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The EPA is proposing to approve a requested revision to the Illinois SIP, affecting air permit rules, submitted on August 31, 1998. The submittal revises provisions for major modifications to stationary sources to align more closely with the Clean Air Act (CAA). The CAA sets forth the criteria for determining the applicability of the nonattainment NSR requirements in a serious or severe ozone nonattainment area.

II. Where Can I Find More Information About This Proposal and Corresponding Direct Final Rule?

For additional information see the direct final rule published in the rules and regulations section of this **Federal Register**.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4201 *et seq.*

Dated: April 2, 2003.

Bharat Mathur,

Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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40 CFR Part 71

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Revisions to Federal Operating Permits Program Fee Payment Deadlines for California Agricultural Sources

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to amend the Federal Operating Permits Program under title V of the Clean Air Act (Act) to extend the date by which State-exempt major agricultural sources in California must pay fees and to allow their permit applications to be considered complete even though fees may not have been paid on or before the date that applications are due. This action would allow EPA to process the applications and issue permits while the Agency computes a fee amount based on the cost of administering the permits

program for these sources. The proposed amendments would extend the due date for submitting operating permit fees to EPA until May 14, 2004, for agricultural sources that are major sources subject to title V but are not being permitted by 35 local air districts in the State of California. In the “Rules and Regulations” section of today’s **Federal Register**, we are issuing the amendments as a direct final rule, without prior proposal, because we view the revisions as noncontroversial and anticipate no significant adverse comments. We have explained our reasons for this approval in the preamble to the direct final rule. If we receive no adverse comment, we will not take further action on this proposed rule. If we receive adverse comment, we will withdraw the direct final rule and it will not take effect. We will address all public comments in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. We will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time.

DATES: Written comments must be received by June 12, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by mail to EPA Docket Center (Air Docket), U.S. EPA West (MD-6102T), Room B-108, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20460, Attention Docket ID No. OAR-2003-0047.

Comments may also be submitted electronically, by facsimile, or through hand delivery/courier. Follow the detailed instructions as provided in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact Ms. Candace Carraway, U.S. EPA, Information Transfer and Program Implementation Division, C304-04, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711, telephone number (919) 541-3189, facsimile number (919) 541-5509, electronic mail address: carraway.candace@epa.gov.

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This document concerns revisions to Federal Operating Permits Program fee payment deadlines for California agricultural sources. For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action that is located in the “Rules and Regulations” section of this **Federal Register** publication.

Regulated Entities

Categories and entities potentially affected by this action include

agricultural sources that are major sources subject to title V but are not being permitted by any of the following 35 local air districts in the State of California: Amador County Air Pollution Control District (APCD), Antelope Valley APCD, Bay Area Air Quality Management District (AQMD), Butte County AQMD, Calaveras County APCD, Colusa County APCD, El Dorado County APCD, Feather River AQMD, Glenn County APCD, Great Basin Unified APCD, Imperial County APCD, Kern County APCD, Lake County AQMD, Lassen County APCD, Mariposa County APCD, Mendocino County APCD, Modoc County APCD, Mojave Desert AQMD, Monterey Bay Unified APCD, North Coast Unified AQMD, Northern Sierra AQMD, Northern Sonoma County APCD, Placer County APCD, Sacramento Metro AQMD, San Diego County APCD, San Joaquin Valley Unified APCD, San Luis Obispo County APCD, Santa Barbara County APCD, Shasta County APCD, Siskiyou County APCD, South Coast AQMD, Tehama County APCD, Tuolumne County APCD, Ventura County APCD, and Yolo-Solano AQMD.

Docket

The EPA has established an official public docket for this action under Docket ID No. OAR-2003-0047. The official public docket consists of the documents specifically referenced in this action, any public comments received, and other information related to this action. Although a part of the official docket, the public docket does not include confidential business information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. The official public docket is the collection of materials that is available for public viewing at the Air Docket in the EPA Docket Center, (EPA/DC) EPA West, Room B102, 1301 Constitution Ave, NW., Washington, DC. The EPA Docket Center Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744, and the telephone number for the Air Docket is (202) 566-1742.

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An electronic version of the public docket is available through EPA’s electronic public docket and comment system, EPA Dockets. You may use EPA Dockets at <http://www.epa.gov/edocket/>