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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Parts 50, 51, 53, and 58

[AD-FRL-5692-1]

#### National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone and Particulate Matter, Proposed Decision; Requirements for Designation of Reference and Equivalent Methods for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and Ambient Air Quality Surveillance for Particulate Matter, Proposed Decision; Interim Implementation Policy on New or Revised Ozone and Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards, Proposed Policy; and Implementation of New or Revised Ozone and PM NAAQS and Regional Haze Regulations, Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

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

**ACTION:** Extension of public comment period and announcement of availability of additional reports.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA is announcing the extension of the public comment period on the proposed revisions to the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for ozone (O<sub>3</sub>) (61 FR 65716) and particulate matter (PM) (61 FR 65638), and proposed requirements for designation of reference and equivalent methods for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and ambient air quality surveillance for PM (61 FR 65780), all of which were published on December 13, 1996. The period of time for submitting written statements for the public hearing record for these proposals is also being extended. This document also extends the public comment period for the proposed interim implementation policy on new or revised O<sub>3</sub> and PM NAAQS (61 FR 65752), and the advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR) for implementation of new or revised O<sub>3</sub> and PM NAAQS and regional haze regulations (61 FR 65764), published on December 13, 1996.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before March 12, 1997. Written statements for inclusion in the public hearing record must be received on or before March 12, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in duplicate if possible on the proposed

actions to: Office of Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), Attention: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW., Washington, DC 20460. In addition, please add the appropriate docket number as follows: Proposed PM NAAQS, A-95-54; proposed O<sub>3</sub> NAAQS, A-95-58; proposed requirements for designation of reference and equivalent methods for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and ambient air quality surveillance for PM, A-96-51; and interim implementation policy on new or revised O<sub>3</sub> and PM NAAQS and the ANPR for implementation of new or revised O<sub>3</sub> and PM NAAQS and regional haze regulations, A-95-38. The dockets may be inspected at the above address between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays, and a reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Part 50 notice on O<sub>3</sub> NAAQS—Dr. David McKee, Air Quality Strategies and Standards Division (MD-15), Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-5288.

Part 50 document on PM NAAQS—Ms. Patricia Koman, same address, telephone (919) 541-5170.

Part 51 document on interim implementation policy on new or revised O<sub>3</sub> and PM NAAQS and the ANPR for implementation of new or revised O<sub>3</sub> and PM NAAQS and regional haze regulations—Ms. Sharon Reinders, same address, telephone (919) 541-5284.

Parts 53 and 58 documents on requirements for designation of reference and equivalent methods for PM<sub>2.5</sub> and ambient air quality surveillance for PM—Mr. Neil Frank, Monitoring and Quality Assurance Group (MD-14), Emissions, Monitoring, and Analysis Division, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-5560.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 10, 1997, the court order entered in *American Lung Association v. Browner*, CIV-93-643-TUC-ACM (D. Ariz., October 6, 1994), as modified, was further modified (1) by changing the date specified for the close of the public comment period in the review of the PM NAAQS to March 12, 1997, and (2) by changing the date for publication of a final decision to July 19, 1997.

In the order making these modifications, the Court stated that no further extensions will be granted. Because of the importance of

progressing the O<sub>3</sub> and PM NAAQS reviews on the same schedule, EPA is making corresponding changes to the schedule for the O<sub>3</sub> NAAQS review and associated requirements for designation of reference and equivalent methods for monitoring PM<sub>2.5</sub> and ambient air quality surveillance for PM. In response to requests from the public, EPA is also extending the public comment period on the proposal of the interim implementation policy of new or revised O<sub>3</sub> and PM NAAQS and the advance notice of proposed rulemaking on the implementation of new or revised O<sub>3</sub> and PM NAAQS and regional haze regulations. Thus, EPA is extending the public comment period on the 40 CFR parts 50, 51, 53, and 58 proposals from February 18, 1997, to March 12, 1997.

#### Availability of Related Information

EPA has placed supplemental reports analyzing human exposure and health risk associated with the proposed and several alternative O<sub>3</sub> standards and estimating health risks associated with the proposed and alternative PM standards into the O<sub>3</sub> and PM dockets, respectively. The three documents are:

(1) January 1997 supplement to "Estimation of Ozone Exposures Experienced by Outdoor Children in Nine Urban Areas Using a Probabilistic Version of NEM (April 1996)," (2) A Probabilistic Assessment of Health Risks Associated with Short-term Exposure to Tropospheric Ozone: A Supplement, January 1997, and (3) December 1996 supplement to "A Particulate Matter Risk Assessment for Philadelphia and Los Angeles (Revised, November 1996)."

