

technological advances or employer relocation.

(AUTHORITY: 38 U.S.C. 1155, 1502)

Cross References: Pension. See § 3.3. Period of war. See § 3.2.

**§ 4.17a [Removed]**

13. Section 4.17a is removed.

**§ 4.18 [Removed]**

14. Section 4.18 is removed.

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**40 CFR Part 60**

[AD-FRL-70665]

**Standards of Performance for Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; amendment.

**SUMMARY:** We are proposing to amend the current provisions in the standards of performance for industrial-commercial-institutional steam generating units which permit owners and operators of new steam generating units located at chemical manufacturing plants and petroleum refineries burning high-nitrogen byproduct/wastes to petition the Administrator for a site specific nitrogen oxides emission limit. The amendment extends the provisions to owners and operators of new steam generating units located at pulp and paper mills.

In the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**, we are making this amendment in a direct final rule, without prior proposal, because we view this revision as noncontroversial, and we anticipate no significant adverse comments. We have explained our reasons for this amendment in the preamble to the direct final rule.

If we receive no significant adverse comments, we will take no further action on the rule. If an adverse comment applies to an amendment, paragraph, or section of the rule, and that provision may be addressed separately from the remainder of the rule, we will withdraw only those provisions on which we received adverse comments. We will publish a timely withdrawal in the **Federal Register** indicating which provisions will become effective and which provisions are being withdrawn.

**DATES:** *Comments.* Submit comments on or before October 31, 2001.

*Public Hearing.* If anyone contacts us requesting to speak at a public hearing by October 22, 2001, we will hold a public hearing on October 31, 2001. Persons interested in attending the hearing should call Mrs. Kelly Hayes at (919) 541-5578 to verify that a hearing will be held.

**ADDRESSES:** *Comments.* By U.S. Postal Service, send comments (in duplicate if possible) to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), Attention Docket Number A-2001-18, U.S. EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20460. In person or by courier, deliver comments (in duplicate if possible) to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), Attention Docket Number A-2001-18, U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460. The EPA requests that a separate copy of each public comment be sent to the contact person listed below.

*Public Hearing.* If a public hearing is held, it will be held at 10:00 a.m. in our Office of Administration Auditorium, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, or at an alternate site nearby.

*Docket.* Docket No. A-2001-18 contains supporting information used in developing the standards and guidelines. The docket is located at the U.S. EPA, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460 in room M-1500, Waterside Mall (ground floor), and may be inspected from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Fred Porter, Combustion Group, Emission Standards Division (MD-13), U.S. EPA, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711; telephone number (919) 541-5251; facsimile number (919) 541-5450; electronic mail address [porter.fred@epa.gov](mailto:porter.fred@epa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Comments.* Comments and data may be submitted by electronic mail (e-mail) to: [a-and-r-docket@epa.gov](mailto:a-and-r-docket@epa.gov). Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file to avoid the use of special characters and encryption problems and will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect® version 5.1, 6.1 or Corel 8 file format. All comments and data submitted in electronic form must note the docket number A-2001-18. No confidential business information (CBI) should be submitted by e-mail. Electronic comments may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

Commenters wishing to submit proprietary information for consideration

must clearly distinguish such information from other comments and clearly label it as CBI. Send submissions containing such propriety information directly to the following address, and not to the public docket, to ensure that propriety information is not inadvertently placed in the docket: Attention: Mr. Fred Porter, U.S. EPA, c/o OAQPS Document Control Officer, 411 W. Chapel Hill Street, Room 740, Durham NC 27701. We will disclose information identified as CBI only to the extent allowed by the procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2. If no claim of confidentiality accompanies a submission when it is received, the information may be made available to the public without further notice to the commenter.

