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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[MD139-3098b; FRL-7477-9]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Revisions to Regulation for Control of Fuel Burning Equipment, Stationary Internal Combustion Engines, and Certain Fuel-Burning Installations

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Maryland. The revision amends the regulation pertaining to Control of Fuel Burning Equipment, Stationary Internal Combustion Engines, and Certain Fuel-Burning Installations. In the Final Rules 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. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, 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 If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by June 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Makeba Morris, Acting Chief, Air Quality Planning and Information Services 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; and Maryland Department of the Environment, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 705, Baltimore, Maryland, 21230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marilyn Powers, (215) 814-2308, or by e-mail at powers.marilyn@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. Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, EPA may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

Dated: March 31, 2003.

Donald S. Welsh,

Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[FL-93-200318 (b); FRL-7491-6]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans, Florida: Martin Gas Sales, Inc., Variance

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing to approve revisions to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) submitted by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection on January 17, 2003. The proposed revision consists of a department order granting a variance from rule 62-212.600(2)(c), F.A.C., to Martin Gas Sales, Inc., in Hillsborough County, Florida.

In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the State's SIP revision 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. If no significant, material, and adverse comments are received in response to this rule, 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 this rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before June 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to: Heidi LeSane at the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-8960. Heidi LeSane, 404/562-9035 lesane.heidi@epa.gov.

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

Dated: April 18, 2003.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[KY-142, 144-200321, FRL-7491-3]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans: Revisions to the Kentucky Nitrogen Oxides Budget and Allowance Trading Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve the State Implementation Plan revision that was submitted by the Commonwealth of Kentucky on February 28, 2003. This submittal revises the new source set-aside program by altering the methodology for distributing nitrogen oxides allowances. Rather than grant allowances, the Commonwealth of Kentucky will sell them. This revision also includes clarification language and changes to definitions.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before June 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: All comments should be addressed to: Sean Lakeman; Regulatory Development Section; Air Planning Branch; Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Region 4; 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303–8960. Copies of Kentucky's submittals and other information relevant to this action are available for inspection during normal business hours at the following addresses: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303–8960.

Commonwealth of Kentucky, Division for Air Quality, 803 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601–1403.

Persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment at least 24 hours before the visiting day and reference files KY–142.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sean Lakeman; Regulatory Development Section; Air Planning Branch; Air, Pesticides and Toxics Management Division; U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 4; 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303–8960. Mr. Lakeman can also be reached by phone at (404) 562–9043 or by electronic mail at lakeman.sean@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

On February 28, 2003, the Commonwealth of Kentucky's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet submitted revisions to EPA that revises the new source set-aside program by altering the methodology for distributing nitrogen oxides (NO_x) allowances. Rather than grant allowances, the Commonwealth of Kentucky will sell them.

II. Analysis of Kentucky's Submittal

Regulation 401 KAR 51:001 Definitions for 401 KAR Chapter 51

This regulation was revised to allow for the addition of the definitions "General fund", "NO_x Allowance Tracking System (NATS)" and the removal of "Low NO_x burners" that is not used in any of the administrative regulations in 401 KAR Chapter 51.

Regulation 401 KAR 51:160 NO_x Requirements for Large Utility and Industrial Boilers

This revision added language to clarify how to establish a general account, which forms to utilize, and the procedures for moving NO_x allowances between accounts in the NO_x allowance tracking system (NATS). This revision also revises the new source set-aside program to allow Kentucky to sell all allowances which were previously reserved to allocate to new sources. The new source set aside comprises an established percentage of the electric generating unit (EGU) and non-EGU

budgets taken off the top and reserved for new units. The allocation period that begins in 2004 for EGUs that commence commercial operation after May 1, 2001, and before May 1, 2006, is five percent of the tons of NO_x emissions in the Commonwealth trading program budget apportioned to EGUs. For allocation periods beginning in 2007 or later, the allocation for new EGU units is two percent of the tons of NO_x emissions in the Commonwealth trading program budget apportioned to EGUs for the given allocation period. For non-EGUs, for all allocation periods, the allocation for new units is two percent of the NO_x allowances in the Commonwealth trading budget apportioned to non-EGUs for the given allocation period.

In a letter from Kentucky to EPA Region 4, dated February 28, 2003, Kentucky stated that their general account is being established and Kentucky has a contract with a brokerage firm to sell the NO_x allowances. Once a satisfactory sale has been negotiated, Kentucky will transfer the shares from the general account to that of the broker, who will then transfer the allowances from that account to the buyer. An accounting of transfer of the NO_x allowances will be done electronically through NATS. The Kentucky Model Procurement Code provides the Commonwealth the authority to contract with vendors for various services, including advisory and sales services for revenue-generation. The Kentucky Model Procurement Code is set forth at Chapter 45A, Title VI of the Kentucky Revised Statutes and may be viewed at <http://www.lrc.state.ky.us/krs/titles.htm>.

