plans may be offered as “church plans” (described above) to individual churches as a means of pooling their risk. The Departments seek comment on whether different accommodations are needed for such plans.

In addition, the Departments are aware that 28 States have adopted laws requiring that certain health insurance issuers provide contraceptive coverage. Some of these laws contain exemptions related to religious organizations, but the scope of the exemptions varies among the States. Generally, Federal health insurance coverage regulation creates a floor to which States may add consumer protections, but may not subtract. This means that, in States with broader religious exemptions than that in the final regulations, the exemptions will be narrowed to align with that in the final regulations because this will help more consumers. Organizations that qualify for an exemption under State law but do not qualify for the exemption under the final regulations may be eligible for the temporary enforcement safe harbor. During this transition period, State laws that require contraceptive coverage with narrower or no religious exemptions will continue. The Departments seek comment on the interaction between these State laws and the intended regulations on which we are seeking comment in this notice and on the extent to which there is a need for consistency between any Federal regulations and these State laws. Similarly, the Departments solicit comment on what other Federal or State laws or accounting rules governing funding and accounting could affect the proposed options described herein.

In addition, the Departments solicit information on the number of potentially affected issuers and religious organizations as well as their plan participants and beneficiaries; the administrative cost of providing separate contraceptive coverage, including details regarding the nature of the costs (for example, one-time systems changes or ongoing administrative costs); and the average costs and savings to health plans, plan participants and beneficiaries, and the public of providing contraceptive coverage.

D. Additional Input

The 90-day comment period is designed to encourage maximum input into the development of an accommodation for religious organizations with religious objections to providing contraceptive coverage while ensuring the availability of contraceptive coverage without cost sharing for plan participants and beneficiaries. The Departments seek comments on the ideas and questions outlined in this ANPRM as well as new suggestions to achieve its goals. The Departments also intend to hold listening sessions to ensure all voices are heard. This will not be the only opportunity for comment. The subsequent notice of proposed rulemaking will also include a public comment period. The Departments aim to ensure that the final accommodation is fully vetted and published in advance of the expiration of the temporary enforcement safe harbor.

Steven T. Miller,
Deputy Commissioner for Services and Enforcement, Internal Revenue Service.

Signed this day of March 14, 2012.

Phyllis C. Borzi,
Assistant Secretary, Employee Benefits Security Administration, Department of Labor.


Marilyn Tavenner,
Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

Approved: March 15, 2012.

Kathleen Sebelius,
Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 63
RIN 2060–AR02
National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutant Emissions: Group IV Polymers and Resins; Pesticide Active Ingredient Production; and Polychlorinated Polybromides Production

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On January 9, 2012, the EPA proposed amendments to three national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants: National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutant Emissions: Group IV Polymers and Resins; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutant Emissions: Group IV Polymers and Resins; National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Pesticide Active Ingredient Production; and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Polychlorinated Polybromides Production. The EPA is reopening the comment period until March 30, 2012. The EPA received a request for this reopening from the Sierra Club. The Sierra Club requested the reopening in order to analyze data and review the proposed amendments. EPA finds this request to be reasonable due to the multiple source categories involved in this action.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before March 30, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2011–0435, by one of the following methods:

• www.regulations.gov: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

• Email: a-and-r-docket@epa.gov.


• Hand Delivery: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, EPA West (Air Docket), Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20004. Attention Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2011–0435. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Docket’s normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information.

Instructions. Direct your comments to Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2011–0435. The EPA’s policy is that all comments received will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes information claimed to be confidential business information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through www.regulations.gov or email. The www.regulations.gov Web site is an “anonymous access” system, which means the EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send an email comment directly to the EPA without
going through www.regulations.gov, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the comment that is placed in the public docket and made available on the Internet. If you submit an electronic comment, the EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit. If the EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, the EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption and be free of any defects or viruses. For additional information about the EPA’s public docket, visit the EPA Docket Center homepage at http://www.epa.gov/epahome/dockets.htm.

Docket. The EPA has established a docket for this rulemaking under Docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2011–0435. All documents in the docket are listed in the www.regulations.gov index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, e.g., CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, is not placed on the Internet and will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at the EPA Docket Center, EPA West, Room 3334, 1301 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The telephone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566–1744, and the telephone number for the EPA Docket Center is (202) 566–1742.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this proposed action, contact Mr. Nick Parsons, Sector Policies and Programs Division (E143–01), Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Research Triangle Park, NC 27711; telephone number: (919) 541–5372; fax number: (919) 541–0246; email address: parsons.nick@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For the reasons noted above, the public comment period will be reopened until March 30, 2012.

How can I get copies of the proposed rule and other related information?

The proposed rule titled, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutant Emissions: Group IV Polymers and Resins; Pesticide Active Ingredient Production; and Polyether Polyols Production, was published on January 9, 2012 (77 FR 1268). EPA has established the public docket for the proposed rulemaking under docket ID No. EPA–HQ–OAR–2011–0435, and a copy of the proposed rule is available in the docket. Information on how to access the docket is presented above in the ADDRESSES section.

DATED: March 9, 2012.

Gina McCarthy,
Assistant Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 70


Proposed Approval of Revision of Five California Clean Air Act Title V Operating Permits Programs

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve revisions to the Operating Permits (Title V) programs of the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District (MBUAPCD), San Luis Obispo County Air Pollution Control District (SLOCAPCD), Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (SBCAPCD), South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (VCAPCD). These program revisions will require sources with the potential to emit (PTE) of greenhouse gas (GHG) above the thresholds in EPA’s Tailoring Rule that have not been previously subject to Title V for other reasons to obtain a Title V permit. See “Prevention of Significant Deterioration and Title V Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule: Final Rule,” (the Tailoring Rule), 75 FR 31514 (June 3, 2010). We are taking comments on this proposal and plan to follow with a final action.

DATES: Any comments must arrive by April 20, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments, identified by docket number EPA–R09–OAR–2011–0955, by one of the following methods:


2. Email: R9airpermits@epa.gov.

3. Mail or deliver: Gerardo Rios (Air-3), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105–3901.

Instructions: All comments will be included in the public docket without change and may be made available online at www.regulations.gov, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Information that you consider CBI or otherwise protected should be clearly identified as such and should not be submitted through www.regulations.gov or email. www.regulations.gov is an “anonymous access” system, and EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your comment. If you send email directly to EPA, your email address will be automatically captured and included as part of the public comment. If EPA cannot read your comment due to technical difficulties and cannot contact you for clarification, EPA may not be able to consider your comment. Electronic files should avoid the use of special characters, any form of encryption, and be free of any defects or viruses.

Docket: EPA has established a docket for this action under EPA–R09–OAR–2011–0955. Generally, documents in the docket for this action are available electronically at www.regulations.gov or in hard copy at EPA Region IX, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105. While all documents are listed at www.regulations.gov, some information may be publicly available only at the hard copy location (e.g., copyrighted material, large maps, multi-volume reports), and some may not be publicly available in either location (e.g., CBI). To inspect the hard copy materials, please schedule an appointment during normal business hours with the contact listed in the FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT section.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roger Kohn, EPA Region IX, (415) 972–3973, kohn.roger@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Throughout this document, “we,” “us” and “our” refer to EPA.

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