

Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321–4370f), and have made a preliminary determination that there are no factors in this case that would limit the use of a categorical exclusion under section 2.B.2 of the Instruction. Therefore, we believe that this rule should be categorically excluded, under figure 2–1, paragraph (34)(h), of the Instruction, from further environmental documentation. Special local regulations issued in conjunction with a regatta or marine parade permit are specifically excluded from further analysis and documentation under that section.

Under figure 2–1, paragraph (34)(h), of the Instruction, an “Environmental Analysis Check List” is not required for this rule. Comments on this section will be considered before we make the final decision on whether to categorically exclude this rule from further environmental review.

List of Subjects in 33 CFR Part 100

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

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Coast Guard proposes to amend 33 CFR part 100 as follows:

PART 100—SAFETY OF LIFE ON NAVIGABLE WATERS

1. The authority citation for part 100 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1233; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

2. Add temporary § 100.35–T05–020 to read as follows:

§ 100.35–T05–020 Nanticoke River, Sharptown, MD.

(a) *Definitions.* (1) *Coast Guard Patrol Commander* means a commissioned, warrant, or petty officer of the Coast Guard who has been designated by the Commander, Coast Guard Sector Baltimore.

(2) *Official Patrol* means any vessel assigned or approved by Commander, Coast Guard Sector Baltimore with a commissioned, warrant, or petty officer on board and displaying a Coast Guard ensign.

(3) *Participant* includes all vessels participating in the Bo Bowman Memorial—Sharptown Regatta under the auspices of the Marine Event Permit issued to the event sponsor and approved by Commander, Coast Guard Sector Baltimore.

(b) *Regulated area* includes all waters of the Nanticoke River, near Sharptown, Maryland, between Maryland S.R. 313 Highway Bridge and Nanticoke River Light 43 (LLN 24175), bounded by a line

drawn between the following points: southeasterly from latitude 38°32′46″ N., longitude 075°43′14″ W.; to latitude 38°32′42″ N., longitude 075°43′09″ W.; thence northeasterly to latitude 38°33′04″ N., longitude 075°42′39″ W.; thence northwesterly to latitude 38°33′09″ N., longitude 075°42′44″ W.; thence southwesterly to latitude 38°32′46″ N., longitude 075°43′14″ W. All coordinates reference Datum NAD 1983.

(c) *Special local regulations.* (1) Except for event participants and persons or vessels authorized by the Coast Guard Patrol Commander, no person or vessel may enter or remain in the regulated area.

(2) The operator of any vessel in the regulated area shall:

(i) Stop the vessel immediately when directed to do so by any Official Patrol.

(ii) Proceed as directed by any Official Patrol.

(iii) When authorized to transit the regulated area, all vessels shall proceed at the minimum speed necessary to maintain a safe course that minimizes wake near the race course.

(c) *Effective period.* This section will be effective from 9:30 a.m. on June 17, to 6:30 p.m. on June 18, 2006.

(d) *Enforcement period.* It is expected that this section will be enforced from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on June 17 and 18, 2006.

Dated: March 14, 2006.

Larry L. Hereth,

Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Fifth Coast Guard District.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

37 CFR Part 2

[Docket No. PTO–T–2005–0014]

RIN 0651–AB56

Miscellaneous Changes to Trademark Trial and Appeal Board Rules

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is reopening the comment period for proposed changes to certain rules affecting practice before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board that were published in the **Federal Register** January 17, 2006. Interested members of the public are

invited to submit written comments on these proposed changes by the new deadline for comments.

DATES: The comment period for the proposed rule published at 71 FR 2498, January 17, 2006, originally set to close on March 20, 2006, is reopened from March 27, 2006, until May 4, 2006 (45 days beyond the original deadline).

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be sent by e-mail to AB56Comments@uspto.gov, or by mail addressed to Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, P.O. Box 1451, Alexandria, Virginia 22313–1451, marked to the attention of Gerard F. Rogers. Comments may also be sent by electronic mail message over the Internet via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. See <http://www.regulations.gov> for additional instructions on using this option.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gerard F. Rogers, Administrative Trademark Judge, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, by telephone at (571) 272–4299, or by e-mail addressed to Gerard.Rogers@uspto.gov, or by facsimile transmission marked to his attention and sent to (571) 273–0059.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A notice of proposed rule making to amend certain rules governing practice before the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board was published in the **Federal Register** on January 17, 2006 (71 FR 2498). A number of comments made in response to that notice suggested that an extension of the comment period would be helpful; and some of these recommended a public hearing. In addition, the Trademark Public Advisory Committee has recommended to the USPTO an extension and a hearing. The USPTO has decided to reopen the comment period (announcement of an extension not being possible before the scheduled close of the comment period on March 20, 2006). The USPTO has also decided, however, that written comments are preferred over oral comments and therefore will not schedule a public hearing. Any comments submitted after the close of the original comment period on March 20, 2006, but prior to the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** will be considered. All comments submitted between January 17, 2006 and May 4, 2006, will be considered. All comments will be posted for public viewing on the Internet via the Federal eRulemaking Portal (<http://www.regulations.gov>).

