

receives adverse comments, EPA will withdraw the direct final rule and it will not take effect. EPA will address all public comments 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: Written comments must be received by May 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to Kathleen Henry, Chief, Permits and Technical Assessment Branch, Air Protection Division, Mailcode 3AP11, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103; and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Quality Control, P.O. Box 8468, 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelly L. Bunker at (215) 814-2177, for information on sources #1-18 (or via e-mail at bunker.kelly@epa.gov) or Melik Spain at (215) 814-2299 for information on sources #19-26 (or via e-mail at spain.melik@epa.gov). While information may be requested via e-mail, any comments must be submitted in writing to the above Region III address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information concerning this action to propose approval of VOC and NO_x RACT determinations for twenty-six individual sources in Pennsylvania as a revision to the Commonwealth's SIP, please see the information provided in the direct final action, of the same Title, that is located in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register** publication.

Dated: March 19, 2000.

Bradley M. Campbell,

Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 52

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Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maine; RACT for VOC sources

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve several State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the State of Maine. EPA is also proposing a limited approval of one regulation submitted as a SIP revision by the State of Maine. These SIP revisions establish requirements for certain facilities which emit volatile organic compounds (VOCs). In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving these SIP revisions as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency 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 received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period on this proposal. Any parties interested in commenting on this proposal should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to David Conroy, Unit Manager, Air Quality Planning Unit (mail code CAQ), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02114-2023. Copies of the State submittal and EPA's technical support document are available for public inspection during normal business hours, by appointment at the Office of Ecosystem Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I, One Congress Street, 11th floor, Boston and the Bureau of Air Quality Control, Department of Environmental Protection, 71 Hospital Street, Augusta, ME 04333.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, see the direct

final rule which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**.

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

Dated: March 24, 2000.

Mindy S. Lubber,

Regional Administrator, EPA New England.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 435

[FRL-6581-1]

Effluent Limitations Guidelines for the Oil and Gas Extraction Point Source Category; Announcement of Meeting

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Announcement of meeting.

SUMMARY: EPA will conduct a public meeting on the upcoming Synthetic-based Drilling Fluids (SBFs) rulemaking on Tuesday, April 25, 2000, from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Central Standard Time.

The Office of Science and Technology within EPA's Office of Water is holding the public meeting to inform all interested parties of the current status of the SBF effluent guideline. EPA intends to finalize effluent limitations guidelines and standards regarding these fluids (used in the oil and gas extraction industrial category) in December 2000. EPA plans to publish a Notice of Data Availability for this rulemaking very shortly. At the meeting on April 25, EPA will report on the status of the rulemaking; new data submissions available for public comment; revised economic and engineering models and results incorporating the new data; descriptions of "best management practices" (BMPs) as potential alternative requirements to reduce the discharges of toxic and hazardous pollutants; and paperwork requirements associated with implementation of the BMP alternative compliance methods. EPA will use this meeting to solicit public comment on any of the issues or information presented in the notice of data availability and in the administrative record supporting the notice.

DATES: EPA will conduct the SBF public meeting on Tuesday, April 25, 2000, from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Central Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: The SBF public meeting will be held at the Minerals Management Service (MMS), Gulf of Mexico OCS Region Office, Room 111,