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Acting Regional Administrator, Region 9.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 81

[KY-99-1-9820b; FRL-6142-8]

Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes Kentucky: Redesignation of the Muhlenberg County Sulfur Dioxide Secondary Nonattainment Area to Attainment

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: On November 21, 1997, the Commonwealth of Kentucky submitted, through the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet (the Cabinet), a request for redesignation of Muhlenberg County, Kentucky, to attainment for the secondary sulfur dioxide (SO₂) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). The secondary nonattainment designation for SO₂ was based on the fact that the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) Paradise Steam Plant was out of compliance with its allowable emission limit. The Cabinet submitted air dispersion modeling which demonstrates that the secondary (NAAQS) for SO₂ are now being maintained. The EPA is approving the request for redesignation.

In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the Kentucky State Implementation Plan submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates that it will not receive any significant, material, and adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule and incorporated by reference herein. If no significant, material, and adverse comments are received in response to the 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 If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will

not institute a second comment period on this action.

DATES: Comments must be received in writing by September 17, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to Scott Martin 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. The interested persons wanting to examine these documents should make an appointment with the appropriate office at least 24 hours before the day of the visit.

Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, Air Planning Branch, 61 Forsyth Street, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3104.

Mr. John E. Hornback, Director, Division of Air Quality, Department for Environmental Protection, Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, 803 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Martin at (404) 562-9036.

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

Dated: August 3, 1998.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 141

[FRL-6146-7]

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Maximum Contaminant Level Goals and National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for Lead and Copper

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Proposed rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting public comment on an additional regulatory option the Agency is considering in conjunction with minor revisions to the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for Lead and Copper. The option would modify the way in which compliance with optimal corrosion control requirements is determined for water systems subject to the rule's water quality parameter monitoring

requirements and would give systems greater flexibility and remove disincentives for water systems to implement good process control procedures. The intended effect is to avoid putting systems that monitor water quality parameters more frequently than required under the lead and copper regulations at greater risk of non-compliance than those systems that only conduct the minimum required monitoring. This option would not increase, and may decrease, the burden associated with compliance with the lead and copper rule.

DATES: Written comments should be postmarked or delivered by hand by September 17, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to the Lead and Copper Rule Comment Clerk, Water Docket (MC-4101), Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. Please submit an original and three copies of your comments and enclosures (including references). If you wish to hand-deliver your comments, please call the Docket at (202) 260-3027 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays, to obtain directions to Room EB57. Please see Supplementary Information under the heading "Additional Information for Commenters" for detailed filing instructions, including electronic submissions.

The record for this rulemaking has been established under docket name National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for Lead and Copper. The record includes supporting documentation as well as printed, paper versions of electronic comments. The record is available for inspection from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays at the Water Docket, Room EB57, 401 M Street, SW, Washington, DC 20460. For access to the Docket materials, please call (202) 260-3027 to schedule an appointment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Safe Drinking Water Hotline, toll free 1-800-426-4791. The Safe Drinking Water Hotline is open Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time. For technical inquiries, contact Judy Lebowich, Standards and Risk Management Division, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, EPA (MC-4607), 401 M Street SW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone (202) 260-7595.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulated Entities

Entities potentially regulated by this regulatory option include all community water systems (CWSs) and