

ACTION: Proposed rule; re-opening of public comment deadline.

SUMMARY: By this action, EPA is re-opening the public comment period from July 20, 1998, to August 19, 1998, the deadline for receiving written comments on two Agency proposed actions: the redesignation of the Power-Bannock Counties PM-10 nonattainment area, and a finding that the proposed Fort Hall nonattainment area failed to attain the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for particulate matter of less than ten micrometers in aerodynamic diameter (PM-10).

DATES: Comments must be received or postmarked on or before August 19, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the request and other information supporting this proposed action are available for inspection during normal business hours at the following location: United States Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air Quality, 1200 Sixth Avenue, (OAQ-107), Seattle, Washington 98101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven K. Body, Office of Air Quality (OAQ-107), US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10, Seattle, Washington 98101, (206) 553-0782.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 19, 1998 (63 FR 33597), EPA solicited public comment on its proposal to redesignate the Power-Bannock Counties PM-10 nonattainment area by creating two distinct nonattainment areas that together cover the identical geographic area as the original nonattainment area. Likewise, on June 19, 1998 (63 FR 33605), EPA solicited public comment on a concurrent proposal to find that a portion of the Fort Hall Indian Reservation had failed to attain the PM-10 NAAQS by the applicable attainment date of December 31, 1996. EPA received a request to extend the public comment period to allow more time to prepare a comprehensive comment document.

As a result of a request to extend the public comment period, EPA is granting a 30-day extension. A copy of this request has been placed into the docket and may be reviewed during normal business hours at the following location: Office of Air Quality (OAQ-107), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Sixth Avenue Seattle, Washington 98101. Interested parties are invited to comment on all aspects of EPA's two proposals of June 19, 1998. Comments should be submitted, preferably in

triplicate, to the address listed in the front of this document.

Dated: July 24, 1998.

Phil Millam,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 10.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 571

[Docket No. NHTSA 98-3967; Notice 2]

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Extension of comment period for a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This document extends the comment period on an NPRM concerning a petition from Reitter & Schefenacker GmbH & Co. KG. to amend the agency's lighting standard. The petition asks that the standard be amended to relieve design restrictions that may inadvertently prevent the implementation of certain new-technology light sources in motor vehicle signal lamps. In the NPRM, the agency sought comments on adding requirements reflecting Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) specifications for measurement of photometrics in taillamps and in certain stop and turn signal lamps with more than one lighted section. In response to a petition from the American Automobile Manufacturers Association (AAMA), the agency is extending the comment period from August 10, 1998 to October 9, 1998. The reason for the extension is to give commenters sufficient time to review new information that has come to light since the NPRM was published.

DATES: Comments on Docket No. NHTSA 98-3967; Notice 1 must be received by October 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket number and notice number, and be submitted to: Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590 (Docket hours are from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Flanigan, Office of Safety Performance Standards (202-366-4918).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 24, 1998, NHTSA published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 34350) an NPRM concerning a petition from Reitter & Schefenacker GmbH & Co. KG. The petitioner requested the agency amend Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment," to relieve design restrictions that may inadvertently prevent the implementation of certain new-technology light sources in motor vehicle lamps. The petition was submitted to relieve design restrictions that may inadvertently prevent the implementation of certain new-technology light sources. These new lamp technologies include light-emitting diodes (LEDs), miniature halogen bulbs, and other light sources with a limited luminous flux. Because the requirements contained in FMVSS No. 108 for signal lamps are based on SAE Standards and Recommended Practices that were developed many years before LEDs, when incandescent bulbs were the only light sources in use at that time, the standard does not take into account the characteristics of these new-technology light sources.

On July 23, 1998, AAMA petitioned for an extension of the comment period. AAMA noted that new information has recently been published which should be thoroughly considered before offering comment on the NPRM. Namely, the University of Michigan Transportation Research Institute published a report in June 1998 entitled "Photometric Requirements for Signal Lamps Using Innovative Light Sources: Updating Requirements Based on Lighted Sections" (UMTRI-98-19). The opportunity to examine the views expressed in this report should be given to those who will comment on the NPRM.

After considering the arguments raised by AAMA, NHTSA has decided that it is in the public interest to grant the petitioner's request.

(Authority: 49 U.S.C. 322, 30111, 30115, 30117, and 30166; delegation of authority at 49 CFR 1.50)

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Associate Administrator for Safety Performance Standards.

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