

to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) regulations in the Texas State Implementation Plan (SIP). These revisions remove the Texas Air Control Board (TACB) Seal rule from the Texas SIP and revise and recodify regulations for control of particulate matter in the Texas SIP. Removal of the Board Seal rule eliminates a rule that no longer applies to TNRCC. These revisions to the particulate matter regulations update the SIP-approved regulations and make the SIP citations consistent with the current State citations.

In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the EPA views this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no adverse comment. The EPA has explained its reasons for this approval in the preamble to the direct final rule. If EPA receives no relevant adverse comment, EPA will not take further action on this rule. If EPA receives relevant adverse comment, EPA will withdraw the direct final rule and it will not take effect. The EPA will address all public comments in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received by November 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Mr. Thomas H. Diggs, Chief, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), at the EPA Region 6 Office listed below. Copies of documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. Anyone wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least two working days in advance.

Environmental Protection Agency,
Region 6, Air Planning Section (6PD-L),
1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas
75202-2733.

Texas Natural Resource Conservation
Commission, Office of Air Quality,
12124 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas
78753.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bill Deese of the EPA Region 6 Air Planning Section at (214) 665-7253.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document concerns repeal of the TACB Board Seal rule from the Texas SIP and revisions to the particulate matter regulations in the Texas SIP. For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action that

is located in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register** publication.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: October 7, 1999.

Jerry Clifford,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[MD093-3040; FRL-6460-2]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; VOCs From Paint, Resin and Adhesive Manufacturing and Adhesive Application

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the State of Maryland for the purpose of amending its regulation to control volatile organic compounds (VOC) from Paint, Resin & Adhesive Manufacturing and Adhesive Application. The revisions amend the definition of "honeycomb core installation" to include additional substrates and clarify the general emission standard for VOCs from adhesive applications. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP revisions as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views them as noncontroversial SIP revisions and anticipates no adverse comments. The rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, 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. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by November 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to David L. Arnold, Chief, Ozone and Mobile Sources Branch, Mailcode 3AP21, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air, Radiation, and Toxics Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103 and the Maryland Department of the Environment, 2500 Broening Highway, Baltimore, Maryland, 21224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janice M. Lewis, (215) 814-2185, at the EPA Region III office address listed above, or via e-mail at Lewis.Janice@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action, with the same title, that is located in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register** publication.

Dated: September 30, 1999.

Thomas C. Voltaggio,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[CA71-168b; FRL-6452-4]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision; Kern County Air Pollution Control District; and Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District

ACTION: Proposed rule.

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

SUMMARY: EPA is approving revisions to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP) which concern the rescission and removal of an obsolete rule and the addition of rules to control oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) emissions from natural gas-fired residential water heaters.

The intended effect of this action is the rescission and removal of an obsolete rule and to regulate emissions of nitrogen oxides 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 submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views these as noncontroversial revisions 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, 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 these proposed rules. The EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received by November 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to: Andy Steckel, Rulemaking Office (AIR-4), Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 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 Office, AIR-4, Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

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.

Kern County Air Pollution Control District 2700 "M" Street, Suite 302, Bakersfield, CA 93301-2370.

Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District 1947 Galileo Court, Suite 103 Davis, CA 95616-4882.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sam Agpawa, Air planning Office [Air-2], Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901, Telephone: (415) 744-1228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document concerns (1) Kern County Air Pollution Control District, Rule 424, Natural Gas-Fired Residential Water Heaters and (2) Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, Rule 2.37, Natural Gas-Fired Residential Water Heaters. The rules were submitted to EPA on November 18, 1993; and February 24 1995 respectively by the California Air Resources Board. For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action that is located in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: September 14, 1999.

Keith Takata,

Acting, Regional Administrator, Region IX.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[CA 217-148; FRL-6465-9]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; California State Implementation Plan Revision; San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing a limited approval and limited disapproval of a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District ("SJVUAPCD"). This revision concerns SJVUAPCD Rule 4354, which controls oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) emissions from glass melting furnaces.

The intended effect of proposing limited approval and limited disapproval of this rule is to regulate emissions of NO_x in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990 (CAA or the Act). EPA's final action on this proposed rule will incorporate this rule into the federally approved SIP. EPA has evaluated the rule and is proposing a simultaneous limited approval and limited disapproval under provisions of the CAA regarding EPA action on SIP submittals and general rulemaking authority because the revision, while strengthening the SIP, does not fully meet the CAA provisions regarding plan submissions and requirements for nonattainment areas.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to: Andrew Steckel, Rulemaking Office, AIR-4, Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

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

Environmental Protection Agency, Air Docket (6102) 401 "M" Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460.

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

San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, 1990 E. Gettysburg Ave., Fresno, CA 93726.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ed Addison, Rulemaking Office, AIR-4, Air Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901, Telephone: (415) 744-1160.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Applicability

The rule being proposed for approval into the California SIP is San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (SJVUAPCD) Rule 4354, Glass Melting Furnaces. Rule 4354 was submitted by the State of California to EPA on September 29, 1998.

II. Background

On November 15, 1990, the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 were enacted. Public Law 101-549, 104 Stat. 2399, codified at 42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q. The air quality planning requirements for the reduction of NO_x emissions through reasonably available control technology (RACT) are set out in section 182(f) of the Clean Air Act.

On November 25, 1992, EPA published a proposed rule entitled, "State Implementation Plans; Nitrogen Oxides Supplement to the General Preamble; Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 Implementation of Title I; Proposed Rule," (the NO_x Supplement) which describes and provides preliminary guidance on the requirements of section 182(f). The November 25, 1992, action should be referred to for further information on the NO_x requirements and is incorporated into this document by reference.

Section 182(f) of the Clean Air Act requires States to apply the same requirements to major stationary sources of NO_x ("major" as defined in section 302 and sections 182(c), (d), and (e)) as are applied to major stationary sources of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), in moderate or above ozone nonattainment areas. SJVUAPCD is classified as severe¹; therefore this area is subject to the RACT requirements of

¹ SJVUAPCD retained its designation of nonattainment and was classified by operation of law pursuant to sections 107(d) and 181(a) upon the date of enactment of the CAA. See 55 FR 56694 (November 6, 1991).