

postmarked, faxed, or e-mailed to EPA on or before close of business April 29, 2002 instead of April 15, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments (in duplicate if possible) may be submitted to the Office of Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6102), Attention: Docket No. A-96-56, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-7548, fax (202) 260-4400, and e-mail *A-and-R-docket@epa.gov*. We encourage electronic submissions of comments and data following the instructions under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** of this document. No confidential business information should be submitted through e-mail.

Documents relevant to this action, including the proposed notice, are available for inspection at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Waterside Mall, Room M-1500, Washington, DC 20460, between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

General questions concerning today's action should be addressed to Jan King, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, Air Quality Strategies and Standards Division, C539-02, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-5665, e-mail *king.jan@epa.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed rule (67 FR 8395) addresses the issues remanded or vacated for notice-and-comment rulemaking by the D.C. Circuit in *Michigan v. EPA*, 213 F.3d 663 (D.C. Cir. 2000), *cert. denied*, 121 S. Ct. 1225, 149 L. ED. 135 (2001), which concerned the NO<sub>x</sub> SIP Call (the "SIP call case"); *Appalachian Power v. EPA*, 251 F.3d 1026 (D.C. Cir. 2001), which concerned the technical amendments rulemakings for the NO<sub>x</sub> SIP Call (the "Technical Amendments case"); and *Appalachian Power v. EPA*, 249 F.3d 1042 (D.C. Cir. 2001) and *Appalachian Power v. EPA*, No.99-1200, Order (D.C. Cir., August 24, 2001), which concerned the section 126 rulemaking (the "Section 126 case").

In the proposed rule, EPA proposed to:

(1) Retain the definition of EGUs as it relates to cogeneration units in the NO<sub>x</sub> SIP Call and in the Section 126 Rule, and retain the definition of EGUs as it relates to cogeneration units in the NO<sub>x</sub> SIP Call with only minor revisions to make the definition consistent with the Section 126 Rule;

(2) revise the control levels for stationary internal combustion engines that were assumed in calculating NO<sub>x</sub> SIP call budgets for each State;

(3) exclude portions of Georgia, Missouri, Alabama and Michigan from the NO<sub>x</sub> SIP Call (the court ruling focused on Georgia and Missouri, but the same issue is relevant to Alabama and Michigan);

(4) revise statewide emissions budgets in the NO<sub>x</sub> SIP Call to reflect the disposition of the first three issues above;

(5) set a range of dates for 19 States and the District of Columbia to submit State implementation plans to achieve the emissions reductions required by this second phase of the NO<sub>x</sub> SIP Call, and for Georgia and Missouri to submit SIPs meeting the full NO<sub>x</sub> SIP Call: 6 months through 1 year from final promulgation of this rulemaking but no later than April 1, 2003;

(6) set a compliance date of May 31, 2004, for all sources except those in Georgia and Missouri; and sources in those two States would have a May 1, 2005 compliance date; and

(7) exclude Wisconsin from NO<sub>x</sub> SIP Call requirements at this time.

The comment period provided in the proposed rule was to close on April 15, 2002. Today's action extends the date by which the comment period closes to April 29, 2002.

Dated: April 5, 2002.

**Robert Brenner,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Parts 52 and 81

[NV 021-0049b; FRL-7167-4]

#### Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Nevada

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is proposing to approve the maintenance plan for the Steptoe Valley Central area in Nevada and grant the request submitted by the State to redesignate this area from nonattainment to attainment for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>).

**DATES:** Comments on this proposal must be received by May 13, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Please address your comments to the following EPA contact. You may inspect and copy the rulemaking docket for this notice at the following location during normal business hours.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, Air Division, Air Planning Office (AIR-2), 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901.

Copies of the SIP materials are also available for inspection at the address listed below:

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, 333 W. Nye Lane, Carson City, NV 89710.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Valerie Cooper, Grants and Program Integration Office (AIR-8), Air Division, U.S. EPA, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901. Telephone: (415) 947-4103. E-mail: *Cooper.Valerie@epa.gov*

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

In the Rules and Regulations section of this **Federal Register**, we are approving the maintenance plan for the Steptoe Valley—Central SO<sub>2</sub> nonattainment area. We are also approving the State of Nevada's request to redesignate the Steptoe Valley area from nonattainment to attainment for the primary SO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS. We are taking these actions without prior proposal because we believe that the revision and request are not controversial. If we receive adverse comments, however, we will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule and address the comments in subsequent action based on this proposed rule. We do not plan to open a second comment period, so anyone interested in commenting should do so at this time. If we do not receive adverse comments, no further activity is planned. For further information, please see the direct final action.

Dated: March 24, 2002.

**Wayne Nastri,**

*Regional Administrator, Region IX.*

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 55

[FRL-7170-4]

#### Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations; Consistency Update for California

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