III. Proposed Action

EPA is proposing to approve the aforementioned changes to the SIP because the revisions are consistent with Clean Air Act and EPA regulatory requirements.

IV. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

Under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993), this proposed action is not a "significant regulatory action" and therefore is not subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget. For this reason, this action is also not subject to Executive Order 13211, "Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use" (66 FR 28355, May 22, 2001). This proposed action merely proposes to approve state law as meeting Federal requirements and imposes no additional requirements beyond those imposed by state law. Accordingly, the Administrator certifies

that this proposed rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). Because this rule proposes to approve pre-existing requirements under state law and does not impose any additional enforceable duty beyond that required by state law, it does not contain any unfunded mandate or significantly or uniquely affect small governments, as described in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104–4).

This proposed rule also does not have tribal implications because it will not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, as specified by Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000). This action also does not have Federalism implications because it does not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government, as specified in Executive Order 13132 (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999). This action merely proposes to approve a state rule implementing a Federal standard, and does not alter the relationship or the distribution of power and responsibilities established in the Clean Air Act. This proposed rule also is not subject to Executive Order 13045 "Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks" (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997), because it is not economically significant.

In reviewing SIP submissions, EPA's role is to approve state choices, provided that they meet the criteria of the Clean Air Act. In this context, in the absence of a prior existing requirement for the State to use voluntary consensus standards (VCS), EPA has no authority to disapprove a SIP submission for failure to use VCS. It would thus be inconsistent with applicable law for EPA, when it reviews a SIP submission, to use VCS in place of a SIP submission that otherwise satisfies the provisions of the Clean Air Act. Thus, the requirements of section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 note) do not apply. This proposed rule does not impose an information collection burden under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Intergovernmental relations, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone and Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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

Dated: April 23, 2003.

J.I. Palmer, Jr.,

Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**40 CFR Part 62**

[ME-062-7011b; A-1-FRL-7491-8]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maine; Total Reduced Sulfur From Kraft Paper Mills

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve a revision to Maine's plan for controlling air pollution according to section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act (*i.e.* a "111(d) plan"). This revision changes state regulations controlling the emission of total reduced sulfur (TRS) from existing kraft paper mills. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's 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. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action, 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 this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time. Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, EPA may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before June 2, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Steve Rapp, Unit Manager, Air Permits, Toxics, and Indoor Programs Unit, Office of Ecosystem Protection (mail code CAP), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA-New England, One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02114-2023. Copies of the State submittal and EPA's technical support document are available for public inspection during normal business hours, by appointment at the Office of Ecosystem Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA-New England, One Congress Street, 11th floor, Boston, MA and the Bureau of Air Quality Control, Department of Environmental Protection, First Floor of the Tyson Building, Augusta Mental Health Institute Complex, Augusta, ME 04333-0017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ian D. Cohen, (617) 918-1655.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, see the direct final rule which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 21, 2003.

Robert W. Varney,

Regional Administrator, EPA-New England.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Research and Special Programs Administration****49 CFR Part 193**

[Docket No. RSPA-03-14456; Notice 1]

RIN 2137-AD80

Pipeline Safety: Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities: Clarifying and Updating Safety Standards

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This notice proposes to clarify application of RSPA's safety standards for operation, maintenance, and fire protection of liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities to certain existing facilities. In addition, this notice proposes to revise standards that contain incorrect cross-references, clarify training standards, and require annual reviews of plans and procedures. This notice also proposes to update present references to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 59A standard to the 2001 edition of that standard. These actions are needed to remove ambiguities, assure that plans and procedures are up-

to-date, and modernize present references to NFPA 59A. The changes would improve the clarity and effectiveness of RSPA's LNG facility safety standards.

DATES: Persons interested in submitting written comments on the rules proposed in this notice must do so by June 30, 2003. Late filed comments will be considered so far as practicable.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by mailing or delivering an original and two copies to the Dockets Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. The Dockets Facility is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays when the facility is closed. Alternatively, you may submit written comments to the docket electronically at the following Web address: <http://dms.dot.gov>. All written comments should identify the docket and notice numbers stated in the heading of this notice. Anyone who wants confirmation of mailed comments must include a self-addressed stamped postcard. To file written comments electronically, after logging on to <http://dms.dot.gov>, click on "Comment/Submissions." You can also read comments and other material in the docket at <http://dms.dot.gov>. General information about our pipeline safety program is available at <http://ops.dot.gov>.

Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** published on April 11, 2000 (volume 65, number 70; pages 19477-78), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: L. M. Furrow by phone at 202-366-4559, by fax at 202-366-4566, by mail at U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, 20590, or by e-mail at buck.furrow@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Applicability**

In the **Federal Register** of March 1, 2000 (65 FR 10950), RSPA published a final rule amending the safety standards in 49 CFR part 193 that govern liquefied natural gas facilities used in gas pipeline transportation. The final rule, which took effect March 31, 2000, replaced many existing standards on siting, design, construction, equipment,