

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: On June 29, 1990, USEPA promulgated Federal stationary source volatile organic compound (VOC) control measures representing reasonably available control technology (RACT) for emission sources (including the miscellaneous organic chemical manufacturing processes at the Stepan Company Millsdale Plant (Stepan) manufacturing facility in Elwood, Illinois) located in six northeastern Illinois (Chicago area) counties. At Stepan's request USEPA agreed to reconsider its rule as it applied to Stepan and on October 1, 1993, proposed a site-specific rule for Stepan. USEPA subsequently approved three VOC rules submitted by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency that are collectively applicable to all of Stepan's VOC sources that would have been subject to the FIP. USEPA is proposing to revoke the Federally promulgated rules, as they apply to Stepan, and replace them with the Illinois rules that have been previously approved and apply to Stepan. In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, USEPA is revoking the Federally promulgated rules, as they apply to Stepan, and replacing them with the Illinois rules that have been previously approved and apply to Stepan. This is being done as a direct final rule without prior proposal because USEPA views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale is set forth in the direct final rule. The direct final rule will become effective without further notice unless USEPA receives relevant adverse written comments or a request for a public hearing on this action. Should USEPA receive such comment, it will publish a timely withdrawal informing the public that the direct final rule will not take effect and such public comment received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. If no adverse written comments or request for a public hearing are received, the direct final rule will take effect on the date stated in that document and no further activity will be taken on this proposed rule. USEPA does not plan to institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments or a request for a public hearing on this action must be received on or before May 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air

Programs Branch (AR-18J), Air and Radiation Division, U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Rosenthal, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-6052.

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

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Hydrocarbons, Intergovernmental relations, Ozone, Reporting and record keeping requirements.

Dated: April 9, 1999.

Carol M. Browner,
Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 52**

[PA 114-4085; FRL-6325-4]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Approval of Revision to the 1990 Baseyear Emission Inventory for One Source

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is taking direct final action to approve a revision to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania State Implementation Plan (SIP) submitted by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) on April 8, 1998. This revision consists of including the carbon monoxide (CO), volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x) emissions from Rockwell Heavy Vehicles, Inc., New Castle Forge Plant, in Lawrence County (Rockwell) in the point source portion of Pennsylvania's 1990 baseyear emission inventory. The intended effect of this action is to grant approval of the revision to the 1990 baseyear inventory and in so doing to render Rockwell's emissions eligible for consideration as emission reduction credits (ERCs) in accordance with the Pennsylvania SIP. EPA is approving the revision to the 1990 baseyear emissions inventory for Rockwell in accordance with the

requirements of the Clean Air Act. In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. A more detailed description of the state submittal and EPA's evaluation are included in a Technical Support Document (TSD) prepared in support of this rulemaking action. A copy of the TSD is available, upon request, from the EPA Regional Office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. If EPA receives no adverse comments, EPA will not take further action on this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, EPA will withdraw the direct final rule and it will not take effect. EPA will address all public comments 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 May 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to David 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 Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103; Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460; and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Quality, P.O. Box 8468, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janice M. Lewis, (215) 814-2185, at the EPA Region III address above, or via e-mail at lewis.janice@epa.gov. While information may be requested via e-mail, any comments must be submitted in writing to the EPA Region III address above.

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: April 5, 1999.

Thomas C. Voltaggio,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[PA129-4083b; FRL-6323-7]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Pennsylvania; Approval of VOC RACT Determinations for Individual Sources

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is taking direct final action to approve revisions to the Pennsylvania state implementation plan (SIP) submitted by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP). The revisions impose reasonably available control technology (RACT) to reduce volatile organic compounds (VOC) from six (6) major sources located in Pennsylvania. EPA is proposing these revisions to impose RACT requirements in accordance with the Clean Air Act.

In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP submittals as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A more detailed description of PADEP's submittals and EPA's evaluation are included in a Technical Support Document (TSD) prepared in support of this rulemaking action. A copy of the TSD is available, upon request, from the EPA Regional Office listed in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document. If EPA receives no adverse comments, EPA will not take further action on this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, EPA will withdraw the direct final rule and it will not take effect. EPA will address all public comments 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: Written comments must be received by May 17, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to Kathleen Henry, Air Protection Division, Mailcode 3AP11, 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 Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103; and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Quality Control, P.O. Box 8468, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Miller, (215) 814-2068, at the EPA Region III office or via e-mail at miller.linda@epa.gov. While information may be requested via e-mail, comments must be submitted in writing to the above Region III address.

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.

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Thomas Voltaggio,

Acting Regional Administrator,

Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 63

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Hazardous Air Pollutants: Amendment to Regulations Governing Equivalent Emission Limitations by Permit

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule; amendments.

SUMMARY: On May 20, 1994, the Agency promulgated a rule in the **Federal Register** (59 FR 26429) governing the establishment of equivalent emission limitations by permit, pursuant to section 112(j) of the Clean Air Act (Act). After the effective date of a Title V permit program in a State, each owner or operator of a major source in a source category for which the EPA was scheduled, but failed, to promulgate a section 112(d) emission standard will be required to obtain an equivalent emission limitation by permit. The permit application must be submitted to the Title V permitting authority 18 months after the EPA's missed

promulgation date. This action proposes to amend the original Regulations Governing Equivalent Emission Limitations by Permit rule to delay the section 112(j) permit application deadline for all 7-year source categories listed in the regulatory schedule until December 15, 1999. This action is needed to alleviate unnecessary paperwork for both major source owners or operators and permitting agencies. EPA does not consider this amendment to be controversial and does not anticipate receiving adverse comments. Because timely relief from the existing application deadline is essential, this amendment is being issued as a direct final rule in the final rules section of this **Federal Register**. EPA will consider any adverse comments concerning the direct final rule to also be adverse comments concerning this proposal. If EPA does not receive timely adverse comments concerning this proposal or the accompanying direct final rule, or a timely request for a public hearing on this proposal, we will take no further action with respect to this proposal, and the direct final rule will become final on May 17, 1999.

DATES: *Comments.* EPA will accept comments regarding this proposal on or before April 26, 1999. Additionally, a public hearing regarding this proposal will be held if anyone requesting to speak at a public hearing contacts the EPA by April 23, 1999. If a hearing is requested, the hearing will be held at the EPA Office of Administration Auditorium, Research Triangle Park, NC on May 3, 1999 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: *1 Comments.* Comments should be submitted (in duplicate, if possible) to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), Attention Docket No. A-93-32 (see docket section below), Room M-1500, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20460. EPA requests that a separate copy also be sent to the contact person listed below.

Public Hearing. If a public hearing is held, it will be held at the EPA's Office of Administration Auditorium, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina on May 3, 1999 beginning at 10 a.m. Persons requesting to speak at or interested in attending a public hearing concerning this proposal should contact Mr. James Szykman or Mr. David Markwordt, Emission Standards Division (MD-13), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, telephone (919) 541-2452 (Szykman) or (919) 541-0837 (Markwordt).