

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the Direct Final action which is located in the Rules Section of this Federal Register.

Dated: November 12, 1996.

Jack W. McGraw,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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40 CFR Part 52

(ILY44-1b; FRL-5548-9)

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Illinois

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision request submitted by the State of Illinois on January 10, 1996, which grants a variance from certain volatile organic material (VOM) reasonably available control technology (RACT) requirements for certain flexographic printing presses operated by Rexam Medical Packaging Inc., located in Mundelein, Lake County, Illinois. In the final rules section of this Federal Register, the EPA is approving this action as a direct final rule without prior proposal because EPA views this as a noncontroversial action 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 that direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed 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 If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on the proposed rule. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received on or before January 22, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18-J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Copies of the State submittal are available for inspection at: Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18-J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mark J. Palermo, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-6082.

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

Dated: September 27, 1996.

David A. Ullrich,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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40 CFR Part 799

(OPPTS-42187D; FRL-5580-6)

RIN 2070-AC76

Proposed Test Rule for Hazardous Air Pollutants; Extension of Comment Period on Proposed Rule

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Extension of comment period on proposed test rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is extending the public comment period from January 31, 1997 to March 31, 1997 on the proposed rule to require manufacturers and processors of 21 hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) to test these substances for certain health effects. This proposed rule was published in the Federal Register on June 26, 1996 (61 FR 33178) (FRL-4869-1). On October 18, 1996, EPA extended the public comment period on the proposed rule from December 23, 1996 to January 31, 1997 (61 FR 54383) (FRL-5571-3).

DATES: Written comments on the proposed rule must be received by EPA on or before March 31, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Submit three copies of written comments on the proposed HAPs test rule, identified by document control number (OPPTS-42187A; FRL-4869-1) to: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), Document Control Office (7407), Rm. G-099, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460.

A public version of the official rulemaking record supporting this action, excluding confidential business information (CBI), is available for inspection at the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460, from 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on legal holidays.

All comments that contain information claimed as CBI must be clearly marked as such. Three sanitized copies of any comments containing information claimed as CBI must also be submitted and will be placed in the public record for this rulemaking. Persons submitting information that they believe is entitled to treatment as CBI must assert a business confidentiality claim in accordance with 40 CFR part 2. This claim must be made at the time that the information is submitted to EPA. If a submitter does not assert a confidentiality claim at the time of submission, EPA will treat the information as non-confidential and may make it available to the public without further notice to the submitter.

Comments and data may also be submitted in electronic form by sending electronic mail (e-mail) to: oppts@epamail.epa.gov. Such comments and data must be submitted in an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by (OPPTS-42187A) (FRL-4869-1). No information claimed as CBI should be submitted through e-mail. Comments in electronic form may be filed online at many federal depository libraries.

The official record of this action, as well as the public version, will be maintained in paper form. EPA will transfer all comments received electronically into paper form and will place the paper copies in the official record. The official record is the paper record maintained at the address listed at the beginning of the "ADDRESSES" section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan B. Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Rm. ET-543B, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 655-1404; TDD: (202) 554-0551; e-mail: TSCA_Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

For technical information contact: Robert A. Kelley, Project Manager, Chemical Control Division (7405), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 260-1105; fax: (202) 260-1096; e-mail: kelley.robert@epamail.epa.gov, or Gary Timm, Senior Technical Advisor, Chemical Control Division (7405), Office of Pollution Prevention and

Toxics, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460; telephone: (202) 260-1105; fax: (202) 260-8168; e-mail: thm.gary@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The HAPs rule proposed testing, under section 4(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), of: 1,1'-biphenyl, carbonyl sulfide, chlorine, chlorobenzene, chloroprene, cresols [3 isomers], diethanolamine, ethylbenzene, ethylene dichloride, ethylene glycol, hydrochloric acid, hydrogen fluoride, maleic anhydride, methyl isobutyl ketone, methyl methacrylate, naphthalene, phenol, phthalic anhydride, 1,2,4-trichlorobenzene, 1,1,2-trichloroethane, and vinylidene chloride. EPA would use the data generated under the rule to implement several provisions of section 112 of the Clean Air Act and to meet other EPA data needs and those of other Federal agencies. In the HAPs proposal, EPA solicited proposals for enforceable consent agreements (ECAs) regarding the performance of pharmacokinetics studies which would permit extrapolation from data developed from oral exposure studies to predict effects from inhalation exposure.

