

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****40 CFR Part 52**

[MD060-3032b; FRL-6184-1]

**Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Maryland; Proposed Approval of Revision to the VOC Rule Governing Automotive and Light-duty Truck Coating Operations**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA proposes to approve the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the State of Maryland. This action revises the rule citation for the VOC provisions governing automotive and light-duty truck coating operations. The intended effect of this action is to provide consistency between Maryland's current regulatory numbering format and the Maryland SIP numbering format with regard to this rule. There are no substantive revisions. In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal 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 action, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule.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. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time.

**DATES:** Comments must be received in writing by December 7, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to Marcia L. Spink, Associate Director, Air Programs, Mailcode 3AP21, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Copies of the documents relevant to this action are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Air Protection Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III, 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103; and the Maryland Department of the Environment, 2500 Broening Highway, Baltimore, Maryland 21224.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Harold A. Frankford (3AP20), (215)

814-2108, at the EPA Region III address above, or by e-mail at frankford.harold@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For additional information, see the Direct Final action which is located in the Rules and Regulations Section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: October 27, 1998.

**Thomas Voltaggio,**

*Acting Regional Administrator, Region III.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****40 CFR Part 745**

[OPPTS-62156D; FRL-6044-9]

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**Lead, Identification of Dangerous Levels of Lead; Extension of Comment Period and Rescheduling of Public Meeting**

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is extending the time for the public to provide written comments on a proposed rule, issued under section 403 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), that would provide guidelines for managing lead in paint, dust, and soil in residences and child-occupied facilities. The public now has until December 31, 1998, to submit written comments. EPA is also rescheduling a public meeting on the proposed rule from its original date of November 16, 1998, to December 4, 1998. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for nationally recognized experts to offer their perspectives on the proposed rule and for the public to present oral comments. The public would still have the opportunity to submit written comments after the meeting.

**DATES:** Written comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before December 31, 1998.

The public meeting will be held on December 4, 1998, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. EPA requests that members of the public wishing to present oral comments at the meeting register by November 23, 1998, persons may also register to speak at the time of the meeting, if any comment time is remaining.

**ADDRESSES:** *Public meeting:* The meeting will be held at the Grand Hyatt San Francisco, 345 Stockton St., San Francisco, CA.

*Comments:* Each written comment must bear the docket control number OPPTS-62156D. All comments should be sent in triplicate to: OPPT Document Control Officer (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Rm. G-099, East Tower, Washington, DC 20460.

Written comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: oppt.ncic@epa.gov. Follow the instructions in Unit III. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

All written comments which contain information claimed as CBI must be clearly marked as such. Three copies, sanitized of any comments containing information claimed as CBI, must also be submitted and will be placed in the public record for this rulemaking. Persons submitting information, any portion of which they believe is entitled to treatment as CBI by EPA, must assert a business confidentiality claim in accordance with 40 CFR 2.203(b) for each such portion. This claim must be made at the time that the information is submitted to EPA. If a submitter does not assert a confidentiality claim at the time of submission, EPA will consider this as a waiver of any confidentiality claim and the information may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to the submitter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** *For general information and to register to present oral comments at the meeting:* National Lead Information Center's Clearinghouse, 1-800-424-LEAD (5323).

*For technical and policy questions:* Jonathan Jacobson, telephone: (202) 260-3779 or e-mail: jacobson.jonathan@epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

In the **Federal Register** of June 3, 1998 (63 FR 30302) (FRL-5791-9), EPA published a proposed rule under Title IV of TSCA. Section 403 of TSCA (15 U.S.C. 2683) directs EPA to promulgate regulations identifying lead-based paint hazards, lead-contaminated dust, and lead-contaminated soil. Section 402 of TSCA (15 U.S.C. 2682) directs EPA to promulgate regulations governing lead-based paint activities. Section 404 of TSCA (15 U.S.C. 2684) requires that any State that seeks to administer and enforce the requirements established by the Agency under section 402 of TSCA must submit to the Administrator a request for authorization of such a program.

On October 1, 1998, EPA announced in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 52662) (FRL-6037-7) that it would extend the public comment period until November 30, 1998. On October 28, 1998, EPA announced in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 57636) (FRL-6041-1) that it would be holding a public meeting on November 16, 1998, to provide an opportunity to present oral comments. Upon further reflection, the Agency has decided that it would be more valuable to expand the scope of this meeting and include nationally recognized experts to offer their perspectives on the proposed rule in a public workshop. Following the workshop, members of the public will have the opportunity to present oral comments on the proposed rule to the Agency. In order to accommodate this type of forum, EPA is rescheduling the public meeting to December 4, 1998, and will further extend the time for submitting written comments to December 31, 1998.

## II. Meeting Process

The workshop component of the meeting, consisting of nationally recognized experts, will convene at approximately 9 a.m. and will end at 2:30 p.m. Oral comments from the public will be heard between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.

The workshop will begin with presentations by EPA officials on the Agency's approach described in the proposed rule and an explanation of the decisions in the proposal. These presentations will be followed by several discussion segments that will address the major issues of concern. In each segment, several experts have been invited to present formal remarks on EPA's proposed standards. After the conclusion of the formal presentations during each segment, there will be an open discussion among the invited participants. EPA officials will facilitate the discussion and will be available to answer questions that will help clarify materials contained in the public record. In addition, the public is encouraged to attend the workshop to hear the discussions and will have the opportunity to offer comments later in the day.

The public comment component of the meeting will run from approximately 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. with an hour break from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. EPA will hear as many comments as time permits. Commenters will speak in the order in which they register. Individuals are requested to limit their presentations to 10 minutes in order to allow as many persons as possible a fair chance to participate. Individuals interested in presenting comments at the meeting

should register in advance by contacting the National Lead Information Clearinghouse at 1-800-424-LEAD (5323). Individuals should indicate whether they wish to speak at the afternoon or evening session.

## III. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this rulemaking, as well as the public version, has been established for this rulemaking under docket control number OPPTS-62156D (including comments and data submitted electronically as described in this unit). 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 12 noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official rulemaking record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC. Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at: [oppt.ncic@epa.gov](mailto:oppt.ncic@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 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number OPPTS-62156D. Electronic comments on this proposed rule may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 745

Environmental protection, Hazardous substances, Lead-based paint, Lead poisoning, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Dated: November 3, 1998.

**Joseph S. Carra,**

*Acting Director, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.*

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Chapter I

[IB Docket No. 98-192, FCC 98-280]

### Direct Access to the INTELSAT System

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission is seeking comment on the legal, economic, and policy ramifications of permitting direct access to the INTELSAT system in the United States. Direct access to INTELSAT would enable U.S. carriers and users to obtain space segment capacity directly from INTELSAT rather than through Comsat, the U.S. Signatory to INTELSAT. The Commission tentatively concludes that the Communications Satellite Act of 1962 and the Communications Act give it discretion to permit U.S. carriers and users the option of obtaining contractual, or Level 3, direct access to the INTELSAT system. The Commission does not, however, reach tentative conclusions as to whether and under what circumstances the Commission may permit direct access. On this issue, the Commission is seeking comments on: What are the potential benefits of direct access?; what competitive concerns are raised by direct access?; how would direct access affect U.S. efforts to privatize INTELSAT?

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before December 18, 1998; reply comments must be submitted on or before January 8, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Magalie Roman Salas, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20554. Also, comments should also be filed with: Kathleen A. Campbell, International Bureau, 2000 M Street, N.W., Suite 800, Washington, D.C. 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Ball at (202) 418-0427 or Sande Taxali at (202) 418-7586.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the commission's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in IB Docket No. 98-192; FCC 98-280, adopted October 22, 1998 and released October 28, 1998. The complete text of this Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street, NW., Washington, DC and also may be purchased from the commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, 1231 20th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036, phone: (202) 857-3800, fax: (202) 857-3805.

To file formally in this proceeding, comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings (63 FR 24121, May 1, 1998). Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <http://www.fcc.gov/>