

40 CFR Part 52

[AK14-7102b; FRL-5686-3]

Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans: Alaska**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 Alaska for the purpose of approving the 1990 base year carbon monoxide emission inventory portion of the Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska carbon monoxide (CO) State Implementation Plan (SIP) submitted on December 29, 1993, by the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC). The SIP revision was submitted by the State to satisfy certain Federal Clean Air Act requirements for the purpose of bringing about the attainment of the national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for CO. 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 the 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 If the EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule.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 action.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received in writing by March 13, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Montel Livingston, Environmental Protection Specialist (OAQ-107), Office of Air Quality, at the EPA Regional Office listed below. Copies of the documents relevant to this proposed rule are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the visiting day.

Environmental Protection Agency,
Region 10, Office of Air Quality, 1200
6th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101.
Alaska Department of Environmental
Conservation, 410 Willoughby, Suite
105, Juneau, Alaska 99801-1795.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Pavitt, EPA Region 10, Alaska Operations Office (AOO/A), 222 W. 7th Avenue, Box #19, Anchorage, AK 99513-7588, (907) 271-5083.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the Direct Final action which is located in the Rules Section of this Federal Register.

Dated: January 28, 1997.
Chuck Clarke,
Regional Administrator.
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40 CFR Part 721

[OPPTS-50581B; FRL-5580-8]

Proposed Revocation of Significant New Use Rules for Certain Chemical Substances**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to revoke two significant new use rules (SNUR) promulgated under section 5(a)(2) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) for certain chemical substances based on new toxicity data. Based on the data the Agency determined that it could no longer support a finding that activities not described in the TSCA section 5(e) consent order may result in significant changes in human exposure.

DATES: Written comments must be received by March 13, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Each comment must bear the docket control number OPPTS-50581B. All comments should be sent in triplicate to: OPPT Document Control Officer (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Room G-099, East Tower, Washington, DC 20460.

All comments which are claimed confidential must be clearly marked as such. Three additional sanitized copies of any comments containing confidential business information (CBI) must also be submitted. Nonconfidential versions of comments on this rule will be placed in the rulemaking record and will be available for public inspection. Unit III of this preamble contains additional information on submitting comments containing CBI.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: oppt-ncic@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by (OPPTS-50581B). No CBI should be submitted through e-mail. Electronic comment on this notice may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries. Additional information on electronic submissions can be found under Unit IV of this preamble.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E-543A, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 554-1404; TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Federal Register of October 31, 1990 (55 FR 45994) EPA issued a SNUR establishing significant new uses for the substances listed in Unit I of this preamble. Because of additional data EPA has received for these substances, EPA is proposing to revoke the SNURs.

I. Proposed Revocation

EPA is proposing to revoke the significant new use and recordkeeping requirements for the following chemical substances under 40 CFR part 721, subpart E. In this unit, EPA provides a brief description for the substances, including its premanufacture notice (PMN) number, chemical name (generic name if the specific name is claimed as CBI), CAS number (if assigned), basis for the revocation of the section 5(e) consent order for the substance, and the CFR citation removed in the regulatory text section of this proposed rule. Further background information for the substances is contained in the rulemaking record referenced below in Unit IV of this preamble.

PMN Number P-89-697

Chemical name: (generic) Alkenoic acid, trisubstituted-benzyl-disubstituted-phenyl ester.

CAS number: Not available.

Basis for revocation of SNUR: Based on data for triethylene glycol diacrylate which was not carcinogenic in a long term dermal bioassay in mice and a 28-day study for P-89-694 which demonstrated no dermal absorption or toxic effects by the dermal route, EPA no longer supports the carcinogenicity concern for this substance. Based on that assessment EPA determined that it could no longer support an unreasonable risk finding under section 5(e) of TSCA and is revoking the consent order. EPA can no longer make

the finding that activities not described in the TSCA section 5(e) consent order may result in significant changes in human exposure.

CFR Number: 40 CFR 721.3020.

