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Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, EPA may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

Dated: June 4, 2003.

Donald S. Welsh,

Regional Administrator, Region III.

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Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Hampshire; Control of Mobile Sources of Air Pollution

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of New Hampshire on August 31, 2000 which contains the New Hampshire regulation Chapter Env-A 1100, Part Env-A 1101 entitled "Diesel and Gasoline Powered Motor Vehicles." This regulation adopted by New Hampshire includes maintenance and operational requirements for diesel and gasoline powered engines. This regulation sets maximum opacity limits from vehicles, prohibits removing pollution control equipment from vehicles, and also sets time limits for allowing engines to idle. EPA is proposing to approve these New Hampshire requirements into the New Hampshire SIP because EPA has found that the requirements will strengthen the SIP. The intended effect of this action is to propose approval of the New Hampshire regulation entitled "Diesel and Gasoline Powered Motor Vehicles." This action is being taken under section 110 of the Clean Air Act.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before July 28, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to David Conroy, Unit Manager, Air Quality Planning, Office of Ecosystem Protection (mail code CAQ), U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency, EPA-New England, One Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, MA 02114-2023. Copies of the New Hampshire submittal and EPA's technical support document are available for public inspection during normal business hours, by appointment at the Office of Ecosystem Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA-New England, One Congress Street, 11th floor, Boston, MA and the Air Resources Division, Department of Environmental Services (DES), 6 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95, Concord, NH 03302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information in this section is organized as follows:

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- II. What are the Requirements of Chapter 1100, Part Env-A 1101?
- III. Proposed Action
- IV. What Are the Administrative Requirements?

I. What Is the Background for This Action?

Chapter Env-A 1100 was adopted to minimize the environmental impact from mobile sources operating in New Hampshire. It was initially adopted in 1973 and amended several times prior to this version of the rule. Prior to the September 25, 1996 version of the rule which we are acting on, this rule was last amended on December 27, 1990. The most substantive changes made between that earlier version and this version of the rule are related to the specific opacity standards which diesel engines must meet, and the specific prohibitions and conditions for allowing both diesel and gasoline engines to idle. Both versions of the rule prohibited pollution control equipment from being removed. No version of Chapter Env-A 1100 has been submitted previously for approval in the state's air quality plan. However provisions of this rule have been incorporated into the state's inspection programs administered by the Department of Safety, and those have been approved into the SIP. For example, a roadside testing program has been established to ensure that diesel opacity standards are met. Also, as part of the existing safety inspection program, vehicles will not pass the test if pollution control equipment has been removed from a vehicle.

The adoption of this rule will aid the state in meeting and maintaining compliance with air quality standards, including the standard for ground level ozone, and strengthen the SIP. The state has adopted this program to help reduce the impact of motor vehicle pollution by