between the NEPA planning process and the rulemaking process, may also be found on the PEPC Web site for this project http://parkplanning.nps.gov/WASO.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To determine the scope of issues to be addressed in the EIS and to identify significant issues related to the proposed regulations revision, the NPS is seeking public comment on the draft purpose and need, objectives, and issues and concerns related to revisions of the NPS regulations governing nonfederal oil and gas development on units of the National Park System. The NPS also seeks comment on possible alternatives it should consider for revising the regulations. The NPS invites the public to submit comments electronically on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) Web site at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/WASO or by mail to the address cited in the ADDRESSES section during the 60-day comment period following the publication of this notice of intent in the Federal Register.

The NPS does not plan to hold national public scoping meetings for this DEIS due to the programmatic nature of the regulations and the widely dispersed locations of the 45 parks that could be affected by the revisions. However, some individual parks may choose to hold public scoping meetings in their locality. Such meetings would be advertised by those parks using their normal media and mailing list contacts. At present, 12 park units contain existing nonfederal oil and gas development within their boundaries.

The NPS promulgated regulations at 36 CFR part 9, subpart B (“9B regulations”) governing nonfederal oil and gas development in units of the National Park System in December 1978, with a January 1979 effective date. The regulations control all activities associated with nonfederal oil and gas development inside park boundaries where access is on, across, or through federally owned or controlled lands or waters. At this time 693 nonfederal oil and gas operations exist in a total of 12 units of the National Park System.

The purpose of the 9B regulations is to avoid or minimize the adverse effects of nonfederal oil and gas operations on natural and cultural resources, visitor uses and experiences, provide for public safety, and minimize adverse effects on park infrastructure and management.

Revisions to the 9B regulations are needed because:

• The NPS has limited ability to address 53% of nonfederal oil and gas operations (grandfathered operations and operations that do not require access across federally owned lands) that are currently exempt from the 9B regulatory requirements.
• The existing regulations do not incorporate industry advances in technology and practices developed over the last 30 years.
• The existing regulations limit the NPS ability to require adequate financial assurance from operators to ensure that funds are available to reclaim operation sites in the event operators fail to fulfill their obligations under an approved plan of operations.
• There is an opportunity to have more understandable, comprehensive, and enforceable operating standards.
• The NPS has limited means under the existing regulations to address minor violations of an approved plan of operations or the 9B regulations that would not justify a suspension.
• The existing regulations do not clearly state the scope of NPS jurisdiction for directional drilling operations sited on lands outside park boundaries.

The draft and final 9B Regulations Revision EIS will be made available to all known interested parties and appropriate agencies. Full public participation by Federal, State, and local agencies as well as other concerned organizations and private citizens is invited throughout the preparation process of this document.

The responsible official for this 9B Regulations Revision EIS is Herbert Frost, Associate Director for Natural Resource Stewardship and Science, 1849 C Street, NW., Room 3130, Washington, DC 20240–0001.


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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52


Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Ohio; Volatile Organic Compound Emission Control Measures for Lithographic and Letterpress Printing in Cleveland

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: On March 9, 2010, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) submitted revisions to its previously approved offset lithographic and letterpress printing volatile organic compound (VOC) rule for approval into the Ohio State Implementation Plan (SIP). This submittal revises certain compliance date and recordkeeping requirements of this rule, which was previously approved as satisfying the VOC reasonably available control technology (RACT) requirement for Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit Counties. These rule revisions are approvable because they satisfy the requirements of RACT and the Clean Air Act (CAA).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before January 31, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–R05– OAR–2010–0259, by one of the following methods:
I. What should I consider as I prepare my comments for EPA?

1. Identify the rulemaking by docket number and other identifying information (subject heading, Federal Register date, and page number).

2. Follow directions—The EPA may ask you to provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns, and suggest alternatives.

3. Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.

4. Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.

5. If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.

6. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns, and suggest alternatives.

7. Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.

8. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

II. What action is EPA taking today?

EPA is proposing to approve Ohio's revised offset lithographic and letterpress printing rule (OAC 3745–21–22), submitted to EPA on March 9, 2010, into the Ohio SIP. This VOC rule applies to offset lithographic and letterpress printing operations in Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit Counties.

III. What is the purpose of this action?

The primary purpose of this action is to allow an alternative for demonstrating compliance with add-on control requirements, and to specify recordkeeping requirements, when a recipe log is maintained for each batch of fountain solution or cleaning solution.