PMN Number P-89-694

Chemical name: (generic) Alkenoic acid, trisubstituted-phenylalkyl-disubstituted-phenyl ester.

CAS number: Not available.

Basis for revocation of SNUR: Based on data for triethylene glycol diacrylate which was not carcinogenic in a long term dermal bioassay in mice, and a 28-day study for this substance which demonstrated no dermal absorption or toxic effects by the dermal route, EPA no longer supports the carcinogenicity concern for this substance. Based on that assessment EPA determined that it could no longer support an unreasonable risk finding under section 5(e) of TSCA and is revoking the consent order. EPA can no longer make the finding that activities not described in the TSCA section 5(e) consent order may result in significant changes in human exposure.

CFR Number: 40 CFR 721.3040.

II. Background and Rationale for Revocation of the Rule

During review of the PMNs submitted for the chemical substances that are the subject of this revocation, EPA concluded that regulation was warranted based on the fact that activities not described in the section 5(e) consent order may result in significant changes in human exposure. Based on these findings, SNURs were promulgated.

EPA will revoke the section 5(e) consent order that is the basis for these SNURs and has determined that it can no longer support a finding that activities not described in the section 5(e) consent order may result in significant changes in human exposure. The proposed revocation of SNUR provisions for these substances designated herein is consistent with this finding.

In light of the above, EPA is proposing to revoke the SNUR provisions for these chemical substances. When this revocation becomes final, EPA will no longer require notice of any company's intent to manufacture, import, or process these substances. In addition, export notification under section 12(b) of TSCA will no longer be required.

III. Comments Containing Confidential Business Information

Any person who submits comments claimed as CBI must mark the comments as "confidential," "trade

secret," or other appropriate designation. Comments not claimed as confidential at the time of submission will be placed in the public file. Any comments marked as confidential must prepare and submit a public version of the comments that EPA can place in the public file.

IV. Rulemaking Record

A record has been established for this rulemaking under docket number OPPTS 50581B (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI is available for inspection from 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays. The public record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at: oppt-ncic@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

The official record for this rulemaking, as well as the public version, as described above will be kept in paper form. Accordingly, EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into printed, paper form as they are received and will place the paper copies in the official rulemaking record which will also include all comments submitted directly in writing. The official rulemaking record is the paper record maintained at the address in "ADDRESSES" at the beginning of this document.

V. Regulatory Assessment Requirements

EPA is revoking the requirements of this rule. Any costs or burdens associated with this rule will also be eliminated when the rule is revoked. Therefore, EPA finds that no costs or burdens must be assessed under Executive Order 12866, the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 605(b)), or the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 721

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Hazardous materials, Recordkeeping and reporting requirements.

Dated: February 3, 1997.

Charles M. Auer,
Director, Chemical Control Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

Therefore, it is proposed that 40 CFR part 721 be amended as follows:

PART 721—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for part 721 would continue to read as follows:

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 2604, 2607, and 2625(c).

§ 721.3020 [Removed]

2. By removing § 721.3020.

§ 721.3040 [Removed]

3. By removing § 721.3040.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

49 CFR Part 395

FHWA Docket No. MC-96-28

RIN 2125-AD93

Public Meetings for Drivers and Other Interested Persons

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The FHWA is announcing seven public meeting listening sessions for commercial motor vehicle drivers and other interested persons to speak with FHWA officials about their problems with the FHWA's hours-of-service regulations. This action is necessary to inform the public about the dates, times, and locations of the listening sessions. The FHWA hopes to hear from the public, specifically drivers of trucks and buses, about how the hours-of-service regulations affect their professional, personal, and family life. All oral comments will be transcribed and placed in the rulemaking docket for the FHWA's consideration.

DATES: Session 1—Monday, March 10, 1997, Kansas City, Missouri.

Session 2—Wednesday, March 12, 1997, Billings, Montana.

Session 3—Friday, March 14, 1997, Ontario, California.

Session 4—Friday, March 14 through Saturday, March 15, 1997, Ontario, California.

Session 5—Tuesday, March 18, 1997, Doswell, Virginia.