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

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[EPA-R03-OAR-2007-0794; FRL-8478-8]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Amendments to the Control of VOC Emissions From Consumer Products

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 Maryland. This SIP revision pertains to the control of volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from consumer products. This action is being taken under the Clean Air Act (CAA).

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before November 5, 2007.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 18, 2007, the Maryland Department of Environment (MDE) submitted a revision to its SIP. The SIP revision (Maryland SIP #07-08) includes amendments to the control of VOC emissions from consumer products (COMAR 26.11.32).

I. Background

Consumer and commercial products are defined as products sold to retail customers for personal, household, or automotive use, and products marketed by wholesale distributors for use by commercial or institutional organizations. VOC emissions from these products come from the evaporation of propellant and organic solvents during use. Consumer and commercial products comprise a variety of goods, including personal care products, household products,

automotive aftermarket products, insecticides, coatings, and other miscellaneous products.

Maryland adopted the consumer products regulation based on the 2001 Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) model rule in 2003 that was based on the California Air Resources Board (CARB) rule. EPA approved the Maryland consumer products regulation on December 9, 2003 (68 FR 68523). In July 2005, CARB amended the 2001 OTC model rule adding 14 new categories. In 2006, the OTC developed an updated model rule based on the 2005 CARB amendments. Maryland adopted the updated 2006 OTC model rule on June 8, 2007 with an effective date of June 18, 2007 to incorporate the changes in the 2005 CARB rule.

II. Summary of SIP Revision

Maryland's amended consumer products regulation incorporates the changes made by CARB. These amendments affect 18 categories of consumer products. Fourteen categories are new, including subcategories with new product category definitions and VOC limits; one previously regulated category with a more restrictive VOC limit, and two previously regulated categories with additional requirements. The compliance date for the new standards is January 1, 2009.

The new categories are the following: (1) Adhesive remover with four subcategories: Floor or wall covering, gasket or thread locking, general purpose, and specialty; (2) anti-static product; (3) electrical cleaner; (4) electronic cleaner; (6) fabric refresher; (7) footwear or leather care product; (8) hair styling product that will incorporate hair styling gel and include additional forms of hair styling products (i.e., liquid, semi-solid, and pump spray) but does not include hair spray product or hair mousse; (9) graffiti remover; (10) shaving gel; (11) toilet/urinal care product; and (12) wood cleaner. The previously regulated category with a more restrictive limit is contact adhesive that has been separated into 2 subcategories: general purpose and special purpose. The previously regulated categories with additional requirements are air fresheners and general purpose degreasers.

III. Proposed Action

EPA is proposing to approve the Maryland SIP revision for the control of VOC emissions from consumer products (COMAR 26.11.32) submitted on June 18, 2007. EPA is soliciting public comments on the issues discussed in this document. These comments will be considered before taking final action.

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 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 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), nor will it 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), because it merely proposes to approve a state rule implementing a Federal requirement, and does not alter the relationship or the distribution of power and responsibilities established in the CAA. This proposed rule also is not subject to Executive Order 13045 (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997), because it approves a state rule implementing a Federal standard.

In reviewing SIP submissions, EPA's role is to approve state choices, provided that they meet the criteria of the CAA. 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 CAA. 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. As required by section 3 of Executive Order 12988 (61 FR 4729, February 7, 1996), in issuing this proposed rule, EPA has taken the necessary steps to eliminate drafting errors and ambiguity, minimize potential litigation, and provide a clear legal standard for affected conduct. EPA has complied with Executive Order 12630 (53 FR 8859, March 15, 1988) by examining the takings implications of the rule in accordance with the "Attorney General's Supplemental Guidelines for the Evaluation of Risk and Avoidance of Unanticipated Takings" issued under the executive order. This proposed rule pertaining to the amendments of Maryland's consumer products regulation, 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, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Volatile organic compounds.

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

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Regional Administrator, Region III.

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48 CFR Parts 1516, 1533, and 1552

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RIN 2030-AA89

Acquisition Regulation: Guidance on Use of Award Term Incentives; Administrative Amendments

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to amend the EPA Acquisition Regulation (EPAAR) to add policy, procedures, and contract clauses for the use of award term incentives. This rule makes two