

requirements and imposes no additional requirements beyond those imposed by state law. Accordingly, the Administrator certifies that this rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). Because this rule approves pre-existing requirements under state law and does not impose any additional enforceable duty beyond that required by state law, it does not contain any unfunded mandate or significantly or uniquely affect small governments, as described in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-4). This rule also does not have tribal implications because it will not have a substantial direct effect on one or more Indian tribes, on the relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities between the Federal Government and Indian tribes, as specified by Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000). This action also does not have Federalism implications because it does not have substantial direct effects on the states, on the relationship between the national government and the states, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government, as specified in Executive Order 13132 (64 FR 43255, 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 April 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 volatile organic compound requirements from specific processes 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: December 31, 2002.

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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.*

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2. Section 52.1070 is amended by adding paragraphs (c)(174) and (c)(175) to read as follows:

§ 52.1070 Identification of plan.

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(174) Revisions to the Maryland State Implementation Plan submitted on November 20, 2001, by the Maryland Department of the Environment:

(i) Incorporation by reference.

(A) Letter dated November 20, 2001 from the Maryland Department of the Environment transmitting a revision to Maryland State Implementation Plan concerning an alternative method for a source to achieve compliance with volatile organic compound (VOC) requirements for specific processes.

(B) Revisions to Code of Maryland Administrative Regulation (COMAR) 26.11.19.02B (Applicability, Determining Compliance, Reporting and General Requirements—Method of Compliance), effective May 4, 1998, which revises paragraph .02B(2)(c), adds a new paragraph .02B(2)(d), and rennumbers former paragraph .02B(2)(d) as .02B(2)(e).

(ii) Additional Material.—Remainder of the State submittal pertaining to the revision listed in paragraph (c)(174)(i) of this section.

(175) Revisions to the Maryland State Implementation Plan submitted on December 6, 2001, by the Maryland Department of the Environment:

(i) Incorporation by reference.

(A) Letter dated December 6, 2001 from the Maryland Department of the Environment transmitting additions to Maryland's State Implementation Plan, concerning good operating practices, equipment cleanup procedures, and volatile organic compound (VOC) storage tank vapor control requirements for specific processes.

(B) Addition of Code of Maryland Administrative Regulation (COMAR) 26.11.19.02I—(Applicability, Determining Compliance, Reporting and General Requirements—Good Operating Practices, Cleanup, and VOC Storage), effective December 10, 2001.

(ii) Additional Material.—Remainder of the State submittal pertaining to the revision listed in paragraph (c)(175)(i) of this section.

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