*Docket.* The docket is an organized and complete file of information compiled in developing this rulemaking. The docket is a dynamic file because material is added throughout the rulemaking process. The docketing system is intended to allow members of the public and industries involved to readily identify and locate documents so that they can effectively participate in the rulemaking process. Along with the proposed and promulgated standards and their preambles, the docket contains the record in the case of judicial review. The docket number for this rulemaking is A-2001-18, which contains supporting information used in developing the standards and guidelines. An index for each docket, as well as individual items contained within the dockets, may be obtained by calling (202) 260-7548 or (202) 260-7549. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying docket materials. Docket indexes are also available by facsimile, as described on the Office of Air and Radiation, Docket and Information Center Website at <http://www.epa.gov/airprogm/oar/docket/faxlist.html>.

*World Wide Web.* In addition to being available in the docket, an electronic copy of this action will be posted on the Technology Transfer Network's (TTN) policy and guidance information page <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/caaa>. The TTN provides information and technology exchange in various areas of air pollution control. If more information regarding the TTN is needed, call the TTN HELP line at (919) 541-5384.

*Regulated Entities.* The regulated categories and entities that potentially will be affected by this amendment include the following:

Category	NAICS CODES	SIC CODES	Examples of potentially regulated entities
Pulp and paper .....	322	26	Pulp and paper mills

This table is not intended to be exhaustive, but rather provides a guide for readers regarding entities likely to be regulated by this action. This table lists the types of entities that we are now aware could potentially be regulated by this action. Other types of entities not listed in the table could also be regulated. To determine whether your facility, company, business, organization, etc., is regulated by this action, you should carefully examine the applicability criteria in § 60.41b of the rules. If you have questions regarding the applicability of this action to a particular entity, consult the person listed in the preceding **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section.

#### What Are the Administrative Requirements for This Action?

For a complete discussion of all of the administrative requirements applicable to this action, see the direct final rule in the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**.

*Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), as Amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (SBREFA), 5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.*

The RFA generally requires an agency to prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis of any rule subject to notice and comment rulemaking requirements under the Administrative Procedure Act or any other statute unless the agency certifies that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Small entities include small businesses, small organizations, and small governmental jurisdictions.

For purposes of assessing the impacts of this proposed rule on small entities, small entity is defined as (1) a small business in the regulated industry which has less than 750 employees; (2) a small governmental jurisdiction that is a government of a city, county, town, school district or special district with a population of less than 50,000; or (3) a small organization that is any not-for-profit enterprise that is independently owned and operated and is not dominant in its field.

After considering the economic impacts of this proposed rule on small entities, I certify that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This proposed rule will not impose any requirements on small entities because

it does not impose any additional regulatory requirements.

For additional information, see the direct final rule published in the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register** publication.

#### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 60

Environmental protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Air pollution control, Intergovernmental relations, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: September 20, 2001.

**Christine Todd Whitman**,  
Administrator.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

##### 40 CFR Part 62

[TX-128-1-7466b; FRL-7067-4]

#### Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Texas; Control of Emissions From Existing Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA is proposing to approve the Texas Plan for Designated Facilities and Pollutants (111(d) Plan) submitted by the Governor of Texas on June 2, 2000, to implement and enforce the emissions guidelines for existing hospital/medical/ infectious waste incinerators (HMIWI).

In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's HMIWI 111(d) Plan as a direct final rule without prior proposal because EPA views this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no adverse comment. The EPA has explained its reasons for this approval in the preamble to the direct final rule. If EPA receives no relevant adverse comment, EPA will not take further action on this proposed rule. If EPA receives relevant adverse comment, EPA will withdraw the direct final rule and it will not take effect. The EPA will address all public comments in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on

this action. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received by October 31, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to Mr. Thomas H. Diggs, Chief, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), at the EPA Region 6 Office listed below. Copies of documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. Anyone wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least two working days in advance. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733. Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, Office of Air Quality, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Deese at (214) 665-7253.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This document concerns approval of the Texas 111(d) Plan for Existing Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators. For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action that is located in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register** publication.

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

Dated: September 14, 2001.

**Gregg A. Cooke**,

Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

##### 40 CFR Part 70

[AD-FRL-7068-8]

#### Clean Air Act Final Approval of Operating Permits Program; State of Rhode Island

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA proposes full approval of the operating permit program submitted by the State of Rhode Island. In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal**