

22, 2001). This proposed 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 tribal implications because it will 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). This action also does not have federalism implications because it does not 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). This action merely proposes to approve a state rule implementing a Federal standard, and does not alter the relationship or the distribution of power and responsibilities established in the Clean Air Act. This proposed rule also is not subject to Executive Order 13045 "Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks" (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997), because it is not economically significant.

In reviewing SIP submissions, EPA's role is to approve state choices, provided that they meet the criteria of the Clean Air Act. 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 Clean Air Act. 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. This proposed rule 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

Air pollution control, Carbon monoxide, Lead, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Particulate matter, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Sulfur oxides, Volatile organic compounds.

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

Dated: November 28, 2003.

**Kathleen C. Callahan,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region 2.*

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

#### 40 CFR Part 271

[FRL-7597-6]

#### Hazardous Waste Management Program: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions for State of Louisiana

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The EPA (also "the Agency" in this preamble) is proposing to grant final authorization to the State of Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) for its hazardous waste program revisions, specifically, revisions needed to meet the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), Clusters X, XI and XII which contains Federal rules promulgated from July 1, 1999, to June 30, 2002. In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is authorizing the revisions as an immediate final rule without prior proposal because the EPA views this action as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. The Agency has explained the reasons for this authorization in the preamble to the immediate final rule. If EPA does not receive adverse written comments, the immediate final rule will become effective and the Agency will not take further action on this proposal. If EPA receives adverse written comments, a second **Federal Register** document will be published before the time the immediate final rule takes effect. The second document may withdraw the immediate final rule or identify the issues raised, respond to the comments and affirm that the immediate final rule

will take effect as scheduled. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before January 8, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Mail written comments to Alima Patterson, Region 6, Regional Authorization Coordinator, State and Oversight Section (6PD-G), Multimedia Planning and Permitting Division, at the address shown below. You can examine copies of the materials submitted by the State of Louisiana during normal business hours at the following locations: EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, (214) 665-6444; or Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70884-2178, (225) 219-3559.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Alima Patterson (214) 665-8533.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information, please see the immediate final rule published in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: November 25, 2003.

**Richard E. Greene,**

*Regional Administrator, Region 6.*

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### FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

#### 47 CFR Part 53

WC Docket No. 03-228; DA 03-3742]

#### Section 272(b)(1)'s "Operate Independently" Requirement for Section 272 Affiliates

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This document extends the deadline for filing comments and reply comments in an ongoing Commission rulemaking proceeding seeking comment on whether the Commission should modify the rules adopted to implement section 272(b)(1)'s "operate independently" requirement for section 272 affiliates.

**DATES:** Comments are due December 10, 2003, and reply comments are due December 22, 2003.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christi Shewman, Attorney-Advisor, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, (202) 418-1686.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 21, 2003, the Commission

released a public notice issuing an extension of time for parties to file comments and reply comments in response to a November 4, 2003, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) seeking comment on whether the Commission should modify the rules adopted to implement section 272(b)(1)'s "operate independently"

requirement. A summary of the Commission's NPRM was published in the **Federal Register** on November 21, 2003, triggering the cycle for comments and reply comments on the NPRM, 68 FR 65665, November 21, 2003. Due to the intervening Thanksgiving holiday during the comment cycle, the Commission grants, on its own motion,

a limited extension of the deadline for filing comments and reply comments in this proceeding.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene H. Dortch,**

*Secretary.*

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