On October 18, 1996, EPA extended the public comment period on the proposed rule from December 23, 1996 to January 31, 1997 (61 FR 54383) (FRL 5571-3). This extension was to allow more time for the submission of proposals for ECAs and adequate time for comments on the proposed rule to be submitted after the Agency has considered the ECA proposals. EPA has received several proposals for ECAs. Due to the complexity of the issues raised by these proposals, it will take the Agency more time than anticipated to consider the ECAs and respond to the submitters.

In the HAPs proposed rule, published on June 26, 1996 (61 FR 33178) (FRL 4869-1), testing would be conducted using the OPPTS harmonized guidelines that were proposed on June 20, 1996 (61 FR 31522) (FRL 5367-7). The process of developing these guidelines is proceeding at the same time as the development of the HAPs test rule. As stated in the original proposal, the OPPTS harmonization process may result in the finalization of the guidelines prior to the end of the comment period for the proposed rule. If so, EPA will announce the availability of any of the 11 guidelines used in the HAPs rule that have been finalized in order to allow for public comment on the applicability of the finalized guidelines to the HAPs rule.

There has been a delay in finalizing the guidelines. The Agency has decided to extend the comment period on the HAPs test rule to allow some or all of the 11 guidelines to be finalized.

Accordingly, for both of the reasons discussed above, EPA is extending the comment period on the proposed rule to March 31, 1997. If the guideline harmonization process is further delayed, EPA may, at a future time, extend the comment period on the guidelines as they apply to the HAPs chemicals, or may decide to issue the corresponding HAPs-specific guidelines independent of the OPPTS harmonization process, using appropriate notice and comment procedures.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 799

Environmental protection, Chemicals, Hazardous substances, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: December 16, 1996.

Charles M. Auer,
Director, Chemical Control Division, Office
of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

43 CFR Part 1810

[20-420-1050-00-24-1A]

RIN 1004-AC 81

Public Land Records

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management,
Interior.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to remove in its entirety Subpart 1813 of Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This subpart contains only general information about public land records and BLM practices. BLM will provide the public with this information through informational brochures and its manual system.

DATES: Submit comments by February 21, 1997. BLM may, but need not, consider comments received or postmarked after this date in preparing the final rule.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to comment, you may:

(a) Hand-deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L St., NW, Washington, DC;

(b) Mail comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401LS, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240; or

(c) Transmit comments electronically via the Internet to: WOCComment@wo.blm.gov. Please include "Attn: AC 81" in your message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact us directly at (202) 452-5030.

You will be able to review comments at the L Street address during regular business hours from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Frank Bruno, (202) 452-0352 or Wendy Spencer, (303) 236-6642.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures
II. Discussion of Proposed Rule
III. Procedural Matters

I. Public Comment Procedures

Written comments on the proposed rule should be specific, focus on issues pertinent to the proposed rule, and explain the reason for any recommended change. Where possible, comments should reference the specific section or paragraph of the proposal being addressed. BLM will not necessarily consider or include in the Administrative Record for the final rule comments received or postmarked after the close of the comment period (see DATES) or delivered to an address other than the one listed above (see ADDRESSES).

II. Discussion of Proposed Rule

In an effort to reduce unnecessary volume in its regulations, the BLM is removing from the CFR material that provides general information about public land records or that explains BLM practices. Removing this material will not deprive the public of any notice, right, administrative process or information required by law. Material of this sort is more properly addressed in public information releases and the BLM Manual, both of which are available to the public, are more detailed, and can be more easily updated.

The regulations in the current 43 CFR Subpart 1813 do not implement, interpret or prescribe law or policy, or any procedure or practice of the BLM required by law, or that is of such material importance to the public as to require its publication in the Federal Register and codification in the Code of Federal Regulations.

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