

at least 24 hours before the day of the visit.

Environmental Protection Agency,
Region X, Office of Air Quality, 1200
Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101.
Idaho Division of Environmental
Quality, 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, ID
83720 (Contact Tim Teater at 208-
373-0457 for an appointment at
IDEQ).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Catherine Woo, Office of Air Quality
(OAQ-107), US EPA, Region X, 1200
Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101, (206)
553-1814.

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

Dated: April 4, 2000.

Chuck Clarke,

Regional Administrator, Region 10.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 62

[Docket No. ID-03-0001; FRL-6583-7]

Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Oregon; Negative Declaration

AGENCY: Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA proposes to approve
the Clean Air Act (CAA), Sections
111(d) and 129 negative declaration
submitted by the Oregon Department of
Environmental Quality on October 20,
1998, and November 6, 1998. This
negative declaration adequately certifies
that there are no Hospital/Medical/
Infectious Waste Incinerators (HMIWI)
located within its boundaries.

In the final rules section of this
Federal Register, the EPA is approving
Oregon's negative declaration as a direct
final rule without prior proposal
because the Agency views this as a
noncontroversial action and anticipates
no relevant adverse comments. A
detailed rationale for the approval is set
forth in the direct final rule. If no
relevant adverse comments are received
in response to this action, EPA will not
take action on this rule. If the EPA
receives relevant adverse comments,
EPA will withdraw the direct final rule
and it will not take effect. EPA will then
address all public comments received in
a subsequent final rule based on this

proposed rule. The EPA will not
institute a second comment period on
this action.

DATES: Written comments must be
received by May 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should
be addressed to: Catherine Woo, US
EPA, Region X, Office of Air Quality
(OAQ-107), 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle,
WA 98101.

Copies of the State negative
declaration are available for public
review during normal business hours at
the following locations. Persons wanting
to examine these documents should
make an appointment with the
appropriate office at least 24 hours
before the day of the visit.

Environmental Protection Agency,
Region X, Office of Air Quality, 1200
Sixth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101.
Oregon Department of Environmental
Quality, 811 SW Sixth Avenue,
Portland, OR 97204.

Contact Kathleen Craig at 503-229-
6833, for an appointment at ODEQ.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Railroad Administration

49 CFR Parts 222 and 229

[Docket No. FRA-1999-6439, Notice No. 5;
Docket No. FRA-1999-6440]

RIN 2130-AA71

Use of Locomotive Horns at Highway- Rail Grade Crossings

AGENCY: Federal Railroad
Administration (FRA), Department of
Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Technical conference on
proposed rule.

SUMMARY: On January 13, 2000 (65 FR
2230), FRA published a Notice of
Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) on the
Use of Locomotive Horns at Highway-
Rail Grade Crossings (Docket No. FRA-
1999-6439). On the same date FRA
released a Draft Environmental

Assessment (DEIS)(Docket No. FRA-
1999-6440) pertaining to the proposals
contained in the NPRM. A number of
public hearings in these proceedings
have been held throughout the country,
and more have been scheduled prior to
the close of the comment period on May
26, 2000. FRA has determined that, in
addition to the public hearings, a
technical conference addressing
locomotive horn acoustics would be
helpful to FRA in developing a final
rule in this proceeding. Accordingly,
FRA is scheduling a technical
conference on locomotive horn
acoustics to be held on May 10, 2000,
in Washington, DC.

DATES: 1. A technical conference will be
held on Wednesday, May 10, 2000
beginning at 9:00 a.m.

2. Deadline to register for
participation in the technical conference
is close of business on Friday, May 5,
2000. Please see Public Participation
Procedures in **SUPPLEMENTARY
INFORMATION** section of this document
for registration details.

ADDRESSES: 1. *Technical conference:*
FRA Headquarters, 7th floor conference
room, 1120 Vermont Avenue, NW,
Washington, DC.

2. *FRA Docket Clerk:* Federal Railroad
Administration Docket Clerk, Office of
Chief Counsel, Mail Stop 10, FRA, 1120
Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC
20590. E-mail address for the FRA
Docket Clerk is
renee.bridgers@fra.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Technical Conference

The technical conference is meant to
address specific technical issues that
might not be addressed in written
comments or through oral comments
presented at public hearings. The issues
to be addressed will focus on the
technical attributes of, variations to, and
potential modifications of train horns.
Among the issues which may be
discussed are tone and decibel levels,
sound dispersion and direction, horn
placement and shrouding, horn
sounding sequence and duration, and
whistle board placement and positive
train control (as it relates to horn use).
Additional subjects within the scope of
locomotive horn acoustics may be also
be addressed. A transcript of the
technical conference will be taken and
placed in the public docket of this
proceeding.

Public Participation Procedures

Any person wishing to participate in
the technical conference should notify
the FRA Docket Clerk by mail or by e-
mail by close of business on May 5,