

August 10, 1999). This action merely approves a state rule implementing a Federal standard, and does not alter the relationship or the distribution of power and responsibilities established in the Clean Air Act. This rule also is not subject to Executive Order 13045 "Protection of Children from Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks" (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997), because it is not economically significant.

In reviewing SIP submissions, EPA's role is to approve state choices, provided that they meet the criteria of the Clean Air Act. In this context, in the absence of a prior existing requirement for the State to use voluntary consensus standards (VCS), EPA has no authority to disapprove a SIP submission for failure to use VCS. It would thus be inconsistent with applicable law for EPA, when it reviews a SIP submission, to use VCS in place of a SIP submission that otherwise satisfies the provisions of the Clean Air Act. Thus, the requirements of section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (15 U.S.C. 272 *note*) do not apply. This rule does not impose an information collection burden under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*).

#### *B. Submission to Congress and the Comptroller General*

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EPA will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the **Federal Register**. This rule is not a "major rule" as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

#### *C. Petitions for Judicial Review*

Under section 307(b)(1) of the Clean Air Act, petitions for judicial review of this action must be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit by August 4, 2003. Filing a petition for reconsideration by the Administrator of this final rule does not affect the finality of this rule for the purposes of judicial review nor does it extend the time within which a petition for judicial review may be filed, and shall not postpone the effectiveness of

such rule or action. This action pertains to Maryland's amendments to VOC requirements from chemical production and PTFE installations and may not be challenged later in proceedings to enforce its requirements. (*See* section 307(b)(2).)

#### **List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52**

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Volatile organic compounds.

Dated: May 20, 2003.

**Abraham Ferdas,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.*

■ 40 CFR part 52 is amended as follows:

#### **PART 52—[AMENDED]**

■ 1. The authority citation for part 52 continues to read as follows:

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

#### **Subpart V—Maryland**

■ 2. Section 52.1070 is amended by adding paragraph (c)(176) to read as follows:

##### **§ 52.1070 Identification of plan.**

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(176) Revisions to the Maryland State Implementation Plan submitted by the Maryland Department of the Environment:

(i) Incorporation by reference.

(A) Letter of December 6, 2001 from the Maryland Department of the Environment transmitting revisions to Maryland's State Implementation Plan concerning VOC requirements for facilities that produce inorganic chemicals and polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) products.

(B) The following revisions to Code of Maryland Administrative Regulation (COMAR) 26.11.19.30 (Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Chemical Production and Polytetrafluoroethylene Installations), effective December 10, 2001:

(1) Revised title for COMAR 26.11.19.30.

(2) Addition of paragraphs .30B(3–1), .30B(3–2), .30B(4–1), .30B(4–2), .30B(5)(b), and .30E(1) through (5) inclusive.

(3) Renumbering of former paragraphs .30B(5), .30C(3), and .30E(1) as paragraphs .30B(5)(a), .30C(2) and .30F respectively.

(4) Revisions to paragraphs .30C(1), renumbered .30C(2), .30D. (paragraph title), .30D(1), .30D(2), .30D(3), .30D(4) (introductory paragraph) and .30F.

(5) Removal of former paragraphs .30C(2) and .30E(2).

(C) Letter of November 6, 2002 from the Maryland Department of the Environment transmitting revisions to Maryland's State Implementation Plan concerning VOC requirements for facilities that produce inorganic chemicals and polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) products.

(D) The following revisions to Code of Maryland Administrative Regulation (COMAR) 26.11.19.30 (Control of Volatile Organic Compounds from Chemical Production and Polytetrafluoroethylene Installations), effective November 11, 2002:

(1) Revisions to paragraphs .30B(4–1), .30B(4–2), .30C(2), .30C(3), and .30E(1).

(2) Addition of paragraphs .30B(4–3), .30B(4–4), and .30E(6).

(ii) Additional Material.—Remainder of the State submittal pertaining to the revision listed in paragraph (c)(176)(i) of this section.

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## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

### **40 CFR Part 52**

[WV038/053–6026a; FRL–7500–2]

### **Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Regulation To Prevent and Control Air Pollution From the Emission of Sulfur Oxides**

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

**ACTION:** Direct final rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is taking direct final action to approve a revision to the West Virginia State Implementation Plan (SIP). The SIP revision is a regulation to prevent and control air pollution from the emission of sulfur oxides. EPA is approving this revision in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act.

**DATES:** This rule is effective on August 4, 2003, without further notice, unless EPA receives adverse written comment by July 3, 2003. If EPA receives such comments, it will publish a timely withdrawal of the direct final rule in the **Federal Register** and inform the public that the rule will not take effect.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be mailed to Makeba Morris, Branch Chief, Air Quality Planning and Information Services Branch, 3AP21, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street,