

information which MSHA should review and evaluate. This new information is relevant to MSHA's proposed rule and the Agency's technical assessment of other flammability test data. Also, MSHA has placed the Agency's response to questions from certain commenters in the rulemaking record for public review.

**DATES:** Written material and comments must be submitted by December 15, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to MSHA; Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances; 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Room 631; Arlington, VA 22203. Commenters are encouraged to submit comments on a computer disk along with a hard copy.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia W. Silvey, Director; Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances; 703-235-1910.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

I. Background

On December 24, 1992, MSHA published a proposed rule (57 FR 61524) to implement new procedures and requirements for testing and approval of flame-resistant conveyor belts and requirements for their use in underground coal mines. The proposed revision would replace the existing flame test for acceptance of flame-resistant belts specified in Agency regulations. The comment period on the proposed rule closed on March 26, 1993. Several commenters requested that the Agency hold a public hearing on its proposal. The comment period on the proposed rule was reopened until April 21, 1995, and on May 2, 1995, MSHA held a public hearing in Washington, PA (60 FR 16589, March 31, 1995). The post-hearing comment period closed on June 5, 1995.

II. Issues

Following the close of the post-hearing comment period, a manufacturer indicated that additional flammability testing of conveyor belts was scheduled using the Factory Mutual conveyor belt flammability test (FM test) and invited MSHA to witness that testing. To avoid participation in testing where all parties to the rulemaking were not invited, and because the record was closed, MSHA neither witnessed these tests nor received the results of this testing. Another manufacturer also requested that MSHA accept additional flammability test data generated from the FM test that were not available during the comment period.

Also, in the comments submitted during the post hearing comment

period, the United Mine Workers of America (UMWA) and the Bituminous Coal Operators' Association (BCOA) jointly submitted 10 questions to MSHA. MSHA's response is being placed in the rulemaking record and is available to the public from MSHA, Office of Standards, Regulations, and Variances.

MSHA is reopening the record for 45 days to provide all interested parties an opportunity to review the record and to submit additional data, test results, and technical information. MSHA encourages all interested parties to submit comments prior to the close of the record.

Dated: October 18, 1995.

J. Davitt McAteer,

*Assistant Secretary for Mine Safety and Health.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Part 52**

[FRL-5296-6]

**Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; State of Connecticut**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Connecticut to redesignate the Hartford/New Britain/Middletown area from nonattainment to attainment for carbon monoxide (CO). Under the Clean Air Act as amended in 1990 (CAA), designations can be revised if sufficient data is available to warrant such revisions.

In addition, EPA is approving two related State Implementation Plan (SIP) submissions by Connecticut DEP. On January 12, 1993, Connecticut DEP submitted a final 1990 base year emission inventory for CO emissions, which includes emissions data for all sources of CO in Connecticut's two CO nonattainment areas (the Hartford/New Britain/Middletown area and the Connecticut portion of the New York/New Jersey/Connecticut Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area (CMSA). On January 12, 1993, January 14, 1993, September 30, 1994 and August 1, 1995, Connecticut DEP submitted an

oxygenated fuel program and revisions for both CO nonattainment areas.

In the Final Rules Section of this Federal Register, EPA is approving the CO emissions inventory for both areas and the oxygenated fuels program only as it applies to the Hartford/New Britain/Middletown nonattainment area as a direct final rule. In addition, EPA is also approving Connecticut's redesignation, as a direct final rule without prior proposal. A detailed rationale for the action is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to that direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. 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 on this document. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted by November 30, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to Damien Houlihan, at the EPA Regional Office listed below. Copies of the redesignation request and the State of Connecticut's submittal are available for public review during normal business hours at the addresses listed below.

Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460, and; Environmental Protection Agency, One Congress Street, Boston, MA 02203.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Damien Houlihan of the EPA Region I Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division at (617) 565-3266.

Dated: August 31, 1995.

John P. DeVillars,

*Regional Administrator, Region I.*

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**40 CFR Part 52**

[CA 162-1-7250b; FRL-5321-2]

**Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision, South Coast Air Quality Management District and Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is proposing to approve revisions to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP) which concerns the control of volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from graphic arts and wood products coating operations.

