concern the control of volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from the storage and transfer of gasoline and organic liquid storage.

The intended effect of proposing approval of these rules is to regulate emissions of VOCs in accordance with the requirements of the Clean Air Act, as amended in 1990 (CAA or the Act). In the Final Rules Section of this Federal Register, the EPA is approving the state's SIP revision as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial revision amendment and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for this approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this proposed rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this proposed rule must be received in writing by November 22, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to: Daniel A. Meer, Rulemaking Section (A–5–3), Air and Toxics Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105–3901.

Copies of the rule revisions and EPA's evaluation report of each rule are available for public inspection at EPA's Region 9 office during normal business hours. Copies of the submitted rule revisions are also available for inspection at the following locations:

California Air Resources Board, Stationary Source Division, Rule Evaluation Section, 2020 ''L'' Street, Sacramento, CA 95812.

South Coast Air Quality Management District, 21865 E. Copley Drive, Diamond Bar, CA 91765–4182.

Ventura County Air Pollution Control District, 669 County Square Drive, Second Floor, Ventura, CA 93003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Vineyard, Rulemaking Section (A–5–3), Air and Toxics Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105–3901, Telephone: (415) 744–1197).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document concerns South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 463, Organic Liquid Storage, and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District Rule 70, Storage and Transfer of Gasoline, submitted to EPA on May 24, 1994 and August 10, 1995, respectively, by the California Air Resources Board. For further information, please see the information provided in the Direct Final action which is located in the Rules section of this Federal Register.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401–7671q.

Dated: September 30, 1996.

Felicia Marcus,

Regional Administrator.

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40 CFR Part 52

[MT001–0001b; FRL–5635–7]

Clean Air Act Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan for Montana; Revisions to the Montana Air Pollution Control Program

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: In this document, the EPA is proposing approval of revisions to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) submitted by the Governor of Montana on May 22, 1995. The revisions included; changes to the State's open burning rules which, among other things, address deficiencies and add new rules for the open burning of Christmas tree waste and open burning for commercial film or video productions; and changes to numerous State regulations to make minor administrative amendments and to update incorporation by reference citations.

In the final rules section of this Federal Register, the EPA is acting on the State's SIP submittals in a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views these submittals as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this proposed rule, no further activity is contemplated in relation to this rule. If the EPA receives adverse comments, then the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this document. Any parties interested in commenting on this document should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments on this proposed action must be received in writing by November 22, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Vicki Stamper, 8P2–A, at the EPA Regional Office listed below. Copies of the documents relevant to this proposed rule are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the following locations: Air Program, Environmental Protection Agency, Region VIII, 999 18th Street, Suite 500, Denver, Colorado 80202–2466; and Montana Department of Environmental Quality, 1520 East 6th Avenue, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vicki Stamper at (303) 312–6445.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the Direct Final rule of the same title which is located in the Rules Section of this Federal Register.

Dated: September 26, 1996.

Patricia D. Hull,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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40 CFR Part 52

[Region 2 Docket No. NJ12–3–157b, VI2–3–158b; FRL–5637–9]

Clean Air Act Approval and Promulgation of Title V, Section 507, Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Program; New Jersey and the U.S. Virgin Islands

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The EPA is fully approving the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions submitted by the States of New Jersey and the U.S. Virgin Islands for the establishment of Compliance Advisory Panels under their Small Business Stationary Source Technical and Environmental Compliance Assistance Programs. The SIP revisions were submitted by New Jersey and the Virgin Islands to satisfy the Federal mandate, found in the Clean Air Act (CAA), that states create a Compliance Advisory Panel which is authorized to determine the state's effectiveness in ensuring that small businesses have access to the technical assistance and regulatory information necessary to comply with the CAA. In the final rules section of this Federal Register, the EPA is approving the States' SIP revisions as a direct final rule without prior proposal

