

be required, and uncertainty concerning the appropriate definition of "houseboat." The Coast Guard believes its resources would be better directed toward regulatory projects that would have a greater impact on propeller injury avoidance.

The NPRM estimated that propeller guards, which would be the least expensive option provided under the proposed rule, could be self-installed for approximately \$300 each. Equipping the estimated 100,000 houseboats that would be covered by the rule was estimated to result in a cost of approximately \$30 million. A reassessment of these costs after publication of the NPRM revealed that most boats would need to be lifted out of the water for propeller guard installation, boats with twin engines would require a guard for each engine, and installation would be beyond the capabilities of most owners and operators. For these reasons, a more realistic average cost per boat is approximately \$1500, for a total cost of \$150 million. This figure does not include costs of periodic maintenance to clear debris from guards or the resulting decrease in fuel efficiency.

Because of the significantly higher cost of implementing the proposed rule, the Coast Guard is exploring options that would more effectively prevent propeller injuries and impose a smaller burden on the economy. For example, requiring ignition cut-off switches on an undetermined segment of recreational, propeller-driven boats could be a more cost effective approach, and there is also room for improvement in boating safety education.

Additionally, as some of the comments pointed out, the NPRM lacked a practical definition of "houseboat," and straightforward performance requirements for acceptable propeller guards and swim ladder interlock systems. Although not independent grounds for withdrawing this rulemaking, the need for further research to resolve these questions, and the potential negative effect of more specific performance requirements on costs, made further pursuit of this rulemaking at this time even less preferable in comparison to other alternatives.

The Coast Guard remains deeply concerned about propeller injuries, and is committed to reducing them. In doing so, though, the cost and effectiveness of alternative measures must be reasonably considered.

The Coast Guard would like to thank those who submitted comments. All comments were considered in this decision. To view comments, go to

<http://www.regulations.gov> at any time, under "Search Documents" enter the docket number for this rulemaking (USCG-2001-10163), and click on "Submit." You may also visit the Docket Management Facility in room W12-140 on the Ground Floor of the West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

#### Authority

This action is taken under the authority of 46 U.S.C. 4302; Department of Homeland Security Delegation No. 0170.1.

Dated: October 10, 2007.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Parts 51, 52, 70, and 71

[EPA-HQ-OAR-2005-0163, FRL-8484-6]

RIN 2060-AM45

#### Operating Permit Programs and Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NSR): Flexible Air Permitting Rule; Proposed Rule

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA is announcing an extension of the public comment period on our proposed amendments for the Operating Permit Programs and Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NSR): Flexible Air Permitting Rule; Proposed Rule (September 12, 2007). The EPA is extending the comment period that originally ends on November 13, 2007. The extended comment period will close on January 14, 2008. The EPA is extending the comment period because of the timely requests we received to do so.

**DATES:** *Comments.* Comments must be received on or before January 14, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2004-0087, by one of the following methods:

- [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* [a-and-r-docket@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:a-and-r-docket@epamail.epa.gov).

- *Fax:* 202-566-1741.

- *Mail:* Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2004-0087, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA West (Air Docket), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Mailcode: 6102T, Washington, DC 20460. Please include a total of 2 copies. In addition, please mail a copy of your comments on the information collection provisions to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Attn: Desk Officer for EPA, 725 17th St., NW., Washington, DC 20503.

- *Hand Delivery:* U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA West (Air Docket), 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 3334, Washington, DC 20004, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2004-0087. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

*Instructions:* Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2004-0087. EPA's policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or e-mail. The [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an e-mail comment directly to EPA without going through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) your e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional instructions on submitting comments, go to the

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

*Docket:* All documents in the docket are listed in the [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or in hard copy at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Air Docket, EPA/DC, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Air Docket is (202) 566-1742.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For overall issues concerning advance approvals and alternative operating scenarios, contact Michael Trutna, Air Quality Policy Division (C504-01), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone (919) 541-5345, fax number (919) 541-4028; or electronic mail at [trutna.mike@epa.gov](mailto:trutna.mike@epa.gov).

For specific issues concerning approved replicable methodology and EPA's pilot permits, contact David Beck, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Innovative Pilots Division (C304-05), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone (919) 541-5421, fax number (919) 541-2664; or electronic mail at [beck.david@epa.gov](mailto:beck.david@epa.gov).

For specific issues relating to monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting for flexible air permits, contact Barrett Parker, Sector Policies and Programs Division, Measurement Policy Group (D243-03), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone 919-541-5635, fax number (919) 541-1039; or electronic mail at [parker.barrett@epa.gov](mailto:parker.barrett@epa.gov).

For other part 70 issues, contact Juan Santiago, Operating Permits Group, Air Quality Policy Division (C504-05), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone (919) 541-1084, fax number (919) 541-5509; or electronic mail at [santiago.juan@epa.gov](mailto:santiago.juan@epa.gov).

For specific issues relating to Green Groups, contact Dave Painter, NSR Group, Air Quality Policy Division (C504-03), U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone (919) 541-5515, fax number (919) 541-5509; or electronic mail at [painter.david@epa.gov](mailto:painter.david@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. General Information**

*A. What Should I Consider as I Prepare My Comments for EPA?*

1. *Submitting CBI.* Do not submit this information to EPA through [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) or e-mail. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM as CBI and then identify electronically within the disk or CD-ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. Send or deliver information identified as CBI only to the following address: Roberto Morales, OAQPS Document Control Officer (C404-02), U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2004-0087.

2. *Tips for Preparing Your Comments.* When submitting comments, remember to:

- Identify the rulemaking by docket number and other identifying information (subject heading, **Federal Register** date and page number).
- Follow directions—The agency may ask you to respond to specific questions or organize comments by referencing a Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part or section number.
- Explain why you agree or disagree; suggest alternatives and substitute language for your requested changes.
- Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.
- If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.
- Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns, and suggest alternatives.
- Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.
- Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

*B. Where Can I Get a Copy of This Document and Other Related Information?*

In addition to being available in the docket, an electronic copy of this proposal will also be available on the World Wide Web (WWW). Following signature by the EPA Administrator, a copy of this notice will be posted in the regulations and standards section of our NSR home page located at <http://www.epa.gov/nsr>.

Dated: October 11, 2007.

**Jan Cortelyou-Lee,**

*Acting Director, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Part 52**

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**Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; State of Missouri; Transportation Conformity**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is proposing to approve a revision to the Kansas City and St. Louis portions of the Missouri State Implementation Plan (SIP) to amend the transportation conformity criteria and procedures related to interagency consultation and enforceability of certain transportation-related control measures and mitigation measures.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposed action must be received in writing by November 19, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R07-OAR-2007-0912 by one of the following methods:

1. *http://www.regulations.gov:* Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

2. *E-mail:* [hamilton.heather@epa.gov](mailto:hamilton.heather@epa.gov).

3. *Mail:* Heather Hamilton, Environmental Protection Agency, Air Planning and Development Branch, 901 North 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101.

4. *Hand Delivery or Courier:* Deliver your comments to: Heather Hamilton, Environmental Protection Agency, Air Planning and Development Branch, 901 North 5th Street, Kansas City, Kansas 66101. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Regional Office's normal hours of operation. The Regional Office's official hours of business are