

national emergency.<sup>2</sup> Soon thereafter the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency issued guidance identifying, for the COVID-19 pandemic, which infrastructure sectors are critical to maintain necessary services and functions; one is the food and agriculture sector.<sup>3</sup>

FDA has received a request for a 120-day extension of all open comment periods for food-related proposed regulations, draft guidance documents, and **Federal Register** notices to allow the food industry to focus its efforts on COVID-19 response efforts and assuring that food production continues without pause (Ref. 1). FDA has considered the request in light of the role of the Food and Agriculture Sector in maintaining critical infrastructure and recognizing that the comment period currently is scheduled to close during the acute response to COVID-19. We have concluded that it is reasonable to extend for approximately 90 days the comment period for the Laboratory Accreditation for Analyses of Foods proposed rule. The Agency believes that this extension, together with the original 30-day extension, allows adequate time for any interested persons to consider the proposal fully and submit comments. We also are extending the comment period for the information collection provisions to make the comment period for the information collection provisions the same as the comment period for the provisions of the proposed rule. To clarify, FDA is requesting comment on all issues raised by the proposed rule.

## II. Reference

The following reference is on display at the Dockets Management Staff (see **ADDRESSES**) and is available for viewing by interested persons between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday; it is also available electronically at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

1. Letter from Food & Beverage Issue Alliance to Frank Yiannas, Deputy Commissioner for Food Policy and Response, and Susan T. Mayne, Director of the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, March 23, 2020.

Dated: April 1, 2020.

**Lowell J. Schiller,**

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<sup>2</sup> See <https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/proclamation-declaring-national-emergency-concerning-novel-coronavirus-disease-covid-19-outbreak/>.

<sup>3</sup> See <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R01-OAR-2020-0150; FRL-10007-41-Region 1]

### Air Plan Approval; New Hampshire; Negative Declaration for the Oil and Gas Industry

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to approve a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of New Hampshire. The revision provides the state's determination, via a negative declaration, that there are no facilities within its borders subject to EPA's 2016 Control Technique Guideline (CTG) for the oil and gas industry. The intended effect of this action is to propose approval of these items into the New Hampshire SIP. This action is being taken in accordance with the Clean Air Act.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before May 6, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R01-OAR-2020-0150 at <https://www.regulations.gov>, or via email to [mcconnell.robert@epa.gov](mailto:mcconnell.robert@epa.gov). For comments submitted at [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov), follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov). For either manner of submission, the EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.* on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, please contact the person identified in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. For the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>. Publicly available docket materials are available

at <https://www.regulations.gov> or at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA Region 1 Regional Office, Air and Radiation Division, 5 Post Office Square—Suite 100, Boston, MA. EPA requests that if at all possible, you contact the contact listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section to schedule your inspection. The Regional Office's official hours of business are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding legal holidays.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates 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 this action rule, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives 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. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time. Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, EPA may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

For additional information, see the direct final rule which is located in the Rules Section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 27, 2020.

**Dennis Deziel,**

*Regional Administrator, EPA Region 1.*

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