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Throughout this document wherever "we," "us," or "our" are used we mean EPA.

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I. What Action is EPA Taking Today?

We are proposing to approve revisions to PM emissions regulations for Dubois County, Indiana, which IDEM submitted to EPA on February 3, 1999, as amendments to its SIP. The revisions include relaxation of some PM limits, elimination of limits for boilers which are no longer operating, updating facility names, and changing some boiler fuel types.

II. Where can I Find More Information About This Proposal and the Corresponding Direct Final Rule?

For additional information see the direct final rule published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 28, 2000.

Francis X. Lyons,

Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 62

[Docket No. CT-055-7214b; FRL-6577-2]

Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Connecticut; Plan for Controlling MWC Emissions From Existing MWC Plants

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to approve the sections 111(d)/129 State Plan submitted by the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on October 1, 1999. This State Plan is for carrying out and enforcing provisions that are at least as protective as the Emissions Guidelines (EGs) applicable to existing Municipal Waste Combustors (MWCs) units with capacity to combust more than 250 tons/day of municipal solid waste (MSW).

The Connecticut DEP submitted the Plan to satisfy certain Federal Clean Air

Act requirements. In the Final Rules section of the **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the Connecticut State Plan submittal as a direct final rule without a prior proposal. EPA is doing this because the Agency views this action as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates that it will not receive any significant, material, and adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule elsewhere in the **Federal Register**. If EPA does not receive any significant, material, and adverse comments to this rule, then the approval will become final without further proceedings. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and EPA will address all public comments received in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not begin a second comment period.

DATES: EPA must receive comments in writing by May 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You should address your written comments to: Mr. John Courcier, Acting Manager, Air Permits Unit, Office of Ecosystem Protection (CAP), U.S. EPA, One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2023.

Copies of documents relating 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 day of the visit.

Environmental Protection Agency, Air Permits Unit, Office of Ecosystem Protection, Suite 1100 (CAP), One Congress Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2023.

Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Management, Planning and Standards Division, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127, (860) 424-3026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Courcier, Office of Ecosystem Protection (CAP), EPA-New England, Region 1, Boston, Massachusetts 02203, (617) 918-1659, or by e-mail at courcier.john@epa.gov. While the public may forward questions to EPA via e-mail, it must submit comments on this proposed rule according to the procedures outlined above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the Direct Final action of the same title which is found in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 31, 2000.

Mindy S. Lubber,

Regional Administrator, EPA New England.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 62

[Docket No. ID-02-0001; FRL-6580-5]

Approval and Promulgation of Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators State Plan for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Idaho

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to approve the State of Idaho's section 111(d) State Plan for controlling emissions from existing Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators (HMIWI). The plan was submitted on December 16, 1999, to fulfill the requirements of sections 111(d) and 129 of the Clean Air Act. The State Plan adopts and implements the Emissions Guidelines applicable to existing HMIWIs, and establishes emission limits and controls for sources constructed on or before June 20, 1996.

In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving Idaho's State Plan as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial action and anticipates no relevant adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no relevant adverse comments are received in response to this action, EPA will not take action on this proposed rule. If the EPA receives relevant adverse comments, EPA will withdraw the direct final rule and it will not take effect. EPA will then address all public comments received in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action.

DATES: Written comments must be received by May 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to: Catherine Woo, US EPA, Region X, Office of Air Quality (OAQ-107), 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101.

Copies of the State submittal are available for public review during normal business hours at the following locations. Persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office

at least 24 hours before the day of the visit.

Environmental Protection Agency,
Region X, Office of Air Quality, 1200
Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101.
Idaho Division of Environmental
Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID
83720 (Contact Tim Teater at 208-
373-0457 for an appointment at
IDEQ).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Catherine Woo, Office of Air Quality
(OAQ-107), US EPA, Region X, 1200
Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101, (206)
553-1814.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For
additional information see the direct
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Dated: April 4, 2000.

Chuck Clarke,

Regional Administrator, Region 10.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 62

[Docket No. ID-03-0001; FRL-6583-7]

Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Oregon; Negative Declaration

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to approve the Clean Air Act (CAA), Sections 111(d) and 129 negative declaration submitted by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality on October 20, 1998, and November 6, 1998. This negative declaration adequately certifies that there are no Hospital/Medical/ Infectious Waste Incinerators (HMIWI) located within its boundaries.

In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving Oregon's negative declaration as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial action and anticipates no relevant adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no relevant adverse comments are received in response to this action, EPA will not take action on this rule. If the EPA receives relevant adverse comments, EPA will withdraw the direct final rule and it will not take effect. EPA will then address all public comments received in a subsequent final rule based on this

proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action.

DATES: Written comments must be received by May 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to: Catherine Woo, US EPA, Region X, Office of Air Quality (OAQ-107), 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101.

Copies of the State negative declaration are available for public review during normal business hours at the following locations. Persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the day of the visit.

Environmental Protection Agency,
Region X, Office of Air Quality, 1200
Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101.
Oregon Department of Environmental
Quality, 811 SW Sixth Avenue,
Portland, OR 97204.

Contact Kathleen Craig at 503-229-
6833, for an appointment at ODEQ.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Catherine Woo, Office of Air Quality
(OAQ-107), US EPA, Region X, 1200
Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101, (206)
553-1814.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For
additional information see the direct
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Dated: April 4, 2000.

Chuck Clarke,

Regional Administrator, Region X.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

49 CFR Parts 222 and 229

[Docket No. FRA-1999-6439, Notice No. 5;
Docket No. FRA-1999-6440]

RIN 2130-AA71

Use of Locomotive Horns at Highway- Rail Grade Crossings

AGENCY: Federal Railroad
Administration (FRA), Department of
Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Technical conference on
proposed rule.

SUMMARY: On January 13, 2000 (65 FR 2230), FRA published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on the Use of Locomotive Horns at Highway-Rail Grade Crossings (Docket No. FRA-1999-6439). On the same date FRA released a Draft Environmental

Assessment (DEIS)(Docket No. FRA-1999-6440) pertaining to the proposals contained in the NPRM. A number of public hearings in these proceedings have been held throughout the country, and more have been scheduled prior to the close of the comment period on May 26, 2000. FRA has determined that, in addition to the public hearings, a technical conference addressing locomotive horn acoustics would be helpful to FRA in developing a final rule in this proceeding. Accordingly, FRA is scheduling a technical conference on locomotive horn acoustics to be held on May 10, 2000, in Washington, DC.

DATES: 1. A technical conference will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2000 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

2. Deadline to register for participation in the technical conference is close of business on Friday, May 5, 2000. Please see Public Participation Procedures in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document for registration details.

ADDRESSES: 1. *Technical conference:* FRA Headquarters, 7th floor conference room, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

2. *FRA Docket Clerk:* Federal Railroad Administration Docket Clerk, Office of Chief Counsel, Mail Stop 10, FRA, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20590. E-mail address for the FRA Docket Clerk is renee.bridgers@fra.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Technical Conference

The technical conference is meant to address specific technical issues that might not be addressed in written comments or through oral comments presented at public hearings. The issues to be addressed will focus on the technical attributes of, variations to, and potential modifications of train horns. Among the issues which may be discussed are tone and decibel levels, sound dispersion and direction, horn placement and shrouding, horn sounding sequence and duration, and whistle board placement and positive train control (as it relates to horn use). Additional subjects within the scope of locomotive horn acoustics may be also be addressed. A transcript of the technical conference will be taken and placed in the public docket of this proceeding.

Public Participation Procedures

Any person wishing to participate in the technical conference should notify the FRA Docket Clerk by mail or by e-mail by close of business on May 5,