These supplemental reports are also available to the public through the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) Technology Transfer Network (TTN) Bulletin Board System (BBS) in the Clean Air Act Amendments area, under Title I, Policy/Guidance Documents. To access the bulletin board, a modem and communications software are necessary. To dial up, set your communications software to 8 data bits, no parity and one stop bit. Dial (919) 541-5742 and follow the on-screen instructions to register for access. After registering, proceed to choice "<T> Gateway to TTN Technical Areas", then choose "<E> CAAA BBS." From the main menu, choose "<1> Title I: Attain/Maint of NAAQS," then "<P> Policy Guidance Documents." To access these documents through the World Wide Web, click on "TTN BBSWeb," then proceed to the Gateway to TTN Technical areas, as above. If assistance is needed in

accessing the system, call the help desk at (919) 541-5384 in Research Triangle Park, NC.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Chapter I

[CC Docket No. 96-152, FCC 97-35]

#### Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996: Telemessaging, Electronic Publishing, and Alarm Monitoring Services

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM), released February 7, 1997, seeks comment on the meaning of certain terms in section 274 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, (Act), which governs Bell Operating Companies' provision of electronic publishing services. The intent of the FNPRM is to compile a record in sufficient detail for us to determine the meaning of those terms in this context.

**DATES:** Comments are due on or before April 4, 1997 and reply comments are due on or before April 25, 1997. Written comments by the public on the proposed and/or modified information collections are due April 4, 1997 and reply comments must be submitted no later than April 25, 1997. Written comments must be submitted by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) on the proposed and/or modified

information collections on or before April 21, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and reply comments should be sent to Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 222, Washington, D. C. 20554, with a copy to Janice Myles of the Common Carrier Bureau, 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 544, Washington, D. C. 20554. Parties should also file one copy of any documents filed in this docket with the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, Inc., 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D. C. 20037. In addition to filing comments with the Secretary, a copy of any comments on the information collections contained herein should be submitted to Dorothy Conway, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M Street, N.W., Room 234, Washington, D. C. 20554, or via the Internet to [dconway@fcc.gov](mailto:dconway@fcc.gov), and to Timothy Fain, OMB Desk Officer, 725-17th Street, N.W., 10236 NEOB, Washington, D. C. 20503 or via the Internet to [fain\\_t@al.eop.gov](mailto:fain_t@al.eop.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lisa Sockett, Attorney, Common Carrier Bureau, Policy and Program Planning Division, (202) 418-1580. For additional information concerning the information collections contained in this FNPRM contact Dorothy Conway at 202-418-0217, or via the Internet at [dconway@fcc.gov](mailto:dconway@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's FNPRM adopted February 6, 1997 and released February 7, 1997 (FCC 97-35). This FNPRM contains proposed or modified information collections subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). It has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review under the PRA. The OMB, the general public, and other Federal agencies are invited to comment on the proposed or modified

information collections contained in this proceeding. The full text of this FNPRM is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center, 1919 M St., Room 239, N.W., Washington, D. C. The complete text also may be obtained through the World Wide Web, at <http://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/CommonCarrier/Orders/fcc9735.wp>, or may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., (202) 857-3800, 2100 M St., N.W., Suite 140, Washington, D. C. 20037.

**Paperwork Reduction Act:** This FNPRM contains either a proposed or modified information collection. The Commission, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, invites the general public and OMB to comment on the information collections contained in this FNPRM, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Public and agency comments are due at the same time as other comments on this FNPRM; OMB notification of action is due April 21, 1997. Comments should address: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimates; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**OMB Approval Number:** None.

**Title:** Section 274(b)(3)(B)—Written Contracts Filed with the Commission and Made Publicly Available (CC Docket No. 96-152, FNPRM).

**Form No.:** N/A.

**Type of Review:** New collection.

Information Collection	No. of respondents (approx.)	Estimated time per response	Total annual burden
Written contracts filed with the Commission .....	7	¼ hour per contract .....	3-150 hours per respondent (21-1050 hours total).
Written contracts made publicly available .....	7	¾ hour per contract .....	9-450 hours per respondent (63-3150 hours total).

**Total Annual Burden:** 21-3,150 hours for all respondents.

**Respondents:** Businesses or other for profit.

**Estimated costs per respondent:** \$0.

**Needs and Uses:** The Commission proposes the information collections to implement section 274(b)(3)(B) of the Act. The information may be used by the Commission, unaffiliated electronic publishing providers competing with

electronic publishing providers affiliated with the BOC, and any other member of the public interested in monitoring the BOCs' compliance with the Act.