

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 52 and 81

[UT-001-0002b; FRL-6201-9]

Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Utah; Salt Lake City Carbon Monoxide Redesignation to Attainment, Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes, and Approval of Related Revisions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing approval of the Salt Lake City carbon monoxide redesignation request, maintenance plan, and revised language in the Utah Administrative Code Rule (UACR) R307-1-3.3, "Requirements for Nonattainment and Maintenance Areas—New and Modified Sources". The redesignation request, maintenance plan, and changes to R307-1-3.3 were originally submitted by the Governor on November 25, 1995. Revisions to the maintenance plan were submitted by the Governor on December 9, 1996. In the Final Rules Section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's redesignation request and State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views the request and revisions 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, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this 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 If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by February 22, 1999.
ADDRESSES: Written comments may be mailed to: Richard R. Long, Director, Air and Radiation Program, Mailcode 8P-AR, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado 80202-2466.

Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the following office: United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, Air Program, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado 80202-2466.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Russ, Air and Radiation Program, Mailcode 8P-AR, United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado 80202-2466, Telephone number (303) 312-6479.

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

Dated: November 23, 1998.

Jack W. McGraw,
Acting Regional Administrator, Region VIII.
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 82

[FRL-6222-6]

RIN 2060-AG12

Protection of Stratospheric Ozone

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of denial of petition.

SUMMARY: This action notifies the public that the Agency received a petition pursuant to section 612(d) of the Clean Air Act, under the Significant New

Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program, and that EPA is denying the petition. SNAP implements section 612 of the amended Clean Air Act of 1990, which requires EPA to evaluate substitutes for ozone-depleting substances (ODS) and to regulate the use of substitutes where other alternatives exist that reduce overall risk to human health and the environment. Through these evaluations, EPA generates lists of acceptable and unacceptable substitutes for each of the major industrial use sectors that use ODS, including the refrigeration and air-conditioning sector.

OZ Technology, Inc. submitted Hydrocarbon Blend B, or HC-12a®, as a CFC-12 substitute in a variety of end-uses on July 19, 1994. In a June 13, 1995 final SNAP rulemaking (60 FR 31092), EPA found the use of Hydrocarbon Blend B unacceptable as a substitute for CFC-12 in all end-uses other than industrial process refrigeration. This determination was based on a lack of adequate data demonstrating that Hydrocarbon Blend B could be used safely in these end-uses. In addition, numerous other acceptable alternatives to ODS exist in these end-uses.

ADDRESSES: Information relevant to this Notice is contained in Air Docket A-91-42, Central Docket Section, South Conference Room 4, U.S. Environmental Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone: (202) 260-7548. The docket may be inspected between 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. weekdays. As provided in 40 CFR part 2, a reasonable fee may be charged for photocopying.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Levy by telephone at (202) 564-9727, by fax at (202) 565-2096, by e-mail at levy.jeffrey@epa.gov, or by mail at U.S. EPA, Stratospheric Protection Division, 401 M Street, SW, Mail Code 6205J, Washington, DC 20460.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Since the publication of this unacceptability determination, OZ Technology has petitioned EPA three times. The following table provides information about each of the previous petitions and EPA's denials.

Item	Date	Docket location (within docket A-91-42)	FR notice
OZ Petition 1	November 4, 1994	VI-D-75	n/a.
EPA Denial of Petition 1	July 25, 1995	VI-C-7	60 FR 49407.
OZ Petition 2	December 5, 1995	VI-D-135	n/a.
EPA Denial of Petition 2	August 30, 1996	VI-C-20	61 FR 51018.

On May 1, 1998, OZ Technology, Inc. petitioned EPA for the third time. In this

instance, OZ again requested that EPA remove Hydrocarbon Blend B from the

unacceptable list and add it to the acceptable list as a substitute used in all

new refrigeration and air-conditioning equipment. The petition is in Air Docket A-91-42, file number VI-D-229. On November 13, 1998, EPA denied the petition on the basis that the information included in the petition did not adequately address safety issues regarding the use of Hydrocarbon Blend B as a CFC-12 substitute in new equipment. The denial and the accompanying documentation are in Air Docket A-91-42, file number VI-C-28. This Notice publicizes EPA's denial of the third petition.

Contact the Stratospheric Protection Hotline at 1-800-296-1996, Monday-Friday, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Time) weekdays. For more information on the Agency's process for administering the SNAP program or criteria for evaluation of substitutes, refer to the SNAP final rulemaking published in the **Federal Register** on March 18, 1994 (59 FR 13044). **Federal Register** notices can be ordered from the Government Printing Office Order Desk (202) 783-3238; the citation is the date of publication. This Notice may also be obtained on the world wide web at <http://www.epa.gov/docs/ozone/title6/snap/>.

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 82

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

Dated: January 14, 1999.

Carol M. Browner,
Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

49 CFR Parts 229, 231, and 232

[FRA Docket No. PB-9; Notice No. 15]

RIN 2130-AB16

Brake System Safety Standards for Freight and Other Non-Passenger Trains and Equipment

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), DOT.

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: By notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) published on September 9, 1998 (63 FR 48294), FRA proposed revisions to the regulations governing the power braking systems and equipment used in freight and other non-passenger railroad train operations. In that notice, FRA established a deadline for the submission of written comments of January 15, 1999. Due to the need to ensure that all interested parties have a sufficient amount of time to fully develop their comments and because several requests for additional time to submit written comments have been received by FRA, this document announces an extension of the deadline for the submission of written comments.

DATES: Written comments must be received by March 1, 1999. Comments received after that date will be considered to the extent possible without incurring additional expenses or delay.

ADDRESSES: Address written comments to the Docket Clerk, Office of Chief Counsel, RCC-10, Federal Railroad Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Stop 10, Washington, D.C. 20590. Comments should identify the docket and notice number, and five copies should be submitted. Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their comments should include a self-addressed, stamped postcard. The Docket Clerk will indicate on the postcard the date on which the comments were received and will return the card to the addressee. The dockets are housed in the Seventh Floor of 1120 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. Public dockets may be reviewed between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leon Smith, Deputy Regional Administrator—Region 3, FRA Office of Safety, RRS-14, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Stop 25, Washington, D.C. 20950 (telephone 404-562-3800), or Thomas Herrmann, Trial Attorney, Office of the Chief Counsel, RCC-10, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Stop 10, Washington, D.C. 20950 (telephone 202-493-6053).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FRA held two public hearings and one technical conference in October and November of 1998 in regard to this NPRM. During the hearings and technical conference, a vast amount of oral information was presented, and a considerable number of issues were raised and discussed in detail. Subsequent to these meetings, interested parties began the preparation of written comments, which were to be submitted to FRA no later than January 15, 1999. Recently, a few interested parties notified FRA of the need for additional time in which to prepare their written comments. Due to the complexity and importance of this rulemaking, especially to the railroads and rail labor, FRA does not wish to inhibit the ability of any party to fully develop its comments and seeks to provide sufficient time for all interested parties to gather necessary information. Therefore, as FRA is inclined to extend the period for the submission of written comments for certain interested parties, FRA is compelled to provide the same extension to all commenters. Consequently, FRA believes it is in the best interest of all parties involved to extend the period for the submission of written comments in this proceeding to March 1, 1999. It should be noted that FRA does not expect anyone to seek any further extension of the comment period in this proceeding and will consider comments submitted after March 1, 1999, only to the extent possible without causing additional expense or delay.

George A. Gavalla,

Acting Associate Administrator for Safety.

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