

further action is required by this AD for that area.

(2) If the sealant has deteriorated but no corrosion, cracking, or disbonding is detected during any inspection required by paragraph (c) of this AD, prior to further flight, reseal in accordance with Figure 5 or 6, as applicable, of Boeing Service Bulletin 727-53-0084, Revision 4, dated August 2, 1990.

(e) Where the service bulletin specifies that the manufacturer may be contacted for disposition of certain repair conditions, prior to further flight, repair in accordance with a method approved by the Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate; or in accordance with data meeting the type certification basis of the airplane approved by a Boeing Company Designated Engineering Representative (DER) who has been authorized by the Manager, Seattle ACO, to make such findings. For a repair method to be approved by the Manager, Seattle ACO, or a Boeing DER, as required by this paragraph, the approval letter must specifically reference this AD.

Modification

(f) For airplanes having line numbers 153, 339, 416, and 540: Prior to the accumulation of 60,000 total flight cycles, or within 3,000 flight cycles after the effective date of this AD, whichever occurs later, modify the fuselage circumferential skin joints in accordance with Part IV of the Accomplishment Instructions of Boeing Service Bulletin 727-53-0084, Revision 4, dated August 2, 1990. Such action constitutes terminating action for the requirements of paragraph (c)(2) of this AD.

Alternative Methods of Compliance

(g)(1) An alternative method of compliance or adjustment of the compliance time that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used if approved by the Manager, Seattle Aircraft Certification Office (ACO), FAA, Transport Airplane Directorate. Operators shall submit their requests through an appropriate FAA Principal Maintenance Inspector, who may add comments and then send it to the Manager, Seattle ACO.

(2) An alternative method of compliance for paragraph (f) of this AD that provides an acceptable level of safety may be used in accordance with data meeting the type certification basis of the airplane approved by a Boeing Company Designated Engineering Representative who has been authorized by the Manager, Seattle ACO, to make such findings.

Note 3: Information concerning the existence of approved alternative methods of compliance with this AD, if any, may be obtained from the Seattle ACO.

Special Flight Permits

(h) Special flight permits may be issued in accordance with sections 21.197 and 21.199 of the Federal Aviation Regulations (14 CFR 21.197 and 21.199) to operate the airplane to a location where the requirements of this AD can be accomplished.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on November 30, 1999.

D. L. Riggins,

Acting Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.

[FR Doc. 99-31477 Filed 12-3-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4910-13-P

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[UT-001-0016b; FRL-6482-8]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Utah; Road Salting and Sanding, Control of Installations, Revisions to Salting and Sanding Requirements and Deletion of Non-Ferrous Smelter Orders, Incorporation by Reference, and Nonsubstantive Changes

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to take direct final action to approve State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the Governor of the State of Utah on February 1, 1995, for the purpose of establishing new requirements for road sanding and salting in section 9.A.6.7 (referred to by the State as section IX.A.6.g) of the SIP and in UACR R307-1-3, updating the incorporation by reference in R307-2-1, deleting obsolete measures for nonferrous smelters in R307-1-3, and nonsubstantive changes to UACR R307-1-1, R307-1-3 and R307-2-1. In the "Rules and Regulations" 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 these as noncontroversial SIP revisions and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the preamble to the direct final rule. 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 must do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before January 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be mailed to Richard R. Long, Director, Air and Radiation Program, Mailcode 8P-

AR, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado 80202. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air and Radiation Program, Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado 80202. Copies of the State documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection at the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, 150 North 1950 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-4820.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cindy Rosenberg, EPA, Region VIII, (303) 312-6436.

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

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

Dated: November 9, 1999.

Jack W. McGraw,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region VIII.

