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iii. *Disk or CD ROM.* You may submit comments on a disk or CD ROM that you mail to the mailing address identified in Section 2, directly below. These electronic submissions will be accepted in WordPerfect, Word or ASCII file format. Avoid the use of special characters and any form of encryption.

2. *By Mail.* Send your comments to: Carlton Nash, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch, (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Please include the text "Public comment on proposed rulemaking Regional Air Docket MI83" in the subject line on the first page of your comment.

3. *By Hand Delivery or Courier.* Deliver your comments to: Carlton Nash, Chief, Regulation Development Section, Air Programs Branch, (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, 18th floor, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Regional Office's normal hours of operation. The Regional Office's official hours of business are Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 4:30 excluding Federal holidays.

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II. What Has Michigan Submitted?

On April 25, 2003, the MDEQ submitted a revision to Michigan's definition of volatile organic compound. Michigan's revised definition of the term volatile organic compound is "any compound of carbon or mixture of compounds of carbon that participates in photochemical reactions, excluding the following materials, all of which have been determined by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to have negligible photochemical reactivity: * * *." The definition goes on to list the exempt compounds. When test methods measure exempt compounds, *i.e.* any of those contained in the list of excluded compounds, Michigan's definition allows for their exclusion providing that two specific criteria are met: (1) The exempt compounds must be accurately quantified and (2) MDNR must approve the exclusion.

This submittal replaces the revision to Michigan's definition of VOC that MDNR submitted on August 20, 1998, and supplemented on November 3, 1998. EPA proposed to disapprove this previous submittal on June 10, 1999 (64 FR 31168), because it was not consistent with the federal definition of VOC contained in 40 CFR 51.100(s) or EPA policy guidance documents.

III. What Action Is EPA Taking?

EPA is approving the April 25, 2003, revision to Michigan's definition of VOC. Michigan's revised definition, including the compounds listed, is consistent with the federal definition of VOC contained in 40 CFR 51.100(s), and EPA policy guidance documents, including: "Issues Relating to VOC Regulation Cutpoints, Deficiencies and Deviations, Clarification to Appendix D of November 24, 1987 **Federal Register Notice**" (Bluebook) (notice of availability published in the **Federal Register** on May 25, 1988); EPA's policy memorandum dated June 8, 1989, from G.T. Helms, Chief, Ozone/Carbon Monoxide Programs Branch, entitled "Definition of VOC: Rationale;" EPA's policy memorandum dated April 17, 1987, from G.T. Helms, Chief, Control Programs Operations Branch, entitled "Definition of VOC;" and EPA's policy memorandum dated April 17, 1987, from G.T. Helms, Chief, Control Programs Operations Branch, entitled "Definition of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC's)." EPA's approval of the new definition of VOC will revise Michigan's SIP for ozone.

IV. Is This Action Final, or May I Submit Comments?

EPA is publishing this action without prior proposal, because EPA views this as a noncontroversial revision and anticipates no adverse comments. However, in a separate document in this **Federal Register** publication, EPA is proposing to approve the SIP revision. Should EPA receive adverse written comments by October 2, 2003, we will withdraw this direct final and respond to any comments in a final action. If EPA does not receive adverse comments, this action will be effective without further notice. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time. If we do not receive comments, this action will be effective on November 3, 2003.

V. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

Executive Order 12866: Regulatory Planning and Review

Under Executive Order 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993), this action is not a "significant regulatory action" and therefore is not subject to review by the Office of Management and Budget.

Executive Order 13211: Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use

For this reason, this action is also not subject to Executive Order 13211,