

final rule. If EPA receives no relevant adverse comments, the EPA will not take further action on this proposed rule. If EPA receives relevant adverse comment, EPA will withdraw the direct final rule and it will not take effect. The EPA will address all public comments in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time. Electronic comments should be sent either to Diggs.Thomas@epa.gov or to <http://www.regulations.gov>, which is an alternative method for submitting electronic comments to EPA. To submit comments, please follow the detailed instructions described in our direct final rulemaking document published in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**. Our Technical Support Document for this rule revision contains more information about this action.

DATES: Written comments must be received by August 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Mr. Thomas H. Diggs, Chief, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), at the EPA Region 6 Office listed below. Copies of documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations. Anyone wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least two working days in advance.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ), Office of Air Quality, 12124 Park 35 Circle, Austin, Texas 78753.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Alan Shar, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, telephone (214) 665-6691, and shar.alan@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document concerns Control of Air Pollution from nitrogen compounds, Cement kiln, Environmental protection, Intergovernmental relations, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Volatile organic compounds. 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.

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Lawrence Starfield,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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40 CFR Parts 52 and 81

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Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plans and Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes: Ada County/Boise, ID Area

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA, Agency, or we) proposes to rescind its earlier finding that the PM₁₀ standards promulgated on July 1, 1987 and the accompanying nonattainment designation and classification are no longer applicable in the Ada County/Boise, Idaho area, and simultaneously, to approve a PM₁₀ SIP maintenance plan for the Ada County/Boise Idaho area and to redesignate the area from nonattainment to attainment. PM₁₀ air pollution is suspended particulate matter with a diameter less than or equal to a nominal ten micrometers.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before August 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed and mailed to Donna Deneen, Office of Air Quality, (OAQ-107), EPA Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington, 98101. Copies of documents relevant to this action are available for public review during normal business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) at this same address. Comments may also be submitted electronically, or through hand delivery/courier. Detailed instructions for submitting comments are described in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section, under "How can comments be made on this rulemaking?"

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donna Deneen, Office of Air Quality (OAQ-107), EPA Region 10, 1200 Sixth Avenue, Seattle, Washington, 98101, (206) 553-6706.

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I. Background

1. What Is the Purpose of This Rulemaking?

This rulemaking proposes to take certain actions related to the PM₁₀ designation and classification of the Ada County/Boise, Idaho area.¹ First, EPA is proposing to rescind the March 12, 1999 finding (64 FR 12257) that the PM₁₀ standards promulgated on July 1, 1987 (52 FR 24634) and the accompanying designation and classification for PM₁₀ no longer apply in the Ada County/Boise, Idaho area. The intended effect of this proposal is to restore the applicability of the current PM₁₀ standards in the Ada County/Boise, Idaho area as well as the nonattainment designation and moderate classification associated with those standards. Secondly, EPA is proposing to approve the PM₁₀

¹ Although the State's maintenance plan and redesignation request refers to "Northern Ada County," we are using the term "Ada County/Boise, Idaho" or "Ada County/Boise, Idaho area" for consistency with 40 CFR 81.313.