[FR Doc. 99-31534 Filed 12-3-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-P

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[SIP NOS. MT-001-0012b; MT-001-0013b; MT-001-0014b; MT-001-0015b; FRL-6482-7]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Montana; Emergency Episode Plan, Columbia Falls, Butte and Missoula Particulate Matter State Implementation Plans, Missoula Carbon Monoxide State Implementation Plan

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to take direct final action approving State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the State of Montana. The revisions update the State of Montana's Emergency Episode Plan; Columbia Falls, Butte and Missoula Particulate Matter (particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal 10 micrometers (PM-10)) SIPs; and the Missoula Carbon Monoxide (CO) Plan. 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 Agency views this as a noncontroversial SIP revision and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the preamble to the direct final rule. 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 must do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing on or before January 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be mailed to Richard R. Long, Director, Air and Radiation Program, Mailcode 8P-AR, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado 80202. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air and Radiation Program, Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado 80202. Copies of the State documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection at the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Air and Waste Management Bureau, 1520 E. 6th Avenue, Helena, Montana 59620.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laurie Ostrand, EPA, Region VIII, (303) 312-6437.

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

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

Dated: November 22, 1999.

William P. Yellowtail,

Regional Administrator, Region VIII.

[FR Doc. 99-31537 Filed 12-3-99; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6560-50-P

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 52 and 70

[SIPTRAX No. PA138; FRL-6500-8]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Allegheny County Portion of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Operating Permits Program, and Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes three actions. First, EPA proposes approval of a partial Operating Permit Program under the Clean Air Act (the Act), for the purpose of allowing the Allegheny County (Pennsylvania) Health Department (ACHD) to issue operating permits to all major stationary sources in its jurisdiction. Second, EPA proposes approval of a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for ACHD. This revision establishes a Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit (FESOP) Program and gives ACHD the authority to create federally enforceable installation and operating permit conditions for regulated pollutants and limits on potential to emit (PTE) for hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) for the purpose of allowing sources to avoid major source applicable requirements. Third, EPA proposes approval of the mechanism for ACHD to receive delegation of Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) Standards for major sources subject to operating permit program requirements.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before January 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be mailed to Kathleen Henry, Chief, Permitting and Technical Assessment Branch, 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 Allegheny County Health Department Bureau of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, 301 39th Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: MaryBeth Bray, (215) 814-2632.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 5, 1998 the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania submitted a revision to its SIP on behalf of the ACHD to establish two permitting programs; the FESOP program pursuant to part 52 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), and the Title V Operating Permit Program pursuant to 40 CFR part 70. The submittal also included a request for delegation of MACT standards for HAPs from section 112 of the Act. EPA is proposing approval of Pennsylvania's request for two permitting programs for the ACHD as well as the mechanism for the ACHD to receive delegation of section 112 standards.

Submittal Description

The ACHD November 5, 1999 submittal contained numerous revisions to the SIP, including a recodification of the regulations in general, revision to major and minor New Source Review and Prevention of Significant Deterioration programs, as well as requests for approval or delegation of programs under 40 CFR parts 52, 63, and 70. Today's rulemaking action only involves approval of the FESOP and part 70 permitting programs, and approval of the mechanism for delegation of programs under section 112 of the Act.

EPA is proposing several significant changes and additions to the ACHD's existing SIP-approved installation (preconstruction) and operating permit programs. One purpose of these proposed SIP revisions is to make all of the ACHD's SIP-approved permit programs consistent with one another and with the Clean Air Act. Another important purpose of the proposed SIP revision is to allow the ACHD, upon approval, to limit sources' PTE for the purpose of exempting certain sources from Title V and other major source requirements of the Act.

ACHD submitted the permitting programs through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, requesting the authority to issue operating permits (Title V and FESOP) to sources of air pollutants within its jurisdiction. The ACHD adopted the necessary regulations on October 5, 1995 and submitted a program approval request to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. On November 5, 1998, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania submitted the program on behalf of ACHD to EPA for review. In addition, a three-way implementation agreement (IA) between the ACHD, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), and the EPA was submitted on August 9, 1999 to clarify certain procedural issues