The intended effect of proposing approval of these rules is to regulate emissions of VOCs in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990 (CAA or the Act). In the Final Rules Section of this Federal Register, the EPA is approving the state's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision amendment and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for this approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this proposed rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this rule. 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. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposed rule must be received in writing by November 30, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on this action should be addressed to: Daniel A. Meer, Rulemaking Section (A-5-3), Air and Toxics Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

Copies of the rule revisions and EPA's evaluation report of each rule are available for public inspection at EPA's Region 9 office during normal business hours. Copies of the submitted rule revisions are also available for inspection at the following locations:

Rulemaking Section (A-5-3), Air and Toxics Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 95105.

Environmental Protection Agency, Air Docket (6102), 401 "M" Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460.

California Air Resources Board, Stationary Source Division, Rule Evaluation Section, 2020 "L" Street, Sacramento, CA 95812-2815.

South Coast Air Quality Management District, 21865 E. Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765-4812.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel A. Meer, Chief Rulemaking Section (A-5-3), Air and Toxics

Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, Telephone: (415) 744-1185.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document concerns South Coast Air Quality Management District's Rules 1130, Graphic Arts and 1136, Wood Products Coating, submitted by the California Air Resources Board on October 13, 1995. For further information please see the information provided in the Direct Final action which is located in the Rules Section of this Federal Register.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q.

Dated: October 19, 1995.

John Wise,

*Acting Regional Administrator.*

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#### 40 CFR Part 52

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#### Clean Air Act Approval and Promulgation of New Source Review Implementation Plan for Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA proposes to approve with a contingency, and disapprove in the alternative, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District (MDAQMD) rules 1301, 1302, 1304, 1305, 1306, 1307, 1308, 1310, 1311, and 1312 (submitted rules) as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). The State of California has submitted these rules for the purpose of meeting the new source review (NSR) requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990 (CAA or the Act) for areas that have not attained the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). The submitted rules contain a number of deficiencies that prevent EPA from approving them as revisions to the SIP. However, MDAQMD has agreed to correct these deficiencies, and has sent draft rules (Initial Draft 3, 10/11/95—hereafter: "proposed revisions") to EPA which contain acceptable language. This proposed approval is therefore contingent upon MDAQMD adopting and submitting to EPA revised rules which correct the deficiencies identified in this document before EPA promulgates a final rulemaking on the submitted rules. Should MDAQMD fail to adopt and submit its proposed revisions, then this document will serve as a proposed disapproval of the

submitted rules. If the District adopts and submits rules which differ substantially from those contained in its proposed revisions, then EPA will publish an additional notice of proposed rulemaking for public review and comment.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposed action must be received in writing by November 30, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** To submit comments or receive additional information, please contact: Steve Ringer, Environmental Engineer, Air & Toxics Division (A-5-1), EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. Copies of MDAQMD's submittal and other information are available for inspection during normal business hours at the following locations: (1) EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA; (2) Mojave Desert AQMD, 15428 Civic Drive, Suite 200, Victorville, CA 92932; (3) Air Resources Board, 2020 "L" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steve Ringer at (415) 744-1260.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The air quality planning requirements for nonattainment NSR are set out in Part D of Title I of the Act. EPA has issued a "General Preamble" describing EPA's preliminary views on how EPA intends to review SIPs and SIP revisions submitted under part D, including those State submittals containing nonattainment NSR SIP requirements (see 57 FR 13498 (April 16, 1992) and 57 FR 18070 (April 28, 1992)). Because EPA is describing its interpretations here only in broad terms, the reader should refer to the General Preamble for a more detailed discussion. EPA is currently developing proposed regulations to implement the changes under the 1990 Amendments in the NSR provisions in Parts C and D of Title I of the Act. EPA expects to propose these regulations sometime during 1995 or 1996. Upon promulgation of these regulations, EPA will review those NSR SIP submittals on which it has taken final action to determine whether additional SIP revisions are necessary.

#### Procedural Background

The Act requires States to observe certain procedural requirements in developing implementation plans and plan revisions for submission to EPA. Section 110(a)(2) and section 110(l) of the Act provide that each implementation plan or revision to an implementation plan submitted by a State must be adopted after reasonable notice and public hearing. Section 172(c)(7) of the Act provides that plan provisions for nonattainment areas shall