

from the Institute of Makers of Explosives (IME), a trade association of the commercial explosives industry representing all U.S. manufacturers of high explosives and other companies that distribute explosives or provide other related services. Among other reasons provided, IME stated that the scope of the NPRM and the importance of the proposed rule to the commercial explosives industry require it to conduct a comprehensive review and evaluation of the proposed regulations. IME determined that it cannot conclude such a review in the time currently allotted for comment submission and requested a 90-day extension of the comment period.

The International Society of Explosives Engineers (ISEE) provided similar reasons for requesting an extension of the comment period. ISEE stated that it is a technical society and the largest association of commercial explosives users in the United States, representing more than 4500 members engaged in the manufacture, transportation, storage, handling, use, and disposal of commercial explosives and related activities. ISEE requested an extension of the comment period of at least 90 days. A third commenter, citing the magnitude of the proposed amendments in Notice No. 968, also requested an extension of the comment period.

In consideration of the above, the Department of Justice believes that a reopening of the comment period is warranted. However, the comment period is being reopened until July 7, 2003. The Department believes that this is a sufficient amount of time for all interested parties to respond.

Public Participation

You may also submit written comments by facsimile transmission to (202) 927-8525. Facsimile comments must:

- Be legible;
- Reference this document number;
- Be 8½" x 11" in size;
- Contain a legible written signature; and
- Be not more than five pages long.

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Disclosure

Copies of this notice, Notice No. 968, and the comments received will be available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at: ATF Reference Library, Room 6480, 650 Massachusetts Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20226, telephone (202) 927-7890.

Drafting Information

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List of Subjects in 27 CFR Part 555

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Authority and Issuance

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Attorney General.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 70

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Clean Air Act Proposed Approval of Operating Permit Program Revisions; Michigan

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is proposing to approve revisions to Rule (R) 336.1216 of Michigan's title V air operating permit program. Michigan has not yet promulgated the rule revision which the State has submitted in draft for EPA action; however, if Michigan finalizes the revision as drafted, the permit shield provisions will no longer apply to certain administrative permit amendments. This rule revision would resolve the deficiency identified in EPA's Notice of Deficiency (NOD), published in the **Federal Register** on December 11, 2001.

The EPA is proposing to approve Michigan's operating permit program rule revision at the same time that Michigan is processing the rule revision. The EPA will finalize its approval of Michigan's program revision if Michigan promulgates and submits a final rule identical in substance to the draft rule it is processing.

DATES: Written comments on this proposed rule must be received on or before July 23, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Robert Miller, Chief, Permits and Grants Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

Copies of the State's submittal are available for inspection at the following location: EPA Region 5, Air and Radiation Division, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Please contact the person listed below to arrange a time to inspect the submittal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beth Valenziano, Permits and Grants Section, Air Programs Branch, 77 West Jackson Boulevard (AR-18J), Chicago, Illinois 60604, (312) 886-2703, valenziano.beth@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This section provides additional information by addressing the following:

- I. What is the history of Michigan's title V operating permit program?
- II. What is the program revision that EPA is proposing to approve?
- III. What is involved in this proposed action?
- IV. Statutory and Executive Order reviews

I. What Is the History of Michigan's Title V Operating Permit Program?

As required under Subchapter V of the Clean Air Act (Act), EPA has promulgated regulations that define the minimum elements of an approvable state operating permit program and the corresponding standards and procedures by which EPA will approve, oversee, or withdraw approval of state operating permit programs (*see* 57 FR 32250 (July 21, 1992)). These regulations are codified at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 70. Pursuant to Subchapter V, generally known as title V, states and local permitting authorities developed, and submitted to EPA, programs for issuing operating permits to all major stationary sources and to certain other sources.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality submitted the State's title V operating permit program for EPA approval on May 16, 1995, with supplements submitted on July 20, 1995, October 6, 1995, November 7, 1995, and January 8, 1996. The EPA granted interim approval of the Michigan title V program on January 10, 1997 (62 FR 1387), and the program became effective on February 10, 1997. Subsequently, based on the interim approval corrections that the State submitted on June 1, 2001 and September 20, 2001, EPA granted full approval of the Michigan title V program, effective November 30, 2001. The EPA published the full program approval in the **Federal Register** on December 4, 2001 (66 FR 62949).