Dated: March 20, 2006.

Jon W. Dudas,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 51

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2005-0175; FRL-8049-7]

Extension of Public Comment Period for Proposed Rule on the Transition to New or Revised Particulate Matter (PM) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Extension of public comment period.

SUMMARY: The EPA is announcing a 90-day extension of the public comment period for the proposed "Transition to New or Revised Particulate Matter (PM); National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)." As initially published in the *Federal Register* on February 9, 2006 written comments on the advance proposal for rulemaking were to be submitted to EPA on or before April 10, 2006 (a 60-day public comment period). Since publication, EPA has received several requests for additional time to submit comments. Therefore, the public comment period is being extended for 90 days and will now end on July 10, 2006. This extension is based on the fact that the PM NAAQS will not be finalized until September 27, 2006.

DATES: The public comment period for this proposed rule is extended to July 10, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions regarding PM implementation issues, contact Ms. Barbara Driscoll, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Mail Code C504-05, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, phone number (919) 541-1051 or by e-mail at: driscoll.barbara@epa.gov. Questions regarding the new source review issues contact Raj Rao, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Mail Code C504-03, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, phone number (919) 541-5344 or by e-mail at: rao.raj@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. General Information

A. Extension of Public Comment Period

The proposed rule was signed by the Administrator on February 3, 2006 and published in the *Federal Register* on February 9, 2006 (71 FR 6718). The EPA has received several requests for additional time to comment on the proposal. Since the 60-day public comment period would have concluded on April 10, 2006, EPA has decided to extend the comment period until July 10, 2006 based on the fact that the PM NAAQS will not be promulgated until September 27, 2006.

B. How Can I Get Copies of This Document and Other Related Information?

1. *Docket.* The EPA has established a docket for this action under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2005-0175. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically through <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the EPA Docket Center, located at 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room B102, Washington, DC between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Docket is (202) 566-1742. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

2. *Electronic Access.* You may access this *Federal Register* document electronically through the EPA Internet under the "*Federal Register*" listings at <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/>. Also, the advance notice of proposed rulemaking was published in the *Federal Register* on February 9, 2006 and is available at <http://www.epa.gov/air/particlepollution/actions.html>.

Dated: March 14, 2006.

Jeffrey S. Clark,

Acting Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 51

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0079; FRL-8049-4]

RIN 2060-AN26

Implementation of the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard—Phase 1: Reconsideration

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; notice of public hearing; reopening comment period.

SUMMARY: The EPA is requesting comment on the overwhelming transport classification for 8-hour ozone nonattainment areas as requested in a petition for reconsideration of EPA's final rule to implement the 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS or standard). We are requesting comment on the draft guidance document entitled "Criteria For Assessing Whether an Ozone Nonattainment Area is Affected by Overwhelming Transport," and we are reopening the comment period on our proposed rule regarding how the Clean Air Act (CAA) section 172 requirements would apply to an area that might receive an overwhelming transport classification. In the Phase 1 Rule to Implement the 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS we stated that we were considering the comments we received on the issue of applicable requirements for these subpart 1 areas and would address them when we issued guidance on assessing overwhelming transport. Consequently, today's action takes comment on the overwhelming transport guidance and on the applicable requirements that would apply to areas receiving the overwhelming transport classification. In addition, EPA is holding a public hearing on April 12, 2006.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 12, 2006 on both the proposed rule and reopening on the June 2, 2003 proposal. A public hearing will be held in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, on April 12, 2006, and will convene at 10 a.m. and will end when those preregistered to provide testimony have done so and when others in attendance at that time have had an opportunity to do so. Because of the need to resolve the issues in this document in a timely manner, EPA will not grant requests for extensions of the public comment period. For additional information on the public hearing, see the **ADDRESSEES** section of this preamble.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0079, by one of the following methods:

- <http://www.regulations.gov>: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- E-mail: A-and-R-Docket@epa.gov. Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0079.

- Fax: The fax number of the Air Docket is (202) 566-1741. Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2003-0079.