because the Agency views these as noncontroversial revision amendments and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to that direct final rule no further activity is contemplated in relation to this proposed rule. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. The EPA will not institute a second comment period on this notice. Any parties interested in commenting on this notice should do so at this time.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 22, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to Ronald J. Borsellino, Chief, Air Programs Branch, at the EPA Regional Office listed below. Copies of the documents relevant to this proposed rule are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the EPA Region 2 Office, 290 Broadway, 25th Floor, New York, New York 10007–1866. In addition, copies of the New Jersey submittal can be found at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Office of Permit Information and Assistance, 401 East State Street, Trenton, NJ 08625, attention: Chuck McCarty. Copies of the Virgin Islands' submittal can be found at the Virgin Islands Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Protection, Wheatley Shopping Center #2, St. Thomas, VI 00802, attention: Marilyn Stapleton.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christine Fazio, Permitting Section, Air Programs Branch, at the above EPA address or at telephone number (212) 637–4015.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: See the information provided in the direct final action of the same title which is located in the final rules section of this Federal Register.

Dated: September 30, 1996.

William J. Muszynski,

Acting Regional Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

43 CFR Part 2360

[WO–350–1430–00 24 1A]

RIN 1004–AC79

National Petroleum Reserve, Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to remove 43 CFR part 2360 with the exception of provisions for use authorizations, which will be condensed and rewritten. This action is undertaken because it is not necessary for the provisions proposed for removal to be published in the Code of Federal Regulations. This part consists almost entirely of either provisions found elsewhere in the law or guidance better suited for publication in the BLM manual. In addition, various changes in the law over the last 20 years have made the existing regulations obsolete.

DATES: Submit comments to BLM at the address below on or before November 22, 1996. Comments received which are hand-delivered, postmarked or sent via the Internet after the above date will not necessarily be considered in the decisionmaking process on the final rule.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to comment, you may hand-deliver comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401, 1620 L Street, NW, Washington, DC; or mail comments to the Bureau of Land Management, Administrative Record, Room 401LS, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240. You also may transmit comments electronically via the Internet to WOComment@WO0033wp.wo.blm.gov. Please include ''Attn: AC79'', in your name and address in your message. If you do not receive a confirmation from the system that we have received your Internet message, contact us directly at (202) 452–5030. Comments will be available for public review at the L Street address during regular business hours 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Holdren, Realty Use Group, (202) 452–7779.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Comment Procedures
II. Background and Discussion of Proposed Rule
III. Procedural Matters

I. Public Comment Procedures

Written Comments

Written comments on the proposed rule should be specific, should be confined to issues pertinent to the rule, and should explain the reason for any recommended change. Where possible, comments should reference the specific section or paragraph of the proposal which the comment addresses. BLM will not necessarily consider or include in the Administrative Record for the rule comments which BLM receives that are hand-delivered, postmarked or sent via the Internet after the close of the comment period (see **DATES**) or comments delivered to an address other than those listed above (see **ADDRESSES**).

II. Background and Discussion of Proposed Rule

The management of the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska is primarily under the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act, 42 U.S.C. 6501 *et seq.*, and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), 43 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.* These statutes authorize BLM to promulgate appropriate and necessary regulations for the management of the reserves. In light of the regulatory reform initiative currently underway throughout the administration, BLM has determined that the existing regulations at 43 CFR part 2360 are unnecessary, except for portions pertaining to use authorizations. Much of part 2360 contains language intended to guide BLM officers in the exercise of their discretion. The relocation of this language to the BLM manual would provide BLM more flexibility and adequate guidance. The remainder of this part rephrases statutory provisions. The regulatory reform initiative calls for agencies to streamline their regulations to remove unnecessary material, and reorganize remaining provisions in a way that will make them more accessible and efficient, without weakening their effectiveness. BLM believes that the removal of part 2360, except for use authorizations, satisfies these goals without any material impact on the public at large.

Furthermore, numerous changes in the law have occurred which affect the management of the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, rendering the current regulations out-of-date. For example, in 1980 the Reserve was opened to gas leasing and Indian allotments, and the role of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) was reduced to activities in the Barrow gas fields. In 1983, USGS transferred its Barrow gas fields to the North Slope Borough. As a result, USGS