

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Proposed Implementation Guidance for the Revised Ozone and Particulate Matter (PM) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and Regional Haze Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the EPA has issued proposed guidance for public review and comment on implementation of the Clean Air Act requirements for the revised 8-hour ozone (62 FR 38856, July 18, 1997) and PM (62 FR 38652, July 18, 1997) NAAQS. On July 16, 1997 (62 FR 38421, July 18, 1997), President Clinton issued a directive to EPA Administrator Browner on implementation of the revised standards for ozone and PM. In that directive, the President laid out a plan on how these new standards are to be implemented. The guidance reflects the Presidential Directive.

DATES: The EPA is establishing a 30-day comment period, ending on \_\_\_\_\_[insert 30 days after the date of publication].

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted (in duplicate, if possible) to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center (6101), Attention: Docket No. A-95-38, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street SW, Room

M-1500, Washington, DC 20460, telephone (202) 260-7548, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. A reasonable fee may be charged for copying. Comments and data may also be submitted electronically by following the instructions under SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION of this document. No confidential business information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For specific questions and comments on the ozone portion of this guidance, contact Mr. Christopher Stoneman, U.S. EPA, MD-15, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-0823; for specific questions and comments on the PM portion of this guidance, contact Mr. Larry Wallace, U.S. EPA, MD-15, Research Triangle Park NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-0906.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The purpose of this guidance is to set forth EPA's current views on the issues identified above. These issues will be addressed in future rulemakings as appropriate, e.g., actions approving or disapproving SIP submittals. In those rulemakings, EPA plans to propose to take a particular action based in whole or in part on its views of the relevant issues, and the public will have an opportunity to comment on EPA's interpretations during the rulemakings. When EPA issues final rules based on its views at that time,

those views will be binding on the States, the public, and EPA as a matter of law.

Electronic Availability--A World Wide Web (WWW) site has been developed for overview information on the NAAQS and the ozone, PM, and regional haze implementation process. The Uniform Resource Location (URL) for the home page of the web site is <http://ttnwww.rtpnc.epa.gov/implement>. The draft implementation guidance can be accessed through this web site in a table entitled "Major Action Items to Reinvent Ozone and PM NAAQS and Regional Haze Implementation." The URL for the table is <http://ttnwww.rtpnc.epa.gov/implement/actions.htm>. For assistance with these web sites, the TTN Helpline is (919) 541-5384. For those persons without electronic capability, a copy of the draft implementation guidance may be obtained from Ms. Tricia Crabtree, U.S. EPA, MD-15, Air Quality Strategies and Standards Division, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-5688).

The official record for this draft guidance, as well as the public version, has been established under docket number A-95-38 (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00

p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official proposed rulemaking record is located at the address in ADDRESSES at the beginning of this document. Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at: A-and-R-Docket@epamail.epa.gov. Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect in 5.1 file format or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket number A-95-38. Electronic comments on this proposed rule may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

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