IV. What is EPA's analysis of Ohio's submitted VOC rule?

General discussion of rule—This rule applies to offset lithographic and letterpress printing facilities in Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit Counties, the former Cleveland-Akron 8-hour ozone nonattainment area whose actual VOC emissions, before the application of control systems, are equal to or greater than three tons of VOCs per rolling twelve-month period. Under this rule, a heatset web offset lithographic printing press, or a heatset web letterpress printing press, with potential VOC ink oil emissions from the press dryer that are greater than 25 tons per year before control must maintain dryer air pressure lower than the pressroom air pressure and have a control system that achieves 90 percent control (or 95 percent control for a control system installed after the effective date of this rule) or maintain a maximum VOC outlet concentration of 20 ppmv. This rule restricts the VOC content of fountain solutions used by offset lithographic presses, based on the type of offset lithographic press in use at a facility. Cleaning solutions used on subject lithographic or letterpress printing presses must either be at or below 70 percent by weight VOC, or be at or below ten millimeters of mercury at 20 degrees Celsius. This rule also contains the appropriate test methods...
for determining the VOC concentration of the exhaust stream and the VOC content of the fountain solution and cleaning solution. This rule includes methods to determine the vapor pressure of the cleaning solution. The rule also includes monitoring and recordkeeping requirements to ensure that the control systems are operating properly, to establish whether the VOC content of the cleaning solution and fountain solution are in compliance with the applicable limits, and to establish whether an offset lithographic or letterpress printing facility is subject to one or more of the control requirements of the rule. This rule is consistent with the VOC control requirements in the September 2006 EPA guidance document “Control Techniques Guidelines for Offset Lithographic Printing and Letterpress Printing.” The Control Technique Guideline documents were required to be established by the CAA and establish RACT for their respective source categories. In addition, the recordkeeping and other provisions result in enforceable control requirements.

Discussion of Rule Revisions

The rule at 3745–21–22(E)(2)(a) specifies compliance dates for offset lithographic or letterpress printing facilities that are achieving compliance by using an add-on control device. These facilities are allowed to demonstrate compliance with an emission test conducted prior to the effective date of the rule if an approved EPA test method was used, the operation of the press(es) was consistent with their current operating conditions and, if requested, the test was witnessed by the Ohio EPA. This is a reasonable alternative which allows a printing facility to take advantage of a well documented test to demonstrate compliance and is therefore approvable.

The rule at 3745–21–22(G)(3) specifies recordkeeping requirements for owners or operators maintaining a recipe log for each batch of fountain solution prepared for use in their press. This recipe log must identify all recipes used to prepare the as-applied cleaning solution and clearly identify the VOC content of each cleaning solution or the VOC composite partial vapor pressure. The revisions to the recordkeeping requirements in 3745–21–22(G)(3) and 3745–21–22(G)(4) are approvable because the resulting records are sufficient to determine whether complying fountain and cleaning solutions have been used.

V. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

Under the CAA, the Administrator is required to approve a SIP submission that complies with the provisions of the CAA and applicable Federal regulations. 42 U.S.C. 7410(k); 40 CFR Part 52.02(a). Thus, in reviewing SIP submissions, EPA’s role is to approve State choices, provided that they meet the criteria of the CAA. Accordingly, this action merely approves state law as meeting Federal requirements and does not impose additional requirements beyond those imposed by State law. For that reason, this action:

• Is not a “significant regulatory action” subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993);
• Does not impose an information collection burden under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.);
• Is certified as not having a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.);
• 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);
• Does not have Federalism implications as specified in Executive Order 13132 (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999);
• Is not an economically significant regulatory action based on health or safety risks subject to Executive Order 13045 (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997);
• Is not a significant regulatory action subject to Executive Order 13211 (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001);
• Is not subject to requirements of Section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 note) because application of those requirements would be inconsistent with the CAA; and
• Does not provide EPA with the discretionary authority to address, as appropriate, disproportionate human health or environmental effects, using practicable and legally permissible methods, under Executive Order 12898 (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994).

In addition, this rule does not have tribal implications as specified by Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000), because the SIP is not approved to apply in Indian country located in the state, and EPA notes that it will not impose substantial direct costs on tribal governments or preempt tribal law.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Volatile organic compounds.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

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Determinations Concerning Need for Error Correction, Partial Approval and Partial Disapproval, and Federal Implementation Plan Regarding Texas Prevention of Significant Deterioration Program; Proposed Rule

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to correct its previous full approval of Texas’s Clean Air Act (CAA) Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) program to be a partial approval and partial disapproval and is proposing a Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) for Texas. This action is based on EPA’s determination that Texas’s PSD program is flawed because the state did not address how the program would apply to all pollutants that would become newly subject to regulation in the future, including non-National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) pollutants, among them greenhouse gases (GHGs). The partial disapproval requires EPA to promulgate a FIP and so EPA is also proposing a FIP in order to assure that GHG-emitting sources in Texas are able to proceed with plans to construct or expand. In the “Rules” section of this Federal Register, we are taking this action including the FIP...