

melons handled during such fiscal period; (2) the Committee needs to have sufficient funds to pay its expenses which are incurred on a continuous basis; and (3) handlers are aware of this action which was recommended by the Committee at a public meeting and is similar to other assessment rate actions issued in past years.

#### List of Subjects in 7 CFR Part 979

Marketing agreements, Melons, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 7 CFR part 979 is proposed to be amended as follows:

#### PART 979—MELONS GROWN IN SOUTH TEXAS

1. The authority citation for 7 CFR part 979 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 601–674.

2. Section 979.219 is revised to read as follows:

##### § 979.219 Assessment rate.

On and after October 1, 2003, an assessment rate of \$0.09 per carton is established for South Texas melons.

Dated: March 15, 2004.

**A.J. Yates,**

*Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

##### 40 CFR Part 52

[IN158–1b; FRL–7626–8]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Indiana

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** We are proposing to approve revisions to particulate matter (PM<sub>10</sub>) emissions regulations for U.S. Steel-Gary Works and U.S. Steel-Gary Coke Operations, located in Lake County, Indiana. The Indiana Department of Environmental Management requested on June 13, 2003, and as supplemented on October 3, 2003, that EPA approve this State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision, as an amendment to 326 Indiana Administrative Code (IAC) 6–1–10.1 and 326 IAC 6–1–10.2. The revisions to the rules reflect the closure of certain emission units, the addition of new emission units, and the installation

of new control systems. These changes should result in decreased PM<sub>10</sub> emissions of approximately 350 tons per year. In the final rules 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 revision and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If we receive no adverse comments in response to that direct final rule, we plan to take no further action on this proposed rule. If we receive significant adverse comments, we will withdraw the direct final rule and 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 document.

**DATES:** EPA must receive written comments on or before April 21, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send written comments to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Acting Chief, Air Programs Branch, (AR–18)), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Comments may also be submitted electronically or through hand delivery/courier, please follow the detailed instructions described in part(I)(B)(1)(i) through (iii) of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christos Panos, Environmental Engineer, Criteria Pollution Section, Air Programs Branch (AR–18)), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 353–8328, [panos.christos@epa.gov](mailto:panos.christos@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information, see the direct final notice which is located in the rules section of this **Federal Register**. Copies of the request and the EPA's analysis are available for inspection at the above address. (Please telephone Christos Panos at (312) 353–8328 before visiting the Region 5 Office.)

Dated: February 6, 2004.

**Bharat Mathur,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 5.*

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

##### 40 CFR Part 52

[CA287–0428b; FRL–7628–2]

#### Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, South Coast Air Quality Management District

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is proposing to approve revisions to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) portion of the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). These revisions concern volatile organic compound (VOC) and ammonia emissions from composting and related activities. We are proposing to approve local rules to regulate these emission sources under the Clean Air Act as amended in 1990 (CAA or the Act).

**DATES:** Any comments on this proposal must arrive by April 21, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Andy Steckel, Rulemaking Office Chief (AIR–4), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105–3901 or e-mail to [steckel.andrew@epa.gov](mailto:steckel.andrew@epa.gov), or submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

You can inspect copies of the submitted SIP revisions, EPA's technical support documents (TSDs), and public comments at our Region IX office during normal business hours by appointment. You may also see copies of the submitted SIP revisions by appointment at the locations listed below.

California Air Resources Board, Stationary Source Division, Rule Evaluation Section, 1001 "I" Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.  
South Coast Air Quality Management District, 21865 East Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765–4182.

A copy of the rule may also be available via the Internet at <http://www.arb.ca.gov/drdb/drdbltx.htm>. Please be advised that this is not an EPA website and may not contain the same version of the rule that was submitted to EPA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jerald S. Wamsley, EPA Region IX, at either (415) 947–4111, or [wamsley.jerry@epa.gov](mailto:wamsley.jerry@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This proposal addresses the following local SCAQMD rules: Rule 1133, Composting and Related Operations—General Administrative Requirements, Rule

1133.1, Chipping and Grinding Activities, Rule 1133.2, Emission Reductions From Co-Composting Operations. In the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**, we are approving these local rules in a direct final action without prior proposal because we believe these SIP revisions are not controversial. If we receive adverse comments, however, we will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule and address the comments in subsequent action based on this proposed rule. Please note that if we receive adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, we may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

We do not plan to open a second comment period, so anyone interested in commenting should do so at this time. If we do not receive adverse comments, no further activity is planned. For further information, please see the direct final action.

Dated: February 4, 2004.

**Keith Takata,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.*  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[R01-OAR-2004-ME-0001; A-1-FRL-7625-4]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maine; Approval of State Implementation Plan Revision to PM10 PSD Increments

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is proposing to approve a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Maine. This revision establishes maximum allowable increases in particulate matter concentration for the prevention of significant deterioration (PSD) program, where particulate matter is measured as particulates with a mean aerodynamic diameter of 10 microns or less ("PM10"), rather than as total suspended particulates (TSP).

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before April 21, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to Dan Brown, Acting Unit Manager, Air Permits, Toxics, and Indoor Air

Programs, Office of Ecosystems Protection (mail code CAP), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA New England Regional Office, One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02114-2023. Comments may also be submitted electronically or through hand delivery/courier; please follow the detailed instructions in part (I)(B)(1)(i) through (iv) of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of the direct final rule which is located in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ian D. Cohen, Air Permits, Toxics, and Indoor Air Programs Unit, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA New England Regional Office, One Congress Street, Suite 1100 (CAP), Boston, MA 02114-2023, (617) 918-1655, *cohen.ian@epa.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because EPA views this rulemaking as noncontroversial 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 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 proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time. If EPA receives adverse comments on a section, paragraph, or other portion of this rule that 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.

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

Dated: February 5, 2004.

**Robert W. Varney,**

*Regional Administrator, EPA New England.*  
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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 52

[OH160-1b; FRL-7632-3]

#### Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans; Ohio; Approval of Revision to Oxides of Nitrogen Regulations

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA is proposing to approve, through direct final procedure, a revision to the flow control date in the Oxides of Nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>) budget trading program. This plan revision was submitted for approval by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency on November 26, 2003. The revision changes the flow control date to 2005 in Ohio's NO<sub>x</sub> State Implementation Plan (SIP) rule, Ohio Administrative Code 3745-14-06. This date change was a condition for the approval of the Ohio NO<sub>x</sub> SIP, which was conditionally approved by EPA on August 5, 2003. 68 FR 46089. If EPA receives written 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. If no such adverse written comments 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. Any party interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before April 21, 2004.

Comments may also be submitted electronically or through hand delivery/courier, please follow the detailed instructions described in Part (I)(B)(1)(i) through (iii) of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of the related direct final rule which is published in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**.  
**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to: J. Elmer Bortzer, Acting Chief, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, *bortzer.jay@epa.gov*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Paskevicz, Engineer, Criteria Pollutant Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Chicago, Illinois, 60604. E-mail address: *paskevicz.john@epa.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information see the direct