

prevailing current (as measured from the Battery tide station) are regarded as the stand-on vessel.

(6) Prior to entering the RNA, the master, pilot or operator of each vessel, 300 gross tons or greater and tugs with tows, shall ensure that they have sufficient propulsion and directional control to safely navigate the area under the prevailing conditions, and shall notify VTSNY as to their decision regarding the employment of assist tugs while transiting the RNA.

(7) Hawser or wire length must not exceed 100 feet, measured from the towing bit on the tug to the point where the hawser or wire connects with the towed vessel or barge, for any vessel with another vessel/barge in tow.

(8) Waiver. The Captain of the port, New York may, upon request, authorize a deviation from any regulation in this section if it is found that the proposed operations can be done safely. An application for deviation must be received not less than 24 hours before the intended operation and must state the need and described the proposal.

(9) Tugs with tows includes a tug with a vessel or barge in tow, alongside, or being pushed.

Dated: December 12, 1998.

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*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coastal Guard
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

[NC-86-01-9830b; FRL-6207-2]

Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans, State of North Carolina: Approval of Miscellaneous Revisions to the Forsyth County Air Quality Control Ordinance and Technical Code

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: On October 10, 1997, The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources submitted revisions to the Forsyth County Air Quality Technical Code. These revisions include the updating of several regulations, deletion of previously referenced material, rewriting of several regulations, and the correction of several regulations. In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the

revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the EPA views this as a noncontroversial revision amendment 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 that direct final rule no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document. Any parties interested in commenting should do so at this time.

DATES: To be considered, comments must be received by February 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to Randy Terry at the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Copies of documents relative to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the visiting day and reference file NC 86-01-9830. The Region 4 office may have additional background documents not available at the other locations.

Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (Air Docket 6102), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, 512 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27604.

Forsyth County Environmental Affairs Department, 537 North Spruce Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101-1362.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy Terry, Regulatory Planning Section, Air Planning Branch, Air, Pesticides & Toxics Management Division, Region 4 Environmental Protection Agency, 61 Forsyth Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. The telephone number is (404) 562-9032.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information see the direct final rule which is published in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: October 28, 1998.

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Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

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Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; Tennessee: Approval of Revisions to the Nashville/Davidson County Portion of the Tennessee SIP

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to approve revisions to the Nashville/Davidson County portion of the Tennessee State Implementation Plan (SIP) concerning air pollution control regulations by the Metropolitan Nashville/Davidson County government. The State of Tennessee through the Tennessee Department of Air Pollution Control submitted the revisions to EPA on April 7, 1997. To be consistent with federal requirements, the State of Tennessee amended the definition of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and deleted various words in Chapter 10.56, "Air Pollution Control," of the Metropolitan Code of Laws.

In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, the EPA is approving the State of Tennessee SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision amendment 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 the direct final rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed 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. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

DATES: To be considered, comments must be received by February 1, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to Mr. Gregory O. Crawford at the EPA Regional Office listed below. Copies of