year 2012. This revision is required by the Clean Air Act. The effect of this approval is to ensure Federal enforceability of the State air program plan and to maintain consistency between the State-adopted plan and the approved State

Implementation Plan (SIP). In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, we are approving the SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal, because we view this as a noncontroversial revision amendment and anticipate 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 the direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If we receive 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. We will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before June 9, 2004.

Comments may also be submitted electronically or through hand delivery/courier. Please follow the detailed instructions described in part(I)(B)(1)(i) through (iii) of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of the related direct final rule which is published in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Criteria Pollutants Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590. *bortzer.jay@epa.gov*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Leslie, Environmental Engineer, Criteria Pollutants Section (AR-18J), Air Programs Branch, Air and Radiation Division, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 353-6680, *leslie.michael@epa.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information, see the Direct Final Rule which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**. Copies of the request and the EPA's analysis are available for inspection at the above address. (Please telephone Michael Leslie at (312) 353-6680 before visiting the Region 5 Office.)

Dated: April